

ROTARY EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT 2006-07

Nepal is landlocked developing country where literacy rate is around 40%, per capita GDP is \$240 reflects the poor economic development are highly scarce and also widely gap between haves and have not.

Nepal is trying to achieve higher literacy rate so government of Nepal has made slogan "Education for All" and make free education up to secondary level. However, still school enrollment rate is low and high drop out rate of children from school and also present post conflict situation (around 2000 children have lost their parents and more than 6000 children have been immigration with their parents. (*Source: C/WW/M*) creates sever problem in child education.

In Kavre; Child education rate is not satisfactory and high drop out rate from schools. According to District Education Office, Kavre the reasons behind this situation are un-awareness of parents, low socio economic condition and also due to migration to urban area affecting political uncertainty and conflict.

So that this child education program will help those children who are from poor family, children are from Dalit society, children are facing problem from present political conflict and also children who have lost their parents.

As part of 100 % Enrollment Program of Rotary Club of Dhulikhel, PP Rtn. Subash Shrestha and Principle of Kathmandu University High School Rtn. Narayan Pradhan provided scholarship for twenty-eight students of Chakra Devi Primary School of Dhulikhel Municipality. The students received dress, bag, stationeries and other essential materials as part of scholarship. The cost of this scholarship was raised from the students of Kathmandu University High School.

As per the finding of survey done by Rotary Club of Dhulikhel, there are still 182 students who are not able to go in school due to economic problem.

This is one of a good example about how a private school can help to government school of rural area. Rotary Club of Dhulikhel worked as a mediator to coordinate between two schools.

Rotary Club of Dhulikhel is working on to educate to the downtrodden and neglected street children Rotary Club of Dhulikhel is able to send 50 neglected children to public school in Banepa by sponsoring their formal education in support of UNICEF, CWIN and CIF there are 80 neglected children's were studying in primary school in Shrikhandapur. Rotary Club of Dhulikhel is proving books stationeries, school uniforms for the children's also provide prizes to the school teachers so that they inspire to take care of neglected children's. Rotary Dhulikhel in coordination with International partner from Australia providing teaching materials for the school teachers and providing computer r to school as well.

Education Materials to Bhairab School:

Rotary club of Dhulikhel and The Salt trading Corporation jointly handed over education materials to the children's of Bhairab Primary Education Dhulikhel in May 13, 2007. The Honorary Rotarian Valerie was presented on the occasion and handed over stationeries, bags, school uniform to the grade one children. Total 82 children were received the basic education materials these children were downtrodden children and most of their parents were migrated from villages due to conflict and to find work in urban areas. This school has high drop out rate when Rotary started providing school uniform,

school bags, shoes and basic stationery the children are now regularly coming to school. Rotary sister organization Rotary Community Corps is organizing interaction program with children's parent and school teachers for child education. Now parents were sensitized and get knowledge to give education to their children.

Rotary friend in Japan Mr. Jin Chiba has sent US\$500 to support by providing basic stationery to the down-trodden children in Nepal. Rotary Dhulikhel, School teachers and childrens and their parents thank you Rotarian Jin Chiba for your generous support.

Our children's desperately need basic education support this will not cost you more than a dinner cost. If you sacrifice a cost of your one dinner that may cost you US\$35/- we can provide a year-round basic education materials to down-trodden children in Nepal.

Rotary Dhulikhel Appeal to its Well-wishers in Australia, Japan, New Zealand, Germany, USA.....

If you wish to offer a gift of education (world's best gift) please contact Rotary Club of Dhulikhel Nepal or Ms. Valerie Riches Australia

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How fund is raised in Australia by Val..... For the sake of poor children of Nepal

Stradbroke Early Learning Centre

Care and Share Day Friday 30 July 2004. (add new information)

The first *Care and Share Day* held by the SELC was a great success.

We will be having a *Care and Share Day* on the last Friday of each month, raising awareness and money for a different cause each time.

The July *Care and Share Day* raised awareness and money for some disadvantaged Nepalese children, to be presented to the Dhulikhel Rotary Club.

Most of the Children at the Centre came dressed up in some kind of fancy dress outfit.

The cost to enter the Centre in a fancy dress costume was a gold coin donation.

(In Australian currency this is either a \$1.00 coin or a \$2.00 coin. These are our only gold coins.)

