

# NEPAL

## FACTSHEET

Nepal is a landlocked country in South Asia with a population of around 26.4 million people who live mostly in the Himalayas. It borders China in the north and India in the south, east and west.



The country has a diverse geography, with fertile plains, forested hills and eight of the world's ten tallest mountains, including Mount Everest. More than 1.3 million people live in Kathmandu, the capital and largest city. Nepal is a multi-ethnic nation with Nepali as the official language.

Christian Aid has worked in Nepal since 2004 and in the aftermath of the 2015 earthquake set up a country office in Kathmandu where nine team members now work.

## NEPAL 2015 EARTHQUAKE

In 2015, two fatal earthquakes ripped through Nepal, claiming nearly 9,000 lives and leaving hundreds of thousands of people homeless. The AOG contributed towards Christian Aid's Nepal Earthquake appeal, which raised more than £4 million. With this and other funds, like the Disasters Emergency Committee appeal, together we provided vital relief through shelter, water, food and sanitation to 548,312 vulnerable

people in some of the country's most remote areas.

Christian Aid is based in countries affected by disasters. Its staff can be there before, during and after an emergency to save lives and support people in the long term. Through its work with local organisations, Christian Aid talks directly to people who've been affected by disasters to provide the most useful emergency response.



## ONGOING WORK

Christian Aid continues to work in the disaster-affected areas of Nepal by rebuilding homes and livelihoods, and promoting gender equality and social inclusion. It also works at local and national levels to reduce risks and improve responses to future disasters.

All Neighbour to Nepal appeal resources can be downloaded from [aog.org.uk/christianaid](http://aog.org.uk/christianaid) or [caid.org.uk/aog](http://caid.org.uk/aog)

