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MESSAGE FROM the EDITOR

Namaste friends!

Once again, with great pleasure, we present you our updated quarterly newsletter. Please read this, Issue 2 from our 16th year of writing, designed to keep you updated with PSD Nepal and our activities, projects and future plans!

Any questions and/or comments regarding the newsletter or about PSD- Nepal are more than welcome. Please also forward this newsletter to any friends who may be interested. We heartily welcome your views, comments, and queries regarding the work of PSD- Nepal! You can send us an email to psdnepal@gmail.com or call us at (+977)-9841285379

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Latest PSD – Nepal News

Until now in Nepal, 5,61,302 people are infected by COVID 19, where 7,386 died and 106,470 active cases are recorded. Since March 2020 we have been in full lockdown for almost 6 months, then Nepal lifted the lockdown for almost 3 months, and again due to the extreme rise in covid cases we are back again in lockdown. All the educational institutions are also closed right now. We hope that this newsletter finds you and your loved ones in good health. Even amidst the global pandemic, though it has directly affected the work of PSD, we have tried to continue to serve Nepali communities and help those that need it most.

Income Generation Activities (Bee Keeping Training and Bee Hive distribution)

Beekeeping is landless and marginalized based farming provides the economic, nutritional, and ecological benefit. There is an increasing demand for Nepalese honey in international markets especially based on the honeybee species floral sources thereby indicating a huge potential for beekeeping in Nepal. Beekeeping can be started with very low investment, so that, even the poorest person can go for it with very little support. Thus, the beekeeping enterprise is a very useful medium for the alleviation of poverty in Nepal. With the help of our *Bristol Volunteer Development Abroad (BVDA), Bristol, UK* we could organize a training program where the residence of Kathekhola Rural Municipality (VDC), Baglung, Gandaki Province participated. A total of 20 people joined this program and received a three-day-long training. Out of 20, 13 of them were female and 7 of them were male. These participants were chosen because they were the ones who showed their interest in this business and were looking for opportunities to getting trained. The women who participated were mostly housewives as well as unemployed people who were trying to be self-employed.

The Kathekhola Rural Municipality feels extremely happy to successfully train 20 individuals from their community. The chairperson of the municipality did small sensing about the program post-training where trainees showed a determination to earn and better their living standard. The municipality showed their deepest gratitude towards PSD Nepal and BVDA for the support. They were very happy to receive the training, beehives, and investments from BVDA and PSD in the time of pandemic because this is the time they felt the most helpless and needed it desperately. They expect us to help give similar training in the future as well.



Emergency Grant for Supporting Online Education in Nepal Children Organization

Recently PSD initiated a program to support the Nepal Children's Organization in the time of COVID 19 to smoothly run the online education of the children's residing in orphanages. The objective of this program was to provide food items and laptops to the children for their good health and quality education. Not every child is able to continue the online classes effectively, the lockdown and spread of the virus have led to affecting children's mental and physical health. This provided fund by Global Children's fund was used to purchase 6 laptops and enough healthy food for children associated with Nepal's Children Organization for a month.

This way their health and education are not compromised as they cannot afford to have access to laptops and nutritional food in COVID time. The differently-abled kids associated with the organization were also benefited from the laptops as they are used to show them various inspirational documentaries. 47 children who stay at the residence are indirectly benefited from the fund however the 140 children who go to schools on daily basis are directly benefited by the funded laptops.

One the children of the Nepal Children's Organization said that *"This is the first time I am seeing laptop this close and taking online classes on zoom as well as taking various mock tests and quizzes on the laptops is very fun and engaging, thank you for sending us your help"*.

The key outcome achieved via this fund is that the gap has been filled for students to enjoy classes and learn various subjects in a very effective manner with the help of laptops and the internet. There existed a medium to connect kids with the internet and teach them the utility of it, now that children have access to it, they are quickly learning its functions and can use it without any external supports. Nepal Children Organization shows its sincere gratitude towards the Global Fund for Children (GFC) for providing laptop and nutritional food in the midst of the global crisis. Nepal Children Organization really needed it and feels grateful to have GFC's and PSD support.





Please Donate

Amidst the pandemic, PSD has been focused on its vision and trying its best to work for the upliftment of the country in different ways. CRED Foundation has been helping us to raise COVID relief funds for Nepal. 100% of the donation coming through CRED will be directly used for the COVID relief. You can donate and support our work by tapping here and selecting a one-off donation, 'yes' to a specific campaign, 'PSD Nepal' in the drop-down menu. the one-off donation,

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