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*Bridge Foundation Hits Ground Running in Nepal Following Devastating Earthquakes*

KATHMANDU, Nepal – Immediately following the April 25 earthquake that rocked Nepal, Bridge Foundation, the New Canaan, Connecticut-based humanitarian relief organization, airlifted two World Health Organization (WHO) Interagency Emergency Health Kits (IEHK) from Amsterdam to Kathmandu.

Each kit provides basic healthcare support for 10,000 people for 90 days. They are basically hospitals-in-a-box. The kit includes basic medications, antibiotics, wound dressings, sutures, syringes, casting material and other medical supplies tailored just for this type of disaster.

The two shipments arrived in Kathmandu just days after the first quake occurred and was consigned to **International Medical Corps, Bridge Foundation's partner in Nepal**. The epicenter of the quake focused on the small village of Ghorka, which was completely leveled. The kits were dispersed to areas throughout the Kathmandu Valley, and upwards into smaller villages. Once the quake hit, members of the International Medical Corps (IMC) were immediately able to utilize the kits to treat the injured.

Due to the severity of the quake, roads and trails throughout the Valley west of Kathmandu eastward upward toward the Mt. Everest Base Camp, became inaccessible by vehicle and helicopters were dispatched to deliver doctors and supplies to the impacted areas.

Bridge Foundation was able to provide these life-saving supplies through its partnership with its corporate sponsor, Diageo the world's leading premium spirits, wine and beer company.

Bridge Foundation's Gary Galanis was on the ground in Kathmandu to oversee distribution of supplies and to investigate additional avenues of support in the coming weeks which is in process.

"Whenever a disaster strikes, we at Bridge Foundation are proud to respond with what is needed," Galanis said. "We must assist the people of Nepal during their time of need. In the long term, much more will need to be done as people attempt to put their lives back together

and gain some semblance of normalcy. Many families have suffered loss of loved ones and their homes are gone. The long-term impact of this disaster will be felt for decades.”

In the next 30 to 60 days, monsoon season will begin. Homes and buildings severely damaged, now being held up with bamboo rods and whatever-is-available wood beams, are in precarious positions. The expected high winds and torrential rains are anticipated to devastate the most fragile structures.

Bridge Foundation is in the process of staging another air shipment in the coming days from Netherlands to Kathmandu.

About Bridge Foundation:

Bridge Foundation, an IRS registered 501c(3) organization, has been a vital asset to people in need around the world delivering medical and nutritional aid in times of natural – and manmade – disasters. Bridge Foundation provides humanitarian assistance directly to people in need, regardless of race, religion, ethnicity, or political affiliation. Bridge Foundation provides immediate humanitarian response -- including support to community medical practitioners with much-needed essential drugs, medical supplies and nutritional supplements along with training and health education. With their long-standing global relationships, Bridge Foundation is able to accomplish its missions by acquiring vast human resources, material and medical supplies available from developed nations -- and "bridging" with community-based healthcare and aid providers in developing countries and regions everywhere around the world. Because of Bridge's extensive global humanitarian experience, relationships, logistical network and understanding of specific country protocols, Bridge Foundation knows how to navigate through time-wasting red tape allowing them to be on the ground first to administer assistance -- from Darfur to Afghanistan to Haiti – to the Jersey Shore, Long Island and the Gulf Coast – Bridge Foundation and their partners continue to make a difference.

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