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Our support for Nepal

April 28, 2015

Dear friends,

At this time when we are getting ready to reunite in Bangkok most of us may have already heard about the earthquake in Nepal. The devastation is profound and recovery may take years. Part of our global veterinary family that live there is our association member, the Veterinary Practitioner Association of Nepal (VPAN). Dr. Mukti Shrestha, VPAN president sent news that he is safe and is on-ground working alongside fellow Rotarians to help people in need.

How can we help?

1. From your local Red Cross and international charities that are announced in reputable sources. Examples are: <http://www.pbs.org/newshour/rundown/nepal-earthquake-efforts/>
2. If you are in Thailand during World Congress you may
 - a. donate to the Thai Red Cross at any ATM or at the Veterinary Practitioners Association of Thailand (VPAT) booth
Account number: Siam Commercial Bank 111-3-90911-5
 - b. Join the WSAVA Foundation Fun (d) Run. Plans are already underway to donate to this cause.
 - c. Visit WSAVA booth and purchase a WSAVA cap – all proceeds will be donated for Nepal
3. Send a letter of support to our assembly members Dr. Mukti Shrestha dr.mnshrestha@gmail.com and Dr. Sundersan Gautam sudarsangautam@hotmail.com

In addition to human aid, we have been informed that our partner, the World Animal Protection (WAP) has sent a [Disaster Assessment and Response Team](#) to arrive in Kathmandu on April 28 and carry out a disaster assessment and needs analysis over the following week. Steven Clegg, the Asia Pacific Disaster Operations Manager has provided a brief update on current activities below:

“Once that assessment has been completed and our field team leader has liaised with Livestock Department, local vets and NGOs and the greater humanitarian response sector we will evaluate the immediate and longer term gaps to protect animals impacted by this earthquake.”

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Our first priority is to enable local capacity whenever possible to build resilience and utilize (but not burden) local resources. It will be mid-week next week before we can identify where the greatest need might be and look at the resources necessary to meet those needs, including recovery and risk reduction measures in the longer term. I foresee that as information becomes more available from rural areas that there will be considerable need for livestock support, but this is just assumptions based from my previous experiences. Animal management at evacuation camps can bring challenges for health, safety and competition for food and water resources. All of these will be evaluated by our team on the ground in the coming days."

We will keep you all posted on our communication channels and website.

Kind regards,

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