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**A campaign to build SEVEN temporary school shelters and SEVEN permanent schools in Nepal in response to the earthquakes.**

On May 12th 2015, Nepal was struck by a magnitude 7.3 earthquake, the epicenter of which was in the district adjacent to the Solukhumbu Region where Edge of Seven works. In this region alone, the earthquake destroyed 90% of the houses and 225 school buildings.

With an overwhelming amount of work to do in reconstructing villages and rebuilding schools, children's advocates fear that thousands of children will never return to school. In addition, women and girls are particularly vulnerable to human trafficking during this time of devastation since the school system has been shattered. Edge of Seven is committing to building seven temporary schools and seven permanent schools in the Everest Region to ensure that the cycle of education continues in these rural communities.

Our local communities and partner, The Small World, have asked us to support the immediate rebuilding efforts by completing the Temporary Learning Centers (TLCs) to ensure that all children return to a safe learning environment as quickly as possible. By the close of 2016, these TLCs will be replaced with earthquake-resistant permanent school buildings that will serve as the replacement for the damaged or destroyed campuses. In recent years, understanding the tenuous situation facing Nepal's infrastructure, we began working with the earthquake-resistant earthbag building method in Nepal. We have currently completed six school and dormitory buildings using earthbag construction in the Solukhumbu District and all withstood both major earthquakes without damage.

Edge of Seven, a U.S. based nonprofit, is committing to supporting the building of SEVEN Temporary Learning Centers and SEVEN permanent school campuses to empower approximately 2,100 students to create the life they want to live. We have never been more ready to answer this call. Please join us.

