



# WORLD RABBIT SCIENCE ASSOCIATION

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Dear Colleagues,

After 5 years from a similar disaster in Haiti, we have all been touched by the grave earthquake that took place last April in Nepal that resulted in the deaths of over 10,000 people and that caused mass destruction of homes and businesses, hospitals and schools, markets and roads, and other vital infrastructure. The WRSA council members have decided to offer a monetary contribution of WRSA funds. We also ask for supplementary contributions from WRSA branches and individual members in provide relief through rabbit project efforts in Nepal led by Ujjwal Chapagain, an expert rabbit technician who is actively promoting local rabbit production as the manager of the Himalayan Rabbit Farm. To provide some background, please visit [www.himalayanrabbitfarm.com/](http://www.himalayanrabbitfarm.com/) and <http://www.gofundme.com/tjk6fk> . We are aware that some members have already made personal contributions.

The Himalayan Rabbit Farm (Balambu-5, Kathmandu) works in the promotion, research and marketing of rabbit farming. It reaches out to Kathmandu, Bhaktapur, Rasuwa, Dolakha, Sindhuli and Myagdi districts. Apart from working with certain partner agencies, it has also worked with 100 small farmers from various areas. The farm largely focuses on rabbit production, skin processing, farming promotion, meat tasting, marketing, etc. It is exploring different ways to promote rabbit farming to benefit farmers and currently looking to establish rabbit meat as a popular commodity in the Nepalese meat market.

For several weeks, the WRSA council members have held discussions on how we can best assist Ujjwal Chapagain and help Nepal victims. Steven Lukefahr, as General Secretary for Developing Countries, is coordinating this initiative. First, we have approved the gift of 3,000 Euro from WRSA funds for purchase of rabbit breeding stock, wire and other equipment, feed, etc. (see the attached cost estimation). Second, we kindly request that the WRSA National Branches offer additional donations from their own funds and appeal to branch members or local sponsors for additional monetary contributions (France, Germany and Italy have already decided to do this). For your convenience, Ujjwal Chapagain has suggested that funds can be directly sent to the Himalayan Rabbit Farm bank account:

Name of the Bank: Agriculture Development Bank, Kathmandu-14, Kalanki

Account Holder: The Himalayan Rabbit Farm

Account Type: Current Account

Account No: 0211000119464011

Swift Code: ADBLNPKA

Also, feel free to directly contact Ujjwal should you have any questions ([chujjwal@gmail.com](mailto:chujjwal@gmail.com)). The council has also requested that Ujjwal keeps a detailed record of all monetary contributions; collective or individual donations and the equipment bought with these contributions will be reported on the WRSA website.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration in this humanitarian effort.  
Sincerely,

Steven D. Lukefahr  
WRSA General Secretary  
for Developing Countries



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WRSA President

