



Oct 12, 2015 09:07 BST

Northumbria academic makes visit to earthquake affected villages in Nepal

Nepalese academic <u>Dr Binam Ghimire</u> from Northumbria University, Newcastle, returned home in recently to support recovery efforts in parts of the region affected by the earthquake which claimed more than 10,000 lives earlier this year.

The <u>Newcastle Business School</u> senior lecturer joined leading climbers and took part in hiking activities during his three week stay. He also helped in construction and charity activities.

"I was interested to know the situation after the earthquake in some of the remote villages so I travelled to Nepal during the summer", said Dr Ghimire. "During my conversations with local people it became clear that many, including children, were very depressed, while others felt were hopeless as a result of the disaster they saw and the struggle they now face faced after the quake", he added.

The devastating earthquake has badly impacted Nepal's economy, and Dr Ghimire places great emphasis on the importance of donations and how they can make a big difference. He is planning for a trip to some of the more remote villages in Nepal again soon and next year

He said: "I welcome anyone who wants to join me and would be very grateful for any support we can offer to the schools and people in the villages."

Financial contributions towards the cost of transporting the donated items to Nepal can also be accepted. Anyone interested in sending donations can contact Dr Ghimire through email at <u>Binam.Ghimire@northumbria.ac.uk</u>

For more information on how you can make a difference, please visit www.unicef.org.uk/Donate-Nepal

Northumbria is a research-rich, business-focused, professional university with a global reputation for academic excellence. To find out more about our courses go to <u>www.northumbria.ac.uk</u>

If you have a media enquiry please contact our Media and Communications team at <u>media.communications@northumbria.ac.uk</u> or call <u>0191 227 4571</u>.

Contacts



Rik Kendall Press Contact PR and Media Manager Business and Law / Arts, Design & Social Sciences rik.kendall@northumbria.ac.uk 07923 382339



Andrea Slowey **Press Contact** PR and Media Manager Engineering and Environment / Health and Life Sciences andrea.slowey@northumbria.ac.uk 07708 509436



James Fox Press Contact Student Communications Manager james2.fox@northumbria.ac.uk

Kelly Elliott Press Contact PR and Media Officer kelly2.elliott@northumbria.ac.uk

Rachael Barwick Press Contact PR and Media Manager rachael.barwick@northumbria.ac.uk 07377422415



Ruth Lognonne Press Contact PR and Media Officer ruth.lognonne@northumbria.ac.uk 07971274253







Gemma Brown Press Contact PR and Media Officer gemma6.brown@northumbria.ac.uk