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After the earthquake

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Dear Matthew,

Thank you so much for your kind and considerate support of the 'Twin your Toilet through TRAS' reconstruction project in Dolakha, Nepal. Your generous donation of \$8,000 will fund the purchase of materials to rebuild toilets for families ensuring they have a cleaner and healthier environment for the children.

Dolakha had done well over the past few years at encouraging hundreds of villagers to build latrines, use them and maintain them properly, to the point where the district had received recognition as an 'Open Defecation Free Zone'. This was a real feather in their cap, which added to the misery when just about every latrine was reduced to rubble in the May 12 earthquake. Of necessity, people took to the fields again – which we know from experience can lead to polluted water, illness and lack of privacy, particularly for girls and women.

Rebuilding these latrines will improve health, reduce child mortality and bring comfort and pride back to the villagers. The families lost everything, and now have to start from scratch to rebuild their homes and their lives.

On behalf of the TRAS Board of Directors and the families of Dolakha, I thank you again for your generosity and support.

Sincerely,

Cheryl

Cheryl Sullivan
TRAS President



Newly rebuilt latrine

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Supporting the health and education of children and youth in northern India, Nepal and Tibet since 1962