



The Small World

Joining hands to make a difference...

The story began 30 years ago in a small village in Nepal. The founder of The Small World, one of 12 siblings, was given a donation from a kind-hearted traveller to attend school. The first of his village to receive a bachelor's degree, Karma Sherpa returned to pay it forward by giving other children the same opportunity and started his non profit The Small World in 2006.

The Small World is working to bring access to Girls education, women empowerment & poverty alleviation in communities far away in Himalayas by utilizing local resources, expertise and involving communities & international volunteers. Small World work shoulder to shoulder with communities believing they know the best what their needs are and this is the simple yet best way our works remain sustainable once community take ownership of the projects we do.



Himalayan Hope Home Girls

Our Works

Community Development Project

The Small World's community development work focuses on providing basic infrastructure like safe drinking water, school construction and community building construction. So far, we have built 10 schools, 426 toilets, 2 girls dormitories and provided 60 households with safe drinking water. But there are many, many more communities that need schools, and many more families that need safe drinking water. At the moment there are many girls who spend a large portion of their day collecting water for their family preventing them from going to school.



Himalayan Hope Home

Girls Refuge: Himalayan Hope Home is our new home for 30 girls all of them motherless or fatherless (deceased or missing). Orphan girls are the main target for traffickers as there is no one to care for them and in most of the cases they are seeking an opportunity to escape the desperate situation they are in; so it is much easier to lure them with a false promises like a new life in a big city, a good job or even false marriage proposals.

Himalayan Hope Home is our initiation to protect vulnerable young Nepali girls (before they are targeted by traffickers) who are at highest risk of being a victim of human trafficking, we are providing those girls a safe home, with hope, nutritious diet, medical care, educational opportunity and overall parental care which every single child deserves. Every year 15000-20000 girls trafficked from Nepal and this data is scaling up after the Earthquake.

Girls Higher Education in Solukhumbu

In the Everest region 7 out of 10 girls drop out of school after grade ten. In Nepal, parents prefer to send their son to school, where as they like their daughters at home to take care of household chores, the literacy rate of women is just 23%.



We envision a world where every girl and boy has equal access and opportunity to attend school and get an education. To realize this dream and to end the gender gap in education in remote villages of Solukhumbu, we build first of it's kind of girls dorm for higher education, where girls can live safely under the guardianship, providing their education sponsorship with tuition fees, uniform, books as well as several women leadership program which help to push their personal limits with aim to build future role model leadership of their community assuring their mothers & new generation that girls also can do & can be teachers, doctors, leaders, social worker, successful business women or anything they dream to be in future.

We have 80 girls graduated in 2014 and 40 more graduating in 2016. 23% of all the graduates are placed in different jobs like teaching, health care and accountancy.

Volunteering

Volunteering with The Small World is a great opportunity for all highly enthusiastic travellers with an open mind. Volunteers should have a willingness o learn, to experience extreme physical activity and to live like a local in home stays and lodges. It is an unique opportunity to explore the real Nepal.

Nepal Earthquake 2015

The Two devastating Earthquakes magnitude 7.8 & 7.3 that hit Nepal on April 25th & May 12th, recorded with over 8900 people killed, over 17,000 injured, 700000 homes have been destroyed & damaged & more than 16,000 public & private schools are destroyed. This is the worst earthquake to hit country in 81 years.



Our Response to Earthquake

As a small, flexible NGO with capacity to make quick decisions, and having manpower on the ground we have been able to quickly get food, clean drinking water, shelter and most practical and direct assistance possible to those who are most in need.

The second earthquake has severely damaged the extremely poor lower Solukhumbu district where we have been working for last 8 years. Over 90% schools and 60% homes collapsed. Our biggest priority right now is to send children back to school otherwise, this disaster threatens to deprive thousands of children of their basic right to education and when children are out of school for long periods they are at highest risk of falling into child labor, child marriage, abuse and human trafficking. Many will simply never return to the classroom.

We have reached over 17,130 people with our immediate emergency relief. Our Temporary Learning Shelter (schools) benefited over 6000 students in solukhumbu. Our longer term program is to build permanent schools and shelters for family and help them with different income generating skills.



Earthbag Dormitory in Solukhumbu District

Our Achievements

Community Development

- 10 permanent schools and 20 Temporary school Shelters
- 7850+ students annually benefiting from those schools.
- 426 toilets constructed benefiting 2556 individuals.
- 32 schools are provided PTA Training.
- 8000 students, 1600 parents, 105 teachers have benefitted from PTA training.
- 60 households are benefiting from Safe drinking water project

Future for Girls

- 130 Girls have been enrolled in school through scholarship program.
- 80 girls graduated college through Solukhumbhu Girls dorm since 2010 and 40 will graduate in 2016.
- 30 orphan and abandoned girls are provided education and parental care through Himalayan Hope Home.

Our Volunteer

- 720 international volunteers have contributed 35000 hours of labour, changing hundreds of lives in rural Nepal Since 2006.

Donate

Donations to The Small World create a measurable and lasting impact on the lives of women, children and families in some of the most remote communities in the Himalayas, where access to basic infrastructures often does not exist.

The volunteering fee we receive covers all of our administrative costs. This means 100% of all the donations given to The Small World go directly to our projects.



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