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AARP Foundation Establishes Relief Fund for Older Victims of Nepal Earthquake

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En español

WASHINGTON, DC —To respond to the immediate needs of older people in the region, AARP Foundation President Lisa Marsh Ryerson announced today that AARP Foundation has created a relief fund to help the victims of the devastating earthquake in Nepal – especially the 600,000 people over 60 who are expected to have been affected. The fund will help provide aid to the victims of this disaster. AARP and AARP Foundation will match dollar-for-dollar contributions up to **\$225,000**.

"The magnitude of the crisis in Nepal is almost beyond comprehension, and we know AARP members want to help," Ryerson said. "AARP Foundation will direct donations collected through the AARP Foundation Nepal Relief Fund to international relief organizations to deliver aid to victims of this disaster, with 100% of all funds raised going to organizations operating on the ground in the region – every dollar will make a difference."

The 7.8 magnitude earthquake that rocked Nepal and neighboring countries last Saturday struck with devastating force, killing thousands of people, injuring thousands more, and causing widespread destruction. There is immediate need for older Nepalese and their families to have access to shelter, food, water and medical attention.

To donate and learn more about the AARP Foundation Nepal Relief Fund please visit:www.aarp.org/disasterrelief

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About AARP Foundation

AARP Foundation is working to win back opportunity for struggling Americans 50+ by being a force for change on the most serious issues they face today: housing, hunger, income and isolation. By coordinating responses to these issues on all four fronts at once, and supporting them with vigorous legal advocacy, the Foundation serves the unique needs of those 50+ while working with local organizations nationwide to reach more people, strengthen communities, work more efficiently and make resources go further. AARP Foundation is AARP's affiliated charity. Learn more at www.aarpfoundation.org.