



## PSD Connect

### Quarterly Newsletter

The PSD Connect is a quarterly e-newsletter published by the Partnership for Sustainable Development (PSD) Nepal to inform all their partners, previous volunteers, and long-term supporters about our activities and news. PSD Nepal is a non-profit social development organization dedicated to the alleviation of poverty of children and youth of rural Nepal. For more information, please visit [www.psdnepal.org](http://www.psdnepal.org).

## Letter from the Editor

Namaste friends!

Once again, with great pleasure, we present you our updated quarterly newsletter. It will be greatly appreciated if you could read Issue 2 in our 18th year of writing, designed to keep you updated with PSD Nepal and our activities and future plans! Any questions and/or comments regarding the newsletter or PSD Nepal in general, are more than welcome. Please also forward this newsletter to any friends or family who may be interested. We heartily welcome your views, comments, and queries regarding our work. You can email us at [psdnepal@gmail.com](mailto:psdnepal@gmail.com) or call us at **(+977) 9841285379**.

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## The Future is Bright - Our Child Bright Future Orphanage Partnership

We are pleased to share that we are continuing our partnership with the Child Bright Future Nepal orphanage to bring safety, security, and success to vulnerable children in our community. Established in 2005, with the vision of ensuring a bright future for disadvantaged children, the Child Bright Future Nepal orphanage has successfully provided housing, education, and a close-knit family to children, fostering their growth into adulthood.



### Renovation and Rebuilding

These improvements represent PSD Nepal's new infrastructure initiative focused on improving the quality of housing for the CBF children. Previously, our organization was limited to funding the children's education and living expenses but thanks to the generosity of all of you, our donors, and supporters, we were able to extend our reach with this new project. Currently, the CBF is undertaking work to renovate large parts of their orphanage, ensuring that the children are provided with quality living accommodations. All of this could not be possible without the incredible generosity of our donors who assure that we are able to provide the children with the skillset needed to live and thrive.



### Challenges and Recovery

The 18 children currently residing with CBF face many challenges in the aftermath of the 2015 earthquake and subsequent Covid-19 Pandemic that pose a great threat to the orphanage's survival. PSD Nepal is committed to aiding the organization with sustaining their original goal of providing a promising future for the children by pledging funds for everything from upgraded roofing drainage systems to the latest and greatest TVs for the enjoyment of the children.

### Special Thanks

We would like to extend a special thanks to Mr. Aaron Skalka and the Unforgotten Fund team for their incredibly generous donations to the CBF Orphanage. Because of the selfless and compassionate work of these individuals, we can ensure that these children receive countless opportunities in the future.



### Future Obstacles

Still, in a delicate post pandemic world, the future obstacles remain, and it is only with your continued support that we can make real differences in the lives of so many. We at PSD Nepal and the CBF Orphanage wholeheartedly thank you for your assistance in a time where much is uncertain. Please take the time to visit our website and follow us on social media for more in depth information on our numerous projects which serve our friends and family in the Nepali community.

## From Trash to Treasure - PSD's Sustainable Plastics Project Community Awareness in Thamel

We have recently completed a community awareness focused exhibition located in Chhaya Center in Thamel, Kathmandu, an event that was a resounding success for PSD's Plastic Project initiative. Focused on informing the public about the project, our volunteers were able to engage with numerous citizens about the details of our plastic upcycling program, highlighting the environmental degradation that plastic pollution causes in Nepal while also letting those interested know of the practical steps they could take to contribute to the cleanup. Our upcycling program consists of collecting plastic wastes from the local community and transforming it through sustainable, locally designed methods into useful, affordable everyday items. Currently, we have two sites of production located in Kathmandu as well as Sybrubensi, Rasuwa and we are looking to expand our production capabilities. This initiative helps us give this discarded plastic a second life, ensuring the safety of our local ecosystem and providing goods to the people of Nepal.

Additionally, we were able to make sales of our upcycled plastic products, showing the demand for sustainable products that leave a positive effect on the local environment. With a range of products from flowerpots to coasters, we at PSD Nepal remain focused on promoting sustainable practices that also work to benefit our community in tangible ways.



## Expansion to Timure Village

In our commitment to bringing sustainable development to all corners of our nation, we have met with the Ward Chairman of Timure Village and are incredibly pleased to have reached an agreement with the community to include them in our mountain plastics waste management initiative.

With the opening of the Kerung China border, we have witnessed an increase in plastic waste in the village which has prompted our meeting with the community with the focus on finding a solution which works best for the needs of the local community.

Plastic collection will soon begin in Timure and the agreement reached highlights the crucial aspects of partnership in addressing environmental issues as well as the importance of community engagement.



## New Dumping Sites in Langtang

Also in the Langtang region, working closely alongside the local communities, we have successfully established new, designated waste dumping sites in the villages of Kyangjin and Mundu. The region, which is revered for its natural beauty, is one of many which suffers from the detrimental effects of plastic pollution and as a result, the health of the local ecosystem lies at risk. In conversation with local authorities and community members, PSD Nepal has developed a designated location for waste collection ensuring that locals and visitors are able to easily dispose of their waste in a convenient, and environmentally conscious manner.



## Come work with us! - Simon Fraser University Coop Experience

Once again, we are opening our organization up to receiving volunteers from abroad. As the Covid-19 Pandemic subsides, interns from different parts of the world can once again come to Nepal and assist PSD while developing their own professional skillset. We offer a range of enriching internship opportunities from rural healthcare assistance to working directly in our office. Currently, we have welcomed students from Simon Fraser University in Vancouver, Canada to our Kathmandu office and we are hopeful to see many more volunteers choose Nepal as their destination. We welcome all those who have an interest in sustainable development practices and if you wish to learn more about opportunities to work alongside some of the most prominent sustainable development practitioners in Nepal then please don't hesitate to [contact us](#).



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### Many Thanks

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