

WHERE HOPES & OPPORTUNITIES MEET

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"My name is Laxman Darji and I am 47 years old. The massive earthquake on 25th April completely destroyed my house in Borang, Marpak VDC-7, Dhading. There are 5 members in my family and tailoring is the only source of family income. The earthquake also buried all our food, clothes and our sewing machine which altogether has a value of around NRs. 320,000. Right4Children has been our friend in time of need. They distributed 2 bundles of Corrugated Iron sheet to all the households in Marpak VDC. With the tin received, I built a temporary shelter for my family. I am very grateful to R4C and would like to thank them for the kind support."

"It was heartbreaking so many times, but it was also encouraging to see the whole world stand behind Nepal and its people in such desperate times."

something positive...

It is our great pleasure to present something positive after such a disastrous year for Nepal after the two earthquakes in April and May. With so much suffering, it was an honour to serve the people of Nepal. The trust you all showed in supporting Right4Children's and its partners' emergency relief efforts was nothing less than phenomenal.

Even though our efforts this year had to be redirected, we will be continuing our regular programmes in education, vocational training, and Child Rights advocacy -featured further on in this publication. These 3 projects have been very successful and the review of our projects by the government's monitoring & evaluation body, The Social Welfare Council, was excellent.

We would like to thank the Right4Children team, and all its working and funding partners for all the incredible hard work, bringing relief to so many thousands this past year. We are all extremely motivated to provide more permanent assistance to many more during this Earthquake post disaster period in the coming years, and we welcome your continued support, trust and belief in what we do as never before.

> Thank you all so much for everything! Douglas and Insuba Maclagan- Tamang Co-Founders

Relief Programmes for Earthquake Victims

The devastating earthquake measuring 7.8 on the Richter scale struck Nepal on 25 April, 2015 causing a huge loss of lives and

property.

It was estimated that more than 500,000 houses were completely destroyed and the total number of casualties reached just under 9000. As a social and humanitarian organization, R4C provided immediate relief and assistance to the affected people in different districts that were badly hit by the earthquake. 14 districts, where approximately 5.4 million people live, were severely hit.

Approached by the Government of Nepal to support the immediate Emergency relief efforts, we requested our funding partners to raise funds so as to act immediately. They have been phenomenal and allowed us to work on a 3 phased approach: 1) Immediate supply distribution; Well over 100,000 kg of rice was distributed supporting over 8,000 people; 2) mid term relief by providing tin roof and wall sheeting to Marpak and Darkha VDCs; Over 2000 families were able to rebuild their temporary homes; 3) Long term reconstruction has been in the planning for the past 4 months now, and the funding secured to rebuild the entire VDC of Marpak in Dhading district.

We will be rebuilding 10 schools, 1056 homes, a community centre and health centre if additional funds can be raised. We will also be providing education in child protection to counter acts of child and human trafficking as well as vocational training in construction techniques. The reconstruction phase 3 project will last between 2-3 years.



"I have always been interested in art and I've been drawing and painting from when I was a little girl. I took part in the R4C orientation session at my school where I learned about child rights and how to do art."

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Nisha Sunar, Class 10 student

R4C's primary aim is to contribute to the protection of child rights in Nepal. We wish to become a model organization by designing powerful programmes for children in Nepal and help them meet their hopes and improve their lives.

Vision

A life in which marginalized and stigmatized children, young people, and mothers can exercise their rights and voices, and reach their full potential.

Mission

To assist disadvantaged children, young people, and mothers to develop their lives and to achieve the changes they have always desired through exemplary programmes and services that they feel is RIGHT for them.

Goal

To ensure disadvantaged children and young people have a voice to build their confidence and have access to practical education to build skills and job opportunities for their secured future.



"I was so nervous at first but with the rest of the students I was able to work hard, learn and be creative. I think quite a bew people have heard me present on the radio and some said I had learned to speak well."

SachitaGhimire, Class 10 student

Education and Advocacy for Child Rights Child rights remain a critical issue in Nepal. Lack of understanding at a community level indicates the need for education. Mass media is an effective tool to build awareness of child rights issues and to help combat child rights violations. It's the children themselves building towards this.

The Media Education Project - carried out in partnership with CWS HK and ONGD-FNEL Luxembourg- has two key components: Children's Radio and Child Rights through art. Both programmes build awareness on child rights issues, with specific emphasis on children's rights to education, protection and participation.

We want to create a platform for children and young people to raise their voice in the community. Through participation in schools and communities, especially on matters relating to them, we want to make sure that they are finally heard. These awareness programmes on child rights can be replicated and embedded in the broader education system, as well as highlighted throughout the media thus reaching a larger target population.

