

FOR IMMEDIATE DISTRIBUTION**THREE MERCY MALAYSIA'S TEAMS NOW DEPLOYED FOR NEPAL EARTHQUAKE**

KUALA LUMPUR, MAY 1st 2015 – MERCY Malaysia immediately set-up a field hospital upon arrival of its first mission team of seven which landed on April 28, 2015 in Nepal. Our second mission team of eleven members has just been deployed on April 29, 2015. MERCY Malaysia's Emergency Response Unit (ERU) has managed to treat 280 patients since conducting our operations as of the 30th of April 2015. Today, our third mission team of eleven will be deployed to further extend our relief efforts.

The field hospital, comprising of MERCY Malaysia's voluntary doctors and nurses will provide medical relief services for the next 3 weeks with free consultation and medical aid. The field hospital will be serving the earthquake-affected communities with the rough population of 10,000 people in Sankhu and the 2,500 population in the adjacent areas. Our field hospital was set up on the premises of Shree Bhagwati Higher Secondary School with the help of local volunteers as well as voluntary doctors from Kathmandu.

Five days have passed since the 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck Nepal, killing over 5,000 people. The death toll could go up to 10,000 people says the Prime Minister of Nepal. Medical specialists are urgently required considering the huge number of Nepalese patients who crucially needs advanced medical treatment. The rainy weather has slowed down relief operations. It is expected that the upcoming monsoon season will further delay the provision of relief work.

MERCY Malaysia's Executive Director, En, Ahmad Faezal Mohamed said "When we heard about the 7.8 magnitude earthquake, we knew right away there is going to be a huge need for humanitarian assistance. We have deployed two teams as of now, coordinated for one team to be deployed today and we hope to deploy our psychosocial team soon."

MERCY Malaysia is also working together with the National Society for Earthquake Technology – Nepal (NSET); both being the founder members of Asian Disaster Risk Reduction Network (ADRRN), in Disaster Risk Reduction activities and capacity building trainings.

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About MERCY Malaysia

MERCY Malaysia is a non-profit organisation focusing on providing medical relief, sustainable health-related development and risk reduction activities for vulnerable communities in both crisis and non-crisis situations. MERCY Malaysia recognises the value of working with partners and volunteers as well as providing opportunities for individuals to serve with professionalism. We uphold the Code of Conduct for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and NGOs in Disaster Relief and hold ourselves accountable to our donors and beneficiaries. As a non-profit organisation, MERCY Malaysia relies solely on funding and donations from organisations and generous individuals to continue our services to provide humanitarian assistance to our beneficiaries. For more information, please visit www.mercy.org.my

How is MERCY Malaysia funded?

To ensure independence and impartiality, MERCY Malaysia relies on donations from the general public for financial support. A portion of our income is obtained from institutional donors, individual government grants and other international organizations, which are given on project basis. MERCY Malaysia spends 80% of its income in carrying out its relief operations and support.

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