



## A call to prioritize marginalized and excluded people in Nepal

**After the earthquake in Nepal: Global Call to Action Against Poverty (GCAP) calls on the international community to work with local civil society to reach and deliver aid to marginalised and excluded communities in remote areas.**

“Even after a week, immediate relief has not reached remote areas” reports Daya Sagar Shrestha today, the Director of the NGO Federation of Nepal. “People in 10 districts are facing serious humanitarian challenges. The number of deaths has crossed over 5000 and hundreds of thousands of people have been wounded.”

The Global Call to Action Against Poverty (GCAP) expresses wholehearted solidarity with the people of Nepal and hopes that the nation gains the strength to overcome this disaster. GCAP recognises the efforts of the Government of Nepal but the extent of the humanitarian crisis and limited resources there needs timely and quality support from international organizations.

GCAP calls upon the international community to stand in particular with marginalised groups and those in remote areas, and guarantee their right to a humanitarian response in line with internationally recognised standards on quality and accountability. Based on the information from the GCAP coalition in Nepal and experiences in other countries, like Haiti, the following is recommended:

- Prioritise the needs of discriminated and marginalized groups like women, Dalits, indigenous people, older adults, peasants and people with disabilities.
- There must be a focus on the needs of women and girls as they are at a disproportionately higher risk following a natural disaster – in particular they are vulnerable to sexual abuse including rape and domestic violence.
- Pay special attention to inaccessible communities located in remote areas.
- Long-term plan and international cooperation to rebuild communities have to be put in place.
- The support has to be planned and implemented in coordination with the government, national civil society, and local organisations in the communities – especially with the existing Disaster Coordination Committees at district level.

GCAP stands with the people of Nepal in this difficult time.

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