

## **NAMASKAR Nepal**

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### **One, two, three, four... the village Brabal is growing under reconstruction**

Brabal's residents and the workers from Okhaldhunga have made tremendous efforts within a month.

Four houses are built and the cornerstone for the fifth house was laid three days ago.



*Who works hard, sometimes needs a break.*

We are overwhelmed and are pleased that we are able to achieve these progresses in our project with your financial aid.

The monsoon has started this year already at the middle of May. Many roads are blocked because of landslides. Since two weeks, the road between Thulo Bharku to Brabal can only hardly be driven by cars with four-wheel drive. We are glad that we already carried sand, cement and steel to village before the heavy rain started. After building the fifth house, there is still enough material for another house.

After that, we have to stop our construction work until the end of the monsoon approximately in September. During this period, the workers return to their district. Most of the workers lost their houses because of the earthquake. Therefore, they can prepare the documents to apply for the government's payment for compensation.

Yesterday, the Kathmandu Post released an article about the process of out-payments to the earthquake victims. The first rate of NPR 50,000 (ca. EUR 435) was paid to 5.800 households. Two months before, only 641 households has received money.

Furthermore, the article said, that the opposition demands an out-payment of over NPR 200,000. The National Reconstruction Authority (NRA) refuses this demand because of existing rules of actions. According to the NRA, the rules for compensation in rates were negotiated with the World Bank and were signed in August 2015. The World Bank was concerned that payments could be abused if they are given in a total amount to the people.

In order to reject these concerns, we do not give money in cash to the citizens. In our projects we focus on materials, transports and manpower for the construction of houses. The villagers bring personal contributions for window glass, wood, stones and materials for interior. So they take responsibility und develop valuation. The positive development of our project proves that we are on the right way.

Please enjoy with us, the villagers und workers the following pictures of the new houses:

House No. 1 from family Diki and Renzin Tamang:



*Sabine & Temba in front of the new house from Diki & Renzin Tamang*

House No. 2 from family Damgyalmo & Lakta Tamang:



*Wonderful carving on the door frame made by Lakta*

House No. 3 from Mrs. Yangri Tamang:



*Yangri's completed house*



*How handsome – an old window frame has been recycled*

House No. 4 from family Chho Pema & Sonam Tamang:



*Chho Pema & Sonam's new building*

Foundation of house No. 5 from family Nima Pema & Babu Singhi Tamang:



*Laying of the cornerstone*



*Babu Singi & Nima Pema*

Preparations of house No. 6 from family Senchhomo & Dandul Tamang:



*Removing ruins together makes it easier*

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Sabine & Temba