

CSR activities of Silver Mountain School of Hotel Management in recent devastating earthquake in Nepal

April 25, 2015. A fateful day when earth shook continuously and then life came to a standstill...

It was just a beginning of several tragedies Nepal had to see and face in days to come. At 11:58am Saturday afternoon when the ground started shaking vigorously, no one was prepared. Buildings started collapsing and all we could hear were cries and panic. It was a state of an emergency when casualties started rising at an alarming rate.



For next three days, we all at Silver Mountain School of Hotel Management were at the state of shock and panic. All we could do was find out from limited resources and social media and phone lines about the well beings of the students and staff members of the school. During this hour, we also realized that one of the school buildings was badly



damaged and was beyond repair. There were several cracks and were worried if it could withstand several aftershocks that were so persistent! Remaining other buildings was standing tall and strong so far but we didn't know for how long.



Within a week of a massive earthquake, we were already on the ground of rehabilitation and rescue work. Then one fine morning we got a request from an NGO next door



Rakshya Nepal stating that there are several homeless women and children brought in from various parts of Nepal and left at Tudikhel and they've nowhere to go. If we can bring them in and give them shelter at school premise, it could be of great help. With all the mayhem around ,we couldn't say no, though we ourselves were so fragile and broken at that time.

Hence within a week of an earthquake, we set up a temporary shelter for 60 + women and children at Silver Mountain premise Lainchaur. We called for volunteers among our own teachers and students and the response was overwhelming. We opened our kitchen. We started preparing all meal for them.

People who came in to stay in our shelter were broken and shattered. They needed counseling, therapy, medical assistance as well as entertainment. Hence we were working closely with all the contacts, agency, hospitals, aid workers 24/7. And our students were joy makers for these less fortunate people. They were not just cooking and cleaning for them, but also singing, dancing and making games so that kids are well entertained.

Friends and family of SMSH helped us with food, medicine and some clothes.

Apart from running shelter we regularly baked hundreds of breads everyday for several weeks and supplied to Himalayan Rangers Army Camp as well as volunteers at Harisiddi. We felt that volunteers needed to be strong and motivated to get going for all the rescue works that was going around Kathmandu valley. Thanks to Nepal army, our bread and bread rolls were sent across far fetch mountains and crevices to rescue workers and got to know that they enjoyed and were happy.

Our homes were broken. Many of us were already in tents. But it was our duty and responsibility to do our bit to the lesser privileged in the society. While serving to these homeless, we forgot our pain and sorrow too .We cried with them and we tried to bring laughter to their face.