There were 51 children present for the day, aged 5 months to six years.

Many little boys arrived dressed in Batman and Superman outfits and were to be seen flitting about in the playground throughout the day.

The girls, not to be outdone, were looking glamorous in their Fairy Princess outfits and Ballerina costumes.

Some also dressed up as Barbie Dolls!

There were other children who decided to wear clothes modelled on their favourite movie star, "*Shrek*" being a popular source of inspiration this time.

All the children from the Pre-School/Kindergarten, Toddler Room and Infants Room, as well as 8 Staff Members and some parents combined in the playground for the shared Morning Tea.

The playground was decorated gaily with balloons and streamers for the occasion.

We had some singing activities and some games; the parents were encouraged to "make the gold rattle in the tin" as the morning progressed.

My part in the day was to look as 'Nepalese' as possible, a bit of a challenge when you are very fair skinned, blue eyed and blonde!

I managed to look sort of Nepali by wearing a Kurta Swalis, some Nepali jewellery and of course I wore a tika on my forehead. (And red dust in my hair!)

To cook Nepalese was a little easier! Pakoda snacks and Nepali style Chiya were a breeze.

I also put some photographs of Nepali children on the walls of the centre, a photo album on a table for display and placed the Nepalese flag over the sign in box.

Most of those present gave generously and were very interested to learn a little about Nepal. Many people present had no knowledge of Nepal and were interested to look through a wonderful book I bought while I was in Nepal in 2003-2004.

Gift to school children

On 15th September 2006 Rotary Club of Dhilkhel has organized to provide Dashain gift to 88 Shreekhandapur primary school children. Rtn. Gopal Krishna Shrestha has initiated the program collecting gifts from Mrs. Valeri Riches from Australia who contributes US \$500 to buy stationeries, shoes, and T-shirts. Six primary school teachers were also received a token of love on the eve of Dashain festival. The community leader and the school principle has thanked to Rotary Club for bringing smile in children's faces.

2 Photo

Gift to school children

Rotary Club of Dhilkhel Club #50576 district 3290 donated computer and printer and warm cloths to 88 down trodden children in Shreekhandapur Primary School at Shreekhandapur Dhulikhel, Nepal.

President Mr. Bed Kantha Yogal handed over the computer to school principle and warm cloths to children in January 2007.

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Gift to Hospital

Rotary Club of Dhulikhel has handed over Dental unit to Dhulikhel Hospital under the matching grant project the equipment cost US\$20,000/- President Mr. Bed Kantha Yogol hand over the equipments to Hospital Administrator Dr. N. Sharma. Dhulikhel Hospital thanks to Rotary Club Dhulikhel, Rotary Club Dorfen Germany and Rotary Foundation for this support. January 2007. Rotary Club Dhulikhel request to examin and provide treatment to down trodden children who's primary education is supported by Rotary as their parent could not afford hospital cost. Dhulikhel hospital is planning to conduct free medical camp in coordination with Rotary and RCC.

Rotary Clubs Responses to flood victims in Western Nepal

In August- September Bardia and Banke districts are badly affected by heavy flood more than fifty thousand people were victimized they lost everything in the flood. Local community and the government has public appeal to support the victims most of women and children are badly affected. On September 25, 2006 Rotary club of Dhulikhel and Rotary Club of Rudramati jointly has donated used cleaned clothes to the flood affected people of Banke district through Nepal Red Cross Society of Banke. The clothes were flown from Kathmandu and delivered to the premises of Red Cross Society of Banke. Thank you all Rotary member of Dhulikhel and Rudramati who has provided clean and good cloths for flood affected victims.

RC Dhulikhel & Rudramati collected cloths

Rtn. Ashok, Hareram and Tatwa
bringing For flood victims in Western

Rtn. Ashok, Hareram and Tatwa Bringing cloths to Nepal Redcross office Banke, Nepalganj

photo

Rotarian Sagar Lakhe award a rist
watch to a downtrodden children in Banepa

*RCC aims to reduce the general
work load of Nepalese women in village
by providing skills and vocational
training for their better lives.*

Two children from conflict affected family studying in
Panauti School supported by Rotary Club of Dhulikhel
Her father was killed by Maoist rebel in Kavre District.
They need continue support to this year as well...

