BATAS Foundation

Brief Organizational Profile
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1. About BATAS Foundation

BATAS Foundation is a non-profit and non-governmental organization established in 2008 with the aim of building a just community of skilled and self-motivated individuals. Its major focus areas include education, skill development and livelihood enhancement. Following the devastating earthquake of 25th April 2015, BATAS extended its priorities to humanitarian support and emergency response realizing an imperative need for it. Currently, the Foundation has been working in Nuwakot, Sindhupalchok and Rasuwa districts for relief, recovery and reconstruction activities.

BATAS operates in an inclusive manner and follows a participatory approach in order to deliver the output suitable for the community. BATAS’s good works have been well appreciated by the communities in its intervention areas.

Initiated as a Corporate Social Responsibility of BATAS Organisation, BATAS Foundation is an autonomous NGO. However the Foundation still enjoys many forms of technical and financial support from the company when needed.

2. Thematic Areas of Engagement

2.1 Reconstruction and Rehabilitation
Realizing the need of the hour, BATAS Foundation’s current priorities include rehabilitation and reconstruction for earthquake survivors. It has had a sound history of early recovery support in Nuwakot and Sindhupalchok Districts where it constructed a total of 2,244 Temporary Shelters and 34 Temporary Learning Centers in 17 schools.

Currently the Foundation is constructing 152 earthquake resilient permanent shelter in Rasuwa and is in final phase of construction. It also looks forward to rendering reconstruction support in days to come.

2.2 Relief
With its experience in Relief support for over one and half year, BATAS understands that the need for it won’t be over within a year or two. Thus, the Foundation will continue providing relief of varied forms ranging from Food Items to Winterization support when and where required. By now BATAS has been able to build a good expertise in post disaster management and therefore if (god forbid) another disaster is to occur in the future, BATAS will be well prepared for it.

2.3 Livelihood
To enhance the living condition of the local population, BATAS plans to support rural communities with Livelihood Enhancement Programs in the future. Entrepreneurship is a sustainable means to help rural people understand the options they have to enhance their living condition. Thus the Foundation plans to continue its community based entrepreneurship program in different rural societies with special focus on the poor and the marginalized.
3. Organisation Experience in Humanitarian Sector

3.1 Completed Projects
BATAS Foundation has been actively involved in earthquake response after devastating earthquake hit Nepal on 25 April 2015. BATAS Foundation, in its bid to do whatever little it could, swung into immediate action. Right from the second day following the disaster, a team of 25 volunteers set off for three earthquake hard hit zones – Sankhu, Sindhupalchok and Nuwakot in order to distribute relief funds. Recognizing the Foundation’s profound interest and strong intent to support earthquake victims, Islamic Relief Worldwide, Alternative Energy Promotion Centre/UNDP, Lutheran World Federation, Department of women and child welfare partnered/collaborated for timely and effective response to devastating earthquake. Till date, Foundation holds experience working in relief (Food, tent, tarpaulin, NFI distribution, Winter kits, monsoon kits distribution), early recovery (temporary shelter kits distribution, construction of temporary learning centre), recovery (permanent shelter construction, rehabilitation of drinking water and irrigation scheme, rehabilitation/reconstruction of collection centres, rustic store, and other livelihood support). Further, Foundation holds experience working in protection, education sector apart from supporting Village Development Committees in formulating Local Disaster Risk Management Plan (LDRMP), documenting Vulnerability Criteria Assessment (VCA), formation and operation of Village Child Protection Committee (VCPC).

3.2 Ongoing Projects
BATAS Foundation currently is present in three of the earthquake/landslide prone districts. The detail of the projects are as follows:

A. Rasuwa

In partnership with Lutheran World Federation Nepal under the support from Islamic Relief Worldwide and Disasters Emergency Committee, BATAS Foundation is working in rehabilitation/reconstruction of shelter, WASH, and livelihood in earthquake affected Ramchey and Yarsha VDC.

B. Nuwakot

In partnership with Islamic Relief Worldwide and coordination with Department of women and child welfare, Foundation is currently working in Chaugada and Kabilash VDC in promoting education and protection of young boys and girls of these earthquake affected VDCs.

