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**MESSAGE FROM the EDITOR**

Namaste Friends!

With great pleasure we present you our quarterly newsletter!!! Please read our newsletter Issue 2 from year 11, only designed to keep you updated on PSD and her activities, successes and future plans! Any questions and/ or comments regarding the newsletter or about PSD-Nepal are more than welcome. Please forward this newsletter to all the friends who have worked with us and help to raise our profile. We are looking for some news from you people also; please send us any news or materials which we can publish in our next issue. We heartily welcome your views, comments, and queries regarding the work of PSD-Nepal and/or regarding the improvement of the newsletter! You can send us an email to psdnepal@mail.com.np or call us at (9771)-4780369, fax 4780631.

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We are delighted with the successful completion of the school reconstruction project in eight different schools before the commencement of the monsoon season despite different difficulties. This project has been successful for providing the better educational environment in different earthquake affected schools after a year of the massive destruction. After the earthquake people were hopeless for the future of their children as the schools in their locality got destroyed. The lack of school building directly affected the quality of education in the schools as well as the decrease in the school enrolment of the student. During this period, we find the need of the better educational scenario with the construction of the new school building in the needy schools. As a result we are able to construct very few school buildings within a year with the support of the donors and the local people and school family. Community people are appreciating our work and the donors who have contributed for the noble cause. As we have expected to do the same in more schools of the affected areas due to the lack of funding we are able to construct only eight schools up to this time.



Meanwhile, the long race of reconstruction and rehabilitation has not ended for PSD as we are heading towards Integrated Model Village Development Project in different earthquake affected districts of Nepal. The devastating earthquake of April and May 2015 caused widespread destruction of the shelter in different earthquake affected district of Nepal and in the absence of the safe shelter they are compelled to live under the temporary shelter which is not safe and sustainable as it doesn't resist the rain, wind,

heat, snowfall as well as health of the people here is the matter of concern. Realising this PSD Nepal acknowledges the dire need of the safe shelter in the earthquake affected areas. To materialize the vision, PSD Nepal has started the Integrated Model Village Development Project in Pipaltar, Kavre with the funding of Habitat for Humanity Nepal from March 15, 2016.

### **Integrated Model Village Development Project, Pipaltar, Kavre.**

PSD Nepal has started integrated model village in Pipaltar, Kavre with the funding from Habitat for Humanity Nepal from March 15, 2016. In this project 86 families will be provided with the safe permanent housing till the end of the March 2017. After the devastating earthquake of April and May 2015, almost all the houses of the Pipaltar bear the extraordinary destruction as all the houses were completely destroyed beyond the repair. The main inhabitant of this community is Danuwar which is one of the poor and marginalized communities of Nepal and it was almost impossible construct the new safe shelter for the people of this village because of their poor economic condition and the wait for the government reconstruction programs might be years long. People were living under the temporary shelter as it was very difficult living under it. People were facing many health related problems and it was really hard during the monsoon season and winter. In this mean time, to mitigate the problems of this community, PSD Nepal with the funding of HFHN has been constructing the safe shelter in Pipaltar, Kavre.



With the overall goal of assisting 86 poor and marginalized families to improve living conditions through housing and community in an effort to build model village in this area, PSD Nepal has started to build the safe and decent houses for the families to live in as per the design approved by HFHN. This project has been divided into eight phases. We have been assisted by local people as they are contributing their

valuable labours in the construction of the houses. Till now we have completed the construction of the twenty houses and the construction of the other houses have been going on rapid speed. We are hopeful that we will be able to handover these houses at the given time.

### **Trainings to care givers and staffs of Child Homes.**

PSD Nepal has organized three days trainings to the caregivers and the staffs of the child homes particularly all the staff from Bal Mandir homes and some other homes. This training help to improve the quality of the care givers and minimize the traumatic situation with children both in Homes and Balmandir. The training was conducted in two batches, first batch training was held on 27,28 and 29 of March and the later one on 7, 8, 9 April.





Alltogether there were 38 participants from Balmandir and other different homes. The training was divided into different sessions and scessions were facilitated by different resource persons from different organization.

As PSD Nepal identified that there is the lagging in the quality of the care givers in the Homes and Schools. It has also identified that the children in the

Homes are also traumatized with the frequent aftershocks of 4+ magnitudes. Realizing this problems and an immediate need for the solution, the training was conducted with the objective to enhance the knowledge and skills of staff and caregivers in their service delivery, to provide quality of services provided by the caregivers and to build the confidence of the children and minimize the trauma in children. During the training the participants were given training on the professional development, hygiene, environmental hygiene, nutrition, values and ethics, counseling etc by the experts.