Rotarian Ashok Shrestha mentoring out of school
Children in Redcross, Banepa supported by Rotary,
Valerie and UNICEF (photo)

Children drawing art (Photo)

Children were drawing arts at their classroom
Children's were provided crayon, color pencils, for drawing

Which was sent by Mrs. Valerie Riches of Australia

Courage of Sushila Chaudhary.....

Sushila is struggling with her life since her birth. Being born in poor indigenous family in remote villages and with deformity she has faced many challenges. Her parents were struggle a lot to care her childhood. While growing she determines to go school with other girls and boys. Being physically challenged she has to face social stigma too. The peer groups were teasing her and not been helpful to her while she was studying in lower classes. With many difficulties she determine to go to school she has strong commitment and desire to live with dignity and independence she start learning quickly and slowly she earn the respect from her teacher and peer groups. Now she is in grade six the school fee is no matter but school uniform, books and stationeries is lacking to her. Her parents were poor farmer living with 5 family members in western part of Nepal and they are proud of Sushila's enthusiasm.

She is now 15 years and never been checked by any medical doctors. The financial assistance provided by Rotarian will be supported for Sushila's education and medical examine of her deformity and correction at Disability Hospital. Rotary Club of Dhulikhel is looking further support to her family for income generating activities to support her higher education.

(Photo of Sushila)

A 24 year young physically challenged lady Kamala singing a song in a public gathering in Dhulikhel...She is challenging to leave with dignity and independence despite her physical disability she lost her both arms and a right leg in an accident. Rotary is supporting her music class with Nepals famous musician Mr. Neyhoo Bajracharya

(Photo)

Seeking help to Surendra

Surendra Rawal has struggled with his life since his birth; he belongs to one of the poor farming family of 6 members in a remote village of Achham district of far western Nepal. His half of the body is covered by hair; he looks like as if he inherited his hairs from monkey. He is facing many challenges, social stigma. But still he has managed to go to school for the tenth year. In his school no one likes to sit beside him and no one wants to make him his friend. His peer groups tease him and are never helpful. Due to this reason he is sad, de motivated and left alone all the time.

Yet despite the obvious physical discomfort suffered by Surendra, he has not sought help due to the social stigma. Most of his village people don't even look at his condition as a disease and don't bother helping him or advocating for support. This social stigma associated with a darkening of half of body has made Surendra socially excluded and abandoned.

But his strong commitment and desire to live with dignity and independence has motivated me to seek support for his further study and looking well wisher Rotarian friends to support Surendra for fostering his education and vocational skills.

(Photo)

Rtn. Gopal and teacher Kamala distributing shoes
To down trodden children at Redcross.... This gift
Inspire them to continue their education....thes gifts
were received from Australia

Teacher Kamala teaching morning class to
the downtrodden children

Sita, Ramita and Alisa singing a song and Kamala &
Reshma observing their song...

Thank you very much for your care
and support.... We want to go to
school



Ramita, Bimala and Sita Tamang they are
Renu, Prakirti and Pragati Shrestha
Poor girls of a poor carpenter



Tthree daughter of poor farmer who
Could not afford primary education of their
child Rotary is helping them.

Dhaniram,s story..... He need your help



Asha Ram and Gokul Kumari had 5 children two of them are twins brother and sister Dhaniram is the fourth son of Asha Ram they were living in remote villages of Nawal Parasi District of Lumbini Zone of Nepal. Asharam is semi skill labor working in wood factory and just earn US\$100/- despite of his hard work and within this money he hardly manage 7 families depending on him. His elder son is also living with disability due to polio infection during his childhood (in his right leg) but going to school and studying in class 8. His twins son and daughter is also going to school. Dhaniram has medical problem since his birth. A tumor was seen in his nose. Slowly the tumor is increasing in size now Dhaniram is 12 Years of age and getting problem for clear visioning and headache.

Asharam hardly manage loan for CT scan which cost him US\$100. Doctors advise to have operation of the nose which is costing US\$1500 which is beyond Asharam's capacity if any of Rotary Club or well wisher assist Dhaniram to save his life.

Dhaniram is willing to go to school daily but due to his increasing tumor he is feeling shame and disrespected by his friends at school. Mr. Asharam is appealing with us to raise some money for Dhaniram's medical treatment and his education cost.

