



We, at HaPe, are deeply saddened by the devastating news about the earthquake in China, the home country for our business. The tragic images and stories emerging in the aftermath of the 12 May earthquake in the Sichuan Province continue to shock and sadden us all.

Just a short month ago our HaPe team was dedicating two schools in nearby Guizhou province. We were relieved to hear that all of the children, teachers, as well as their families were accounted for and confirmed safe.

However, the amount of destruction to villages and schools, communities and families is staggering and will require a great deal of time and resources to recover from this tragedy. HaPe is currently assessing the situation and determining how we can help. Our plans will be announced once we gather sufficient information on how to contribute to a long, sustained effort.

Last week we are proud to say that our employees in Germany, North America and China mobilized and made significant contributions to help in the relief efforts. We are extremely grateful to them. Should consumers, retailers and our business partners be interested in contributing to recovery and rebuilding efforts we suggest donations be made to the [International Red Cross in China](#).