



**Natural disasters affected 98.6 million people in 2015 (UNISDR)** and are occurring at an accelerating pace around the world. The victims of these disasters find themselves in precarious living conditions without access to basic necessities such as clean water, shelter, sufficient food, and access to power. Humanitarian organizations have a long history of providing disaster relief kits that include essentials like food, blankets, and water to meet the basic needs of those affected by natural disasters. At **d.light**, we consider access to lighting to be one of these basic human needs to be considered in any disaster relief efforts.

The 2015 earthquake devastated Nepal's infrastructure, leaving millions of people in the dark. Various humanitarian organizations started distributing solar lanterns alongside their disaster relief kits to provide reliable electricity to Nepalese families in a time of crisis. Through these organizations, d.light was able to provide lighting and cell phone charging to over 100,000 displaced. Below is a quote from one of the victims of the Nepal earthquake that illustrates the tremendous impact that a simple solar lantern can have for those affected by natural disasters.

*"I live in Kathmandu, Nepal and we recently had a devastating earthquake which killed more than 8000 people. Our house also got severely damaged by the quake and fortunately we had a place to stay indoors with my 3 months old daughter and my family. There was no electricity for multiple days. Our d.light solar lamp was the only reliable source of light during those scary nights. I thank d.light's team for bringing us such a wonderful and reliable product. Well done!!"*

Oxfam took note of the positive impact of d.light solar lanterns in Nepal. Deemed an essential item, Oxfam will now include d.light lanterns as the only non-food item in their disaster relief kits. Oxfam's first rollout of the d.light solar lantern was a resounding success. During the floods in eastern India in the summer of 2016, Oxfam and d.light supplied over 10,000 solar lanterns to victims of the floods. Each shipment was made to affected areas within two days of receiving an order, allowing for rapid response time and better outcomes.



Oxfam disaster relief kit with d.light S300 solar lantern included.



Oxfam is an international association of various charity organizations, which aim to alleviate global poverty. This company began in 1942 as the Oxford Committee for Famine Relief, now they address several of the structural causes of poverty and work with local accountable organizations in order to implement different projects.



**d.light** is a global social enterprise delivering affordable solar-powered solutions designed for the two billion people in the developing world without access to reliable energy. d.light has sold more than fifteen million solar light and power products in 62 countries, improving the lives of over 65 million people with a goal of reaching 150 million people by 2020.