

**MINISTRY OF HEALTH
CONTRIBUTION TO EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS IN NEPAL**

- The earthquake measuring 7.9 on the Richter scale hit Nepal in the area between its capital city of Kathmandu and the town of Pokhara. It had brought down buildings in the country's most densely populated district, Kathmandu, which killed more than 8,000 people and left the remaining victims injured and homeless. The Ministry of Health Malaysia shares the grief and suffering of the people of Nepal following the shocking and devastating earthquake that hit Nepal last month.

- Now, following natural disasters such as this one, the Ministry of Health Malaysia understands the importance of caring for the wellbeing of the victims. Shortage of medicines and medical supplies could have a major impact on the victims and slow down the recovery process.

- In the effort to ease the burden of the victims, the Ministry of Health Malaysia in collaboration with the Malaysian Organisation of Pharmaceutical Industries (MOPI) is contributing medicines and medical supplies to Nepal. Fourteen (14) Malaysian manufacturers have contributed medicines and medical supplies worth almost RM 1.95 million

- The donation includes medicines for wound treatment, skin anti-septic and disinfectant, a variety of antibiotics and antimicrobials, analgesics, bronchodilators, antihistamines, *paracetamol* as well as medical supplies such as gloves, syringes, intravenous catheters and face masks to assist the medical staff and caretakers while caring for the patients. It is hoping that this donation would help to speed up the recovery of the victims.

- The Government of Malaysia would like to convey its heartfelt condolences and deepest sympathies to the Government of the Nepal and families of the victims of the earthquake which occurred in the Nepal.

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