Due to the success of this project, R4C decided to incorporate this into a new project we've just started called the 'Child Friendly School' (CFS). The CFS project works together with the Government of Nepal to improve 12 government schools each year for 4 years to create a model of best practice, and thereby ensuring a minimal drop out rate of students which is currently around the 50% mark. Improvement in infrastructure, school management, teaching, student interaction are among some of the issues the project will be addressing

In 20 Schools

423 children were trained in basic art techniques.

86 children were provided Child rights and child club management training, communication and leadership skills.

45 children were selected and trained in journalism and media and participated in producing and hosting a radio programme called Milijuli Bolaun. A total of **38** episodes were produced and broadcasted from 4 local FM stations.

Mövenpick Hotel and Hospitality Training

Helps youths, aged 18-25, from disadvantaged backgrounds to become skilled hospitality professionals through vocational training and to find employment opportunities in the national and international job market, contributing to improving the living standard of the youths and their families .

We've had an amazing track-record of successful programme implementation in previous years with Mövenpick Hotels and Resorts. The programme, offers intensive vocational and life-skills training for disadvantaged youths, thereby preparing them for professional job placement in the hospitality sector both in national and international markets. The 5th consecutive batch started in 2014/15.

Based on the referrals made by various networking organizations, 25 youths were selected in view of their background and their aptitude to learn and excel in the targeted occupation.

The trainees were provided 6-month training (3-month in house and 3-month on-the-job training) in one of the 3 given occupations; F&B Production, F&B Service and Housekeeping as per their choice and ability.

Of the 25 selected candidates, 18 training graduates were placed in a job (14 in Mövenpick Hotels and Resorts and 4 in various hotels in Pokhara), 5 are in the job-placement process and 1 graduate found a job as a teacher.



Education Support and Reintegration of Children at Risk

The primary focus of the project was to improve the situation of children living in vulnerable circumstances through rescue. Provisional care and family reintegration is to prevent the trafficking of children into children homes and increase the safety of children at risk.

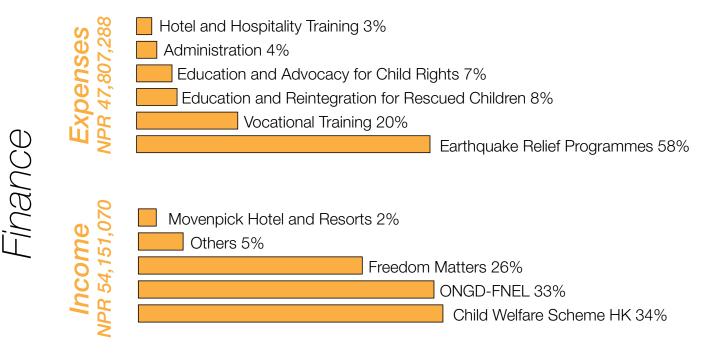
R4C was one of the implementing partners in a project dedicated to the rescue and reintegration of children at risk in Kathmandu. The project was developed with a common understanding and ideology that all children have a right to live and grow up with their families. Sano Paila was our partner NGO taking the lead in Kathmandu. The Children Receiving Home (CRH) was established to facilitate the reintegration process.

64 children and 2 mothers were brought under the care of this home and provided with provisional care and support, after rescue operations had taken place coordinated by the CCWB (Central Child Welfare Board of Nepal).

An assessment of the children was carried out and appropriate arrangements were made to enable children to continue their education.

Families of the children were located and the children and their respective families were prepared for the reintegration through continuous counseling.

55 children and 1 mother were reintegrated with their respective families while 3 children and 1 mother were transferred to alternative care centers Necessary efforts are being made to reintegrate the remaining 6 children.



Our partners include:

CWS Hong Kong; ONGD FNEL Luxembourg; Angela Rowland; Freedom Matters UK; Movenpick Hotels & Resorts; The Sovereign Art Foundation HK; Bryanston School, UK; Lucinda and Suzette Maclagan; Tim and Juliet Fallowfield;

and many more

Looking towards the future

As our regular programmes continue and the third phase of the earthquake relief efforts slowly hits off, we've got a few interesting new projects in the pipeline. One of them is the new training centre we are planning to start building. The centre is called 'The FAB school'. Basically this is a combo of setting up a proper hospitality and hotel management school but also supporting the surrounding villages with a community centre focusing on providing additional formal and non-formal/vocational education to children and their mums. This school is to house the current Movenpick Hotel hospitality project and to be managed to provide our disadvantaged students with a top training to get them ready for the national and international job market.

The other one is Child Friendly School (CFS) project. The CFS project works together with the Government of Nepal to improve 12 community schools each year for 4 years to create a model of best practice, and thereby ensuring improved access to and quality of education. Improvement in infrastructure, school management, teaching, student interaction are among some of the issues the project will be addressing".

Interesting and challenging times lie ahead, of which we hope to enjoy these, as we have the past year, together with our beneficiaries, friends and partners, to once more change the lives of so many young people.



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