Radhika's story of hard work

Radhika 25 years of age struggling with her disability she can only walk with the help of Wheel Chair she has completed her secondary school education and wrote a noble. She has interest on Nepali literature. She wrote nobles, stories and poem. On 31st of March she was invited in Banepa to read her poem in a public program. The audience likes her poem. She appeal to publish her noble which will cost NZ\$1000/- . If any one interested on her literature work could support her. She is aiming to self sustain once she could publish her noble and sell it in the market.

Valeri Riches and children and teachers of SriKhandapur School...Ms. Valerie is inspiring and educating school teacher to take care of poor children in a more professional way..Teachers are not trained to modern teaching practices.

Suntali Khadka living with painful life (Photo) In 6 year back her story was published in national newspaper. She has gave birth of four (male) baby due to her poverty she could not have proper food and treatment she lost her two son. She had two children already and two twin son she was in difficult situation her husband went to Malaysia to earn money and pay his debt. Unfortunately he was lost in Malaysia and no contact to his wife Suntali. Rotarian Ashok Shrestha knows her situation and try to help her in a best possible way. Now Rotary is managing to send her two son and one daughter in a school in Banepa. Suntali is hardly earn US\$1 per day as daily labor. Rotary appeal to help her to establish a vegetable shop which will cost her US\$300 so that she could live independently and take care of her children.

Story of Priyank Shrestha (Insert Photo) : When I (Ashok) was visiting in Dang to observe the project a 24 year young lady came to me and request me help her son to retain in school. The school administration is asking her to take her son out of school as she was fail to pay school fee and school uniform to her son. I was ask school principal and notice that she has to pay to school Rs. 4000/- and I had settled her old debt and request school to give a chance to study continue. Now Shandya is very happy that her son is doing excellent in school this year Priyank was in 17th position out of 91 children and obtained 78.83% 1st position. He is studying in Janjyoti Vidyamandir, Dang and appealing to continue his education.....

Kamala Paudel : Kamala is 12 year young girl studying in grade six in Kanya Secondary School Dang. This district is most conflict affected district. His father was separated with her mother and went to India without any contact. Kamala's mother is appealing all well wisher to take care of her daughters further education. She has completed her 6 grade education with 60.62% mark.

"Your smile is our smile" Rotary Dhulikhel

Thank you for caring us

(Val this concept will generate some income which will be invested in poor children education please put your thoughts as well)

Rotary Club of Dhulikhel is Planning to conduct Chilrens Fest in Dhulikhel every month

Tourist Information Centre Dhulikhel in collaboration with Hotel Association Nepal, Dhulikhel Chapter organises

Children fest – Dhulikhel

In technical support of Kathmandu University High School and Rotary Community Corps

Let children celebrate their weekends and unleash their academic potential

Children attend school throughout the week but they do not have opportunity to enjoy and learn a practical aspect of life that is attained through observation, participation and experience. Parents are busy through out the week and want to take their children to such places or programmes on weekends where children not only enjoy but also learn lessons. Hence, "Children fest – Dhulikhel" is a programme where children plus their parents or guardians enjoy their weekends and learn a great deal of life.

Objectives:

- Provide a place for children where they can make their weekends remarkable
- Organise creative programmes for children plus their parents where they unleash their academic potential and learn lessons that they may not be able to learn in a school classroom.
- Provide a forum for children to show their talents.
- Provide an opportunity for parents to interact with other children's parents.
- Organise talk or counselling programmes for parents so that they get ideas about understanding/handling their children.

Events:

- short trekking/hiking
- cycling

- on the spot drawing/painting competitions
- fancy dress show
- dance competitions
- face paint competitions
- speech competitions
- debate competitions
- paper presentations
- quiz competitions; mathematics, science, sports etc.
- singing competitions
- jokes telling competitions
- on the spot story writing/telling competitions
- mathematics Olympiad
- talk programmes for parents/guardians

Each event will be organised for different age groups:

Age groups: 5- 6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-16

The age must be verified by the school principal

Attractive Prizes will be awarded to the winners.

Participation fee: NRs 395 per head for children & NRs. 495 per head for accompanying adult.

The fee includes welcome drink (cold drink), competition fee, round trip transportation from Kathmandu, lunch. The children have to select only one event for competition in one day.

The participant must bring colours and paintbrushes for painting. The organizer will provide cardboard, pencils and papers. The theme/topic of the drawing/painting will be given on the spot.

Income generated by this program will be invested in downtrodden children's education support.