THE COUNCIL OF GRADUATE STUDENTS AND THE OFFICE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AND SCHOLARS PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY NEPAL EARTHQUAKE OF 2015

EAST LANSING, Mich. – In light of the recent tragedy in Nepal, where a series of earthquakes in April and May have killed over 8,000 people, destroyed countless homes, damaged significant infrastructure, and decimated many historic sites, the Council of Graduate Students (COGS) and the Office for International Students and Scholars (OISS) at Michigan State University (MSU) worked together to provide assistance to MSU students with families in the impacted areas and to support the nationwide Nepal earthquake relief efforts.

“When you attend MSU you become a part of the Spartan Family and families stick together, it made me so proud that in the midst of final exams and the end of the semester push that members of the Executive Board, Graduate Welfare Committee and the Full Council Representatives still found time to answer this call to action in support of the Nepal earthquake relief response,” said Dee Jordan, Vice President for External Affairs for COGS.

As part of its response to the crisis, COGS matched donations collected by OISS, which amounted to $1667.51 from each group. In total COGS and OISS donated $3310.06 to the Mid-Michigan Red Cross for its Nepal Earthquake Relief Fund. Working together, OISS and COGS were able to coordinate information about all those from MSU with families in the affected countries and while their communities suffered damage all families are safe and accounted for.

For further questions, comments or information, or if you are a student and have been affected by the earthquakes, please contact the Council of Graduate Students at cogs@msu.edu or 517-353-9189.

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