

METLIFE ASSOCIATES WORKS WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY TO REBUILD HOMES IN KAVRE

Panchkhal community gets support for earthquake assistance program



Kathmandu, February 20, 2020 – More than 130 employee volunteers from MetLife Nepal worked with Habitat for Humanity Nepal, to help rebuild an earthquake-affected community in Panchkhal, Kavre from February 12-14. MetLife Foundation funded this initiative.

The team of volunteers included MetLife’s Vice President and General Manager for Nepal, Nirmal Kajee Shrestha, along with the company’s Head of Operations for Nepal, Ram K Yadav. The volunteers worked alongside local community members to move bricks, soiling, and cut stone, in preparation to construct houses for the community.

“MetLife Nepal is honored to partner with Habitat for Humanity to support the people of Panchkhal in their rebuilding efforts. The activity allowed us to interact with the local community, work side-by-side with families, and listen to their stories and learn about their needs. Every day we strive to help millions of customers around the world protect their property, finances, family, and future. Our volunteer efforts are a natural extension of what we do,” said Mr. Shrestha.

One of the other volunteers, Ms. Goma Subedi from Finance stated, *“I had been a part of the Habitat Build for the past 3 years and the energy and the motive to serve the people, help them build a house is the same. I hope we continue this noble cause in the future bringing smiles on the faces of the home owners. A house is where you have all the memories, so we want people to build these memories.”*

MetLife Foundation has been a long time supporter of Habitat for Humanity in various countries across Asia. In 2019, more than 8,100 MetLife volunteers contributed over 25,000 hours across nine countries in Asia with multiple community organizations.



About MetLife Nepal

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About MetLife Foundation

At MetLife Foundation, we believe financial health belongs to everyone. We bring together bold solutions, deep financial expertise and meaningful grants to build financial health for people and communities that are underserved and aspire for more. We partner with organizations around the world to create financial health solutions and build stronger communities, engaging MetLife employee volunteers to help drive impact. To date, our financial health work has reached 9.9 million low-income individuals in 42 countries. To learn more about MetLife Foundation, visit metlife.org.

About Habitat for Humanity

Driven by the vision that everyone needs a decent place to live, Habitat for Humanity began in 1976 as a grassroots effort. The housing organization has since grown to become a leading global nonprofit working in more than 70 countries. In the Asia-Pacific region since 1983, Habitat for Humanity has supported millions of people to build or improve a place they can call home. Through financial support, volunteering or adding a voice to support affordable housing, everyone can help families achieve the strength, stability and self-reliance they need to build better lives for themselves. Through shelter, we empower. To learn more, donate or volunteer, visit www.habitat.org/asiapacific

About Habitat for Humanity Nepal

Established in 1997, Habitat for Humanity International Nepal (Habitat Nepal) has served over 70,000 households and built a network of valued local partners through which it implements its housing programs. Habitat Nepal employs a holistic approach to long-term shelter solutions by forging stronger partnerships with government agencies and leveraging government resources, strengthening relationships with local partners, and pursuing growth through housing microfinance and market development initiatives. Visit habitatnepal.org for more information and connect with us on facebook.com/HabitatNepal/