Dartmouth for Nepal
Community-to-Community and Local NGO-based Relief and Recovery Efforts

(List compiled by Professor Sienna Craig)

The organizations / projects listed below are ones that have direct Dartmouth connections.

1. **Aasha Nepal (Shreya Shrestha, Dr. Butterly, Dr. Albert)**
   www.aashafornepal.org  Shreya is gathering supplies (combined with what she is bringing from Dartmouth) and transporting them Sangabhanjyang in Sindhupalchowk where ~200 houses have been destroyed. Working with a team of 4 Nepali medical doctors to start mobile health clinics in Sankhu, Pashupati, Old Baneshwor/Bagmati area. Also possibly connecting to Maiti Nepal for longer term work with women and girls impacted by the quake. $2500 secured at present for direct relief.

2. **America Nepal Medical Foundation (Bhupesh Khadka, DHMC)**
   http://americanepalmedicalfoundation.com/  Current Dartmouth – ANMF connections that could be leveraged for later medical teams and/or rebuilding and strengthening health care infrastructure and emergency response / preparedness.

3. **Goraksha Foundation (Base Camp Café owner, Bhola Panday) – Jharlang VDC, Dhading District**
   Bhola Panday, local business owner, has a longstanding connection to this Village Development Committee. His goal is to raise $100,000 to rebuild 20-25 permanent houses. He will go to Nepal in mid-June. Has begun conversations with Jack Wilson about housing solutions / reconstruction ideas. Fundraising through restaurant, but also possibility of supporting some of this through Dartmouth-raised funds.

4. **Nepal Foundation (Mary Carroll, mother of Dartmouth Trustee Sherry Obeng, grandmother of a ’13)**
   http://thenepalfoundation.org/. They have worked for many years in a predominantly Rai village called Basa in Solu-Khumbu that was badly damaged in the quake. Needs are for rebuilding houses and also the school that the organization helps to fund.

5. **Rasuwa Relief Fund (Austin Lord ’06, Spencer Lawley ’07)**
   https://www.facebook.com/groups/rasuwarelief/. This is an effort being spearheaded by two Dartmouth alums, one of whom Sienna and Ken know well. Long term and durable ties, very collaborative in terms of Nepal-non-Nepali partnership. Immediate relief as well as long term ideas that could involve Thayer, Dartmouth students, etc.

6. **One Heart World Wide (Sienna Craig, Kripa Dongol ’16)**
   www.oneheartworld-wide.org  Maternal-Child health NGO with projects in Sindhupalchok and Dhading districts, two of which are heavily impacted. Current work focuses on immediate medical and food/shelter needs. Longer term focus will be on
rebuilding destroyed health care infrastructure, in collaboration with local government partners, and also addressing specific needs of women and children.

7. **AmeriCares (Curtis Welling, former CEO and Dartmouth alum, on Rocky Board of Overseers)**
   
   http://www.americares.org/ Working now on airlift of medical supplies to Nepal, in consort with Ministry of Health and Population. Current focus is both Kathmandu hospitals and also Gorkha District. Longer term plans focus on restoration of health system capacity by replacing damaged infrastructure and equipment, with focus on Dhading and Sindhupalchok Districts.

8. **Drokpa (Sienna Craig, Ken Bauer)**
   
   www.drokpa.org. All volunteer NGO that Sienna and Ken founded, working in collaboration with local community organizations and individuals in northern Nepal since 1999. Current focus is on (temporary but longer term than tents) housing solutions to villages in Mustang and northern Gorkha Districts where casualties are low but infrastructure destruction (individual homes, monasteries, schools) is high, and where climate will be prohibitive in the coming months as people seek to rebuild.

9. **Tsum Nubri Relief & Recovery Program and Rebuild Lower Tsum After the Quake (Vanessa Soetanto, Geisel ’18)**
   
   https://life.indiegogo.com/fundraisers/tsum-nubri-relief-recovery-program. Aims to allocate funds towards relief efforts in several central Himalayan regions for the aftermath of the earthquake. They are involved in gathering food and medical supplies as well as directing helicopters into the region to evacuate injured members of the community.

   http://www.gofundme.com/teab5w. Focuses on reconstruction for the long term. Our contact for both projects is Vanessa’s long time friend, Rinzin Norbu Lama, who was born in Tsum and whose family still lives there. He has been in good communication with local NGOs such as the Tsum Welfare Committee, committed to rebuilding the region. He has also been coordinating with the Joint Secretary of National Planning Commission in Nepal to deploy 250 volunteers to affected regions, including Tsum.

**Other recommended local NGOs / community organizations working in impacted rural areas**

- Gorkha Foundation: http://gorkhafoundation.org/
- Nepal Seeds: http://nepalseeds.org/
- Educate the Children: http://etc-nepal.org/
- EDWON: http://www.edwon.org/ focusing on Dalit women
- ICDR: http://icdrintl.org/tag/nepal-earthquake-relief/ International Commission for Dalit Rights, also focusing on dalit underserved communities
- Chay-ya: http://www.chay-ya.com/de/