



NEPAL LITERACY PROGRAM

Supporting Nepal through meal programs and assistant teacher support programs in rural schools.

Nepal is a country with a caste system. It is generally a poor country but the people in the lowest caste - the so-called 'untouchables' - experience particular hardship. Many families survive on the equivalent of about \$100 per year in Canadian funds. Education is the way for the children of these people to pursue a better life. It is often difficult to get the youth to attend school. Setting up a lunch program in the school was the primary means to improve school attendance and improve the eventual outcomes of the children.

Prem Sharma, a new member of the [Rotary Club of Saskatoon](#), is familiar with a particular village that is quite isolated although it is on a major road by Nepal standards. There has been some work done in this village already. In recent years, a new school was built by local communities. This is where the program takes place.

The plan is to provide a lunch to 75 students through the school year of about 210 days. It is suggested this could be accomplished at the low cost of only \$1,550 per year. It was noted that this is a very modest sum to provide meals to so many students for so many days. It was explained that the diet would be lentils, and rice and wheat. The cost includes a stove and gas cylinders for fuel.

The project was initiated in the spring of 2018 with payments of \$500 every four months. There is a local Rotary club about 20km from the school which will serve as our local liaison. The actual work would be done by the teachers in the school.



BUDGET

Total contributions/allocated funds as of December 31,2020

Rotary Club of Saskatoon	\$10,910.00
Rotary Club of Pokhara New Road & Baba Foundation Pokhara Nepal Children Dress & Stationeries	\$4,065.00
Municipal Government Water Supply Pipes	\$585.00
Community Members/Teacher Volunteer Inputs Meal Preparation	\$3,200.00
Om Development Bank - Stationaries	\$100.00

Total

\$18,860.00





PROJECT GOALS (OBJECTIVES)



Mitigate the dropout rate of children from school during their early learning during very young school age.



Increase enrolment of children.



Mitigate severe effects of malnutrition by providing regular lunches at school.



Provide premium to assistant teacher who support teaching and other school activities but not paid by the government of Nepal.



Establish the project as sustainable one. Transferring ownership of the project to local communities.



PROJECT SUPPORT & PARTNERS

- ▶ **World Community Service Committee (Rotary Club of Saskatoon)**
- ▶ **Partner Rotary Club: Rotary Club of Pokhara, New Road, Nepal (RID3292)**
- ▶ **Other Sponsors Donors:**
 - ▶ **Baba Foundation Pokhara, Nepal.**
 - ▶ **Jaimini Rural Municipality,**
 - ▶ **Om Development Bank - Jaimini Branch**
 - ▶ **Mahadibya Livestock and Agriculture Development Farm**



RESULTS/OUTCOMES/ACHIEVEMENTS

1. Number of children dropped out - 0
2. Increase in enrolment by 81% (42 to 76) and increasing
3. Daily nutritional meal for the children
4. Teacher support
5. One full time employment

SUSTAINABILITY: GOOD STANDING

Efforts are being made to locally generate minimum 25% costs of lunch program by December 31,2021 along with providing one part time employment and provide ownership the project to local communities.

RECENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Government of Nepal district reconstruction Board Construction of improved toilets for children	\$16,700.00
Dhaulagiri Polytechnic institute, (Govt. Institution) Community Livestock Assistant training - 390 hrs	\$6,000.00

EVALUATION & MONITORING COMMITTEE

An Evaluation and Monitoring Committee has been established to monitor current and future projects. Such a formal process is a part of sound stewardship and accountability practices.

The committee is comprised of the past presidents of the Rotary Club of Pokhara, New Road, Nepal.