2015 Nepal Earthquake Sequence

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In 2015, David Biggs led an international team of 16 engineers to Nepal to assess damage and recommend stabilization and repairs of numerous schools, houses, hospitals, commercial facilities following the M7.8 earthquake of April 25 and the sequence of M7.3 and M6.3 aftershocks. There were nearly 9,000 fatalities, 18,000 injured, 300,000 houses destroyed, and 260,000 houses damaged. The presentation will highlight the activities of the engineering team and its findings.

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