In partnership with Islamic Relief Worldwide, Foundation is in final stage of distribution of winter kits to earthquake-affected population in remote Betini VDC.

C. Sindhupalchok

In partnership with Alternative Energy Promotion Centre, UNDP and Sunfarmers, Foundation is working to install solar panels at 9 schools.
Since last five years, BATAS Foundation in partnership with AICHI Asia Scholarship and has been supporting children from low-income families to continue their education through scholarship program. Families from Kathamandu, Bhaktapur, Lalitpur, Nuwakot, Kavre are being supported currently.

Currently BATAS Foundation in partnership with Islamic Relief Worldwide for preparedness capacity development to ensure effective and efficient response to humanitarian emergencies.

### 3.3 Scale of Humanitarian Support

BATAS Foundation total value of humanitarian support post 'Gorkha Earthquake' is approximate 2.8 million USD. Till date more than 110 thousand individuals have been reached of which more than 80 per cent belongs to marginalised communities.

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<th>Support Type</th>
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4. People at BATAS

The team at BATAS Foundation comprises of experts from diverse academic and professional backgrounds including Engineering, Disaster Response, Health, Livelihood Enhancement, Development Studies and such others.

The top management of the Foundation consists of three entities – the Board of Directors, the General Assembly, and the Chairman. Professional advisors assist the Board of Directors and the Chairman. Day-to-day functioning, and implementing of its programmes and projects are taken care by the team of professional who are full time working at the Foundation. Organisation organogram is presented below.

The people at BATAS Foundation are well equipped with the knowledge and insights of the field along with the predicament that arises while working there. Rigorous and intensive interactions with the communities have enabled them to understand the ground reality, which is an asset for the organization’s future engagement. The Foundation has also maintained a Personnel Roster whereby workers can be hired at demand.

Guiding this team of motivated and insightful personnel is the experienced Advisory Committee of BATAS Foundation. The Committee comprises of experts from varied profession including the one who has served as the former Prime Minister’s Press Advisor and similarly those who have had many years of experience in disaster management.

The Foundation is working in close collaboration with Scott Wilson Nepal, a consultancy firm that specializes in community based construction.
5. Collaboration, Networking, and Partnership

BATAS has been working in partnership with Islamic Relief Worldwide (IRW) for post disaster relief and early recovery since last nine months. It recently partnered with The Lutheran World Federation (LWF) Nepal for reconstruction project in Rasuwa District. Similarly, in partnership with Alternative Energy Promotion Centre (AEPC) and Sunfarmer, the Foundation installed solar panels in nine Temporary Learning Centers in Sindhupulchok. Through collaboration with Aichi Asia Scholarship, BATAS has been providing need-based scholarships to underprivileged students since 2013.

Currently, Foundation is in discussion with CORDAID, Christian Aid, and Save the Children for partnership to carry our recovery activities in earthquake hit districts. Organisation assessment has recently been carried out by Christian Aid and is scheduled in end of February by Save the Children.

After the catastrophic earthquake, the Foundation has closely worked with Scott Wilson Nepal, which is a leading consultancy firm for community-based construction; Scott Wilson has had years of working experience with several international partners mainly DFID and ADB. While organizing health camps in the past, BATAS has also closely collaborated with Kathmandu Dental College.

BATAS holds a strong network with professionals and students from Pulchowk Engineering College. The recent network with REDR, a leading INGO with a vision to rebuild lives in times of disaster by training, supporting and providing aid workers to relief programmes has further strengthen the Foundation in delivering quality output in disaster response. BATAS Foundation believes in maintaining a good coordination with local government during and after the implementation of the projects. Thus, it actively participates in different clusters and has been able to extend its ties with the institutions involved.

BATAS Foundation has been working in close collaboration with government agencies at both micro and macro level. DDRC (District Disaster Relief Committee) team has visited several of its responses at field. Recently for its winterization effort in Nuwakot, the DDRC team including the CDO (Chief District Officer) visited and acknowledged the efforts the team has put into ground.

While working in communities, BATAS adopts a participatory approach whereby the volunteers are picked from the community itself and are certified. Need Assessment is carried out to understand the necessities of the people. This practice has helped the organization maintain a good relation with the local institutions and the people, which is an asset for its future engagement.
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