

## Nepal Earthquake 2015 - UNHCR Evaluation

Donor report: [A year after Nepal quake, villagers rebuild from the ruins](#)

Raised: No information found. Received \$64 million from Canadian government.

Spending: No information found.

Expertise: Shelter

### **Key Activities**

UNHCR distributed 41,574 plastic tarps, 8,032 solar lamps, 5,000 blankets, 450 shelter kits and 175 temporary schools distributed to 210,000 displaced people.

That is all the information found. UNHCR is mostly funded by governments and likely provides these funders with better disclosure. We did not find its disaster response report.

Charity Intelligence picked UNHCR given Nepal's severe needs, UNHCR's large size, and its expertise in shelter. UNHCR has operated in Nepal since the early 1960s. We had hoped Nepal would be the first disaster deployment on IKEA shelter huts. Instead, UNHCR handed out thousands of plastic tarps. Tarps have proven again and again to be ineffective in countries that have monsoons and are inappropriate for cold weather. Nepal has both.

Disaster response differs from development work. Disaster response needs to be fast and flexible. Subsequent surveys of people affected by disasters report low satisfaction with UN-agencies response. Perhaps the UN's institutional framework inhibits fast and adaptive disaster response relative to international charities.