



PSD Connect

Quarterly Newsletter

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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 3 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 about PSD Nepal, in general, 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 at psdnepal@gmail.com or call us at: **(+977) - 9841285379**.

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Looking to the Future with Child Bright Future Orphanage

In partnership with Child Bright Future (CBF) orphanage, we have helped drastically improve the facility. The whole orphanage has come to life and looks as if it is brand-new, with freshly repainted walls, ceilings, doors, and roofs, as well as revamped bathroom facilities and new water tower systems to ensure a higher quality of water for washing and drinking. CBF is rebuilding after suffering massive setbacks from the 2015 earthquake and the Covid-19 pandemic with PSD – Nepal!



Development of the Orphanage

This year, CBF has been able to change their own facility for the better, with extensive improvements in repainting, plastering, and concreting the building making it a much safer and more visually pleasing home. With funds from PSD – Nepal, CBF was able to acquire new items like a big flat-screen television, improved lighting and electricity, carpeted flooring, and a repaired garden and brand-new playground. The railings were concreted and were laid on top with flowerpots to add colour and liveness to every corner, as well as newly carved doors for a more interesting design and to add curiosity and personality to the building. A building that was previously left to decay after devastating events and unfortunate luck has now been completely transformed to be a cheerful and inviting place.



Trials and Tribulations

CBF has had many challenges in acquiring funding to rebuild their orphanage, with many donors promising to help, but eventually dropping out. PSD – Nepal has filled the role in accomplishing the ultimate goal of rebuilding and improving the facility. During this past year, CBF orphanage has been rebuilt to look like new and has been given new life in order for the children to have a better quality of life in terms of studying, sleeping and recreation.

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 get 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.

Visiting Langtang National Park

Our team has traveled and trekked through Langtang National Park for 6 days to promote awareness about the plastic waste problem in Langtang and discussing with the locals about possible solutions in disposing plastic waste from villages that are 3000 – 4000 meters high in the Himalayan mountains. The largest hurdle these communities face is the fact that there are limited disposal sites in villages and the lack of reliable transport. Several challenges that locals brought up during our visits at the villages of Lama, Langtang, Kyanjin Gompa, and Sherpagaun. The team arrived and learned about the resilience of the villagers in the aftermath of the 2015 earthquake that devastated the country, especially the communities in Langtang. We discussed the importance of collective solutions based on teamwork within these communities and raised awareness on the importance of implementing a successful system of clean and safe waste disposal to create a cleaner and more prosperous environment. Issues like community cohesiveness on solutions and the problems facing the environmental situation as well as the sharing of ideas on waste management by borrowing ideas from other countries were discussed. Materials used to present our projects were with a projector for video presentations.



Langtang's Struggles – Shaken Up and Isolated

The communities of the villages in Langtang National Park have had a struggling time since the devastating 2015 earthquake that leveled entire villages. However, the resilient locals have since rebuilt their villages and continue to live where they have been living for generations. While trekking tourism has once again picked up after the COVID-19 pandemic and has contributed to improving the economies of these villages, consumption of products also increases, leading to problems of waste disposal, particularly plastic. These villages that are 3000 meters high in the mountains makes transport of goods and waste difficult, with mules and sherpas helping transport these products. The biggest challenges facing these communities are having designated disposal sites as well as reliable mass transportation of waste.



Spreading Awareness and Providing Solutions in Association with Atmosfair

In association with Atmosfair gGmbH, PSD-Nepal has helped make improvements to waste management in the villages of Langtang National Park. This includes projects and initiatives like building waste disposal sites in villages like Langtang and Kyanjin Gompa, as well as using mules to transport the plastic waste to the Central Recycling Center (CRC) which are then processed and gathered to be collected by trucks which are then transported from the CRC to Pokhara, which will ensure a cleaner and more sustainable process of waste disposal. Atmosfair gGmbH has been a great help in funding this project and we look forward to future progress with waste management and collection in Langtang.



Special Thanks to Simon Fraser University Volunteers!

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 setting. Our outgoing volunteers from students from Simon Fraser University in Vancouver, Canada have had a wonderful time working at PSD – Nepal and enjoyed helping those in need as well as assisting in environmental programs across Nepal. We would like to thank Paul and Cole for their hard work. 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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