

Sunday, 17. May 2015

With motorbike we drive to tonight's meeting place through the streets of Kathmandu. From the passenger's seat, I photographed thousands of tents that were set up on the roadsides and in open spaces. Not only the residents of damaged homes, but also those who live in well-preserved houses, prefer currently to live together under a tent with another 20 or even 30 people.



These people need to be supplied with clean drinking water, which is brought on tankers to the various places in buckets and containers. We have observed a number of times where the tanker fetch the water and I must admit these are of very poor quality, because the water is neither clean nor sanitized, it comes from the river!



Along with Raj of EFFORT NEPAL we looked at today three garment factories, where garments are prepared. Currently, no body worked there. There could be two explanations for this: 1. There are currently no buyers for the products so one does not produce anything and 2. the workers went to their homes to help in the reconstruction of the houses there.



We got the information that this sewing has not been working for three weeks. The owner cannot say exactly when everything will resume again.

Straw hats made up of hemp would still be great for the summer in Europe and we could spread some positive message for example with a sign of support for the earthquake victims.



I privately bought some hats made of hemp, and then I ordered to add a logo with the words "GESINAS Nepal Earthquake Relief". I'll give away these hats in Europe for my hard-working helpers because of whom I am here. I also bought some clothes in order to examine whether they are suitable for the European market and to what extent we can arrange export as social business.



Savitri actually managed to get the PAULS from the custom office in airport, which was probably not easy. We picked up Ulrich and then went Savitri in order to look at PAUL and to discuss about the distribution plan.

The transportation and custom service of the PAULS looked like, it was done roughly. There were lots of scratches and also some missing parts.

While Ulrich was upset about it, Thomas tried to reassemble dislodged covering sieve on the filter.



The first 5 PAUL's be distributed in the coming days.



Kritan tried to carry one of the PAULs on his shoulder with the help of Thomas.

23 kg weight at first sound not very dramatic. Nevertheless Kritan was soon complaining about neck and shoulder pain. For a longer transport one would need much better straps and better padding in the back area.

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