The training was characterized with different interactive approach, audio visual presentation, experiences sharing, problems and solution findings in which the participants actively took part. One of the participant of the training says, the training was fruitful as it we came to know about the nutrition, purification methods of the water, and the preventive measures to keep children away from different diseases. Before, we were not aware of the food habits now we have acquired alot of knowledge regarding the nutrition for the children. Similarly, we were able to put forward our problems in the trainings and we get the solutions there too. In a nutshell the training was very useful and it will make differences in the days to come.

### **NAFA Nourishes Program**

NAFA Nourishes program is in its continous progress as we are distributing plumpysups to the childrens of the twelve different homes of the Kathmandu Valley. We have been monitoring the outcomes of this nutrition program based on the health of the children with the consumption of the plumpy sup and we have found that the children are having sound health than earlier. Most of the children are happy to have plumpysup but few disliked it at first whereas with the progress seen in the health they are likely to have it regularly now. For this outcome we have been continously measuring the height and weight of the children. After the three months of the delivery of plumpy sup we will have new assesment and based on it we are planning to increase the number of the homes enrollment in the near future.

### **International Mud Day**

Likewise the earlier year, PSD Nepal is going to celebrate the international mud day on June 29 in Kavre Panchkhal and Chitwan. On the auspicious moment of Asar 15, a day marked as the beginning of the season to plant rice, farmers all over Nepal celebrate it with joys and happiness. In order to celebrate this festival and to connect the children with the mother nature, PSD Nepal organizes Mud Day program every year with the children from diferent schools and orphanages with various of activities performed in the swampy mud which is about to plant rice. This program will be able to provoke the importance of nature to the



human beings.

This program has been fruitful as it brings different insights in the children regarding the mother nature. The children have been able to learn the importance of the mother nature as they find it as something that they can love and enjoy. During the program children from different schools and orphanages gather and they perform different types of competitive activities on the muddy field. This year also we are organizing such program in Kavre and Chitwan to give children the chance to experience the beauty of nature in a new way. It is expected that more than 5000 people along with the school children will participate in the program to celebrate this festival.

### **Volunteer Programs**

PSD Nepal has been organizing different volunteer programs throughout the year. Last year we do have some troubles in the volunteer programs due to the massive earthquake of April. In this post earthquake situation of Nepal PSD Nepal has been seeking volunteer programs in the affected areas of Nepal. For this year we are about to start our summer volunteer program with the arrival of the volunteers from BVDA on 25th of June. Altogether, 12 students from BVDA Bristol University, 15 students from Bond University Australia and 20 students from OxAdventure Kuwait will be joining us and working with us in the summer. These volunteers will be contributing for the reconstruction of the education system of Nepal after the massive earthquake.

PSD Nepal organizes volunteer program in order to strengthen rural education and health for that we offer various volunteer. The mission and objective of the volunteer programs is to encourage and invite International/National volunteers to contribute in the areas of rural community development, education development and environment and nature conservation. These kinds of project will also help to increase the pride and boost moral amongst the community and encourage them to take local initiation for development activities themselves. For this noble cause PSD Nepal offers volunteer programs from all over the world to make differences in this reconstruction phase of Nepal. We all hope that it will make difference in our reconstructional phase.

### **Global Giving fund raising**

For the purpose of school reconstruction, PSD Nepal is raising funds through Global Giving. Therefore we, the PSD family, would like to request all our best friends to contribute to our cause. More details you can find here: There is another opportunity for us where Global Giving will be matching 150% who will donate on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

For US and Canada Donors please click this link:

<http://www.globalgiving.org/projects/rebuild-school-for-479-nepalese-children>

For UK based donors please click this link. We will be able to get gift aid as well.

<http://www.globalgiving.co.uk/donate/24756/partnership-for-sustainable-development/>

We are counting on your engagement and hope for your support. Your donation to our program will be recognized in the supporting community through the quarterly e-newsletter.

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### **Vote of Thanks**

PSD Nepal would like to express its thanks to all those who have contributed in one way or the other to make our relief programmes successful. So far we have successfully raised the funding to build 8 school buildings out of the 10 we have planned. We are still looking for funding to build at least another 2 school buildings. PSD Nepal is looking forward to work with all our well wishers and donors in future as well.

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