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# ...on the way with God to his destination

# Earthquake Response Update



Altogether, through the support of many of our partners and friends, we were able to provide 662 individuals with medical assistance, 504 families with food packages, also distribute 699 blankets and 714 tarpaulins for temporary shelter needs. Additionally, 500 hygiene and 398 winterization kits were distributed.

Model house construction work is underway. Since HDCS is committed to serving the people in the far west and desires to create long-term impact, activities such as school resilience training for disasters, school water systems repair, support to persons with disabilities, masonry training, and disaster stock management are work in progress. We thank everyone for their financial and spiritual support to help all victims of the earthquake through HDCS.



### Vision

To be living witnesses of God's love and transform communities.

### Mission

Spiritual, social, and economic transformation of the disadvantaged, marginalized and underprivileged communities through health, education and community development.

### Values

Righteousness is the path of our life, Honesty is the strength of our life & Serving others is the duty of our life.

### **PROJECTS**:

### Healt h

- Chaurjahari Hospital Rukum (CHR)
- Gunjaman Singh Hospital Chitwan (GHC)
- Namuna Community Hospital (NCH)

### Education

- Asha Bal Bikas Sewa (ABBS)
- Kathmandu International Study Center (KISC)
- KISC Education Quality Improvement Program (KISC EQUIP)

### **Community Development**

- Chepang Livelihood
- Community Radio Initiative Nepal (CoRIN)
- Community Based Rehabilitation Rukum (CBR Rukum)
- Health Improvement Project Chitwan (HEAL)
- Medical Emergency Health Response (MEHR)
- ✤ One Health
- Samriddha ra Surakshit Samudaya Rukum (3SR)

### Disaster Management

- Anticipatory Action (AA)
- Namuna Community
  Preparedness Project (NCPP)

# Namuna Community Preparedness Project



Namuna Community Preparedness Project, a 15-month project is now complete. The project was implemented in wards 2, 5, 6 and 7 of Sundarbazar Municipality. We had a total of 226 direct beneficiaries and 21,608 indirect beneficiaries who received handson disaster preparedness training through workshops, simulations, and community meetings. These people are now better equipped to prepare, respond, and be resilient to disasters such as fires, accidents, landslides, and earthquakes.

# It's Never Too Late for Safeguarding



The second year of the INTENT project in Chaurjahari, Rukum, began with partnerships agreements with 10 schools. To empower the leaders in the schools, KISC EQUIP provided training on Child Safeguarding Policy.

The Headmaster at Basic School Ghartikada in Rukum, Rudra Prasad Giri, has over 27 years of teaching experience, including 17 as a Headmaster. Giri actively participated in these Safeguarding training sessions by asking questions for clarity and providing his input and views.

On a post-training school visit, Giri shared about his confusion regarding non-physical punishment methods. Giri admitted that he often used physical punishment as he grew up in that culture that deemed it useful and normal. He found our trainings an eye-opener as he was unaware of the legal ban on physical punishment. Giri shared his eagerness to adopt non-physical disciplinary methods and hopes for support from KISC EQUIP in the matter.

## **SPOTLIGHT**

**NCH** - More than 10,000 patients have received quality health care services in the past six months at NCH. NCH continues to be a beacon of hope for the marginalized people in Sundarbazar district and through the community health program, we continue to impact the lives of thousands more.

**CoRIN** - Our radio program is determined to expand its reach across Nepal as we look at starting a new radio station in Dang and have begun the registration process.

**One Health** - Trainings on animal health and environmental health, and their impact on human health have been carried out among 635 mothers and 324 farmers. Training on environmental health has also been carried out among 2094 students. 783 have received medical assistance. In the coming months 8 farmers who have been selected will begin to develop their model farms.



KISC EQUIP's School Transformation Programme in Lamjung in February, <u>attracted 445 students for a Literature</u> festival and a crowd of 1222 students for the Maths Exhibition. Both teachers and students found these events thrilling and incredible. Teachers cherished and rejoiced at the opportunity to help their students with their writing abilities and skills. The students presented many different styles of writing such as essays and poetry. The Maths Exhibition changed the perspective of teachers and students as they realized that Maths can be fun!

In March, 46 teachers in Siraha received follow-up support for prior Maths, Science, English, and classroom management training.

Chitwan HEAL – As of February, the project has reached 4,645 Chepang prople in Kalika Dsitrict of Chitwan. The project staff have equipped and empowered people by providing them with menstrual hygiene, self-hygiene, and sanitation education and counselling.