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## Solar Power System Installed at Khunde Hospital

Himalayan Trust Nepal (HTN) installed a 10KW solar power system at Khunde Hospital to serve as a backup source after the KBC hydropower system was damaged by the Thame GLOF in August 2024.

This initiative ensures the reliable operation of lab medical equipment, including laboratory devices, dental tools, and eye care machines, enabling the continuation of vital healthcare services. The funding for the procurement and installation of the solar power system has been generously supported by the American Himalayan Foundation.



➤ Solar panels installed on the roof of long stay ward in Khunde Hospital.

## Drugs, Eye Care Equipment, and Bedding Supplies Supported

HTN procured and transported essential medicines for Goli Clinic over the last quarter. Moreover, necessary eye clinic equipment and medicines were purchased and delivered to Patle Clinic. Furniture for the eye clinic has been made locally.

Effective from the 18th October 2024, the duty stations of HA, Subash Bhattarai and CMA, Buddha Bir Tamang have been swapped, with Subash now stationed at Goli Clinic and Buddha at Patle Clinic.



➤ Drugs for Goli Clinic.



➤ Eye care equipment for Patle Clinic.

Buddha Bir Tamang, who recently completed six months of eye care training in Kathmandu, has set up an eye care clinic at Patle clinic. The procurement of medicines, eye care equipment, and the operation of these clinics have been generously supported by The Forgotten Sherpas of Nepal Trust, New Zealand and Sir Edmund Hillary Stiftung Germany.

Likewise, HTN procured blankets, bed sheets, pillows, and pillow covers for patients at Khunde Hospital. This support has been made possible through the contributions of the Himalayan Trust New Zealand and the American Himalayan Foundation.

HTN procured medicines and equipment for Salyan Clinic under the funding support of Sir Edmund Hillary Stiftung, Germany.





➤ Drugs for Salyan Clinic.



➤ Bedding supplies for Khunde Hospital.



➤ Drugs for Patle Clinic.

## Five-Year Integrated Development Project Evaluation

The Social Welfare Council's (SWC) evaluation team, led by Mr. Baram Devkota, and two other members: Ms. Bhagawati Sangraula, Director of the SWC, and Mr. Anil Basnet, Finance Expert conducted site visits to Lukla, Namche, Khunde, Khumjung, and Monjo in the Khumbu region in October 2024. The purpose of the visit was to evaluate HTN's five-year (July 2019 to July 2024)



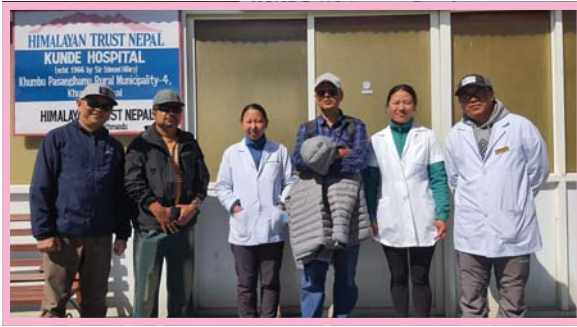
➤ Visit to Lukla Basic School.



➤ Visit to Thangka Painting School.

Integrated Development Project (IDP) in the Solukhumbu district. The IDP project includes the operation of Khunde Hospital and its outreach clinics, Quality Education Programme in Solukhumbu, the Monjo Drinking Water and Fire Hydrant Project, and support for Phaplu Hospital and other health institutions in Solukhumbu. HTN's chairperson, Mr. Pasang Dawa Sherpa, and Programme Manager, Mr. Lhakpa Tenji Lama (Sherpa) accompanied the evaluation team during their field visits, which took place from 29 October to 3 November 2024.





➤ Visit to Khunde Hospital.



➤ Visit to Khumjung Secondary School.



➤ Visit to Himalaya Basic School, Namche.



➤ Visit to the Monjo Drinking Water and Fire Hydrant project site.



➤ Meeting with the chairman of Ward No. 2 at Lukla.



➤ Group photo taken with the SWC evaluation team at HTN office.

## BCF Annual Picnic Programme

The annual picnic programme for students, supported by the Benoit Chamoux Foundation (BCF) was organized at Chhahari Retreat in Budhanilkantha on 9th November 2024. Ms. Fabienne Claus, the

founder of BCF, along with her friend Beatrice Du Sordet, engaged in meaningful interactions with the students and their parents. The event was attended by 32 participants, including students, parents/guardians, HTN staff, and the former CAOs of HTN Mr. Ang Rita Sherpa and Mr. Pasang Lama Sherpa.



➤ BCF annual picnic programme conducted on 9 November 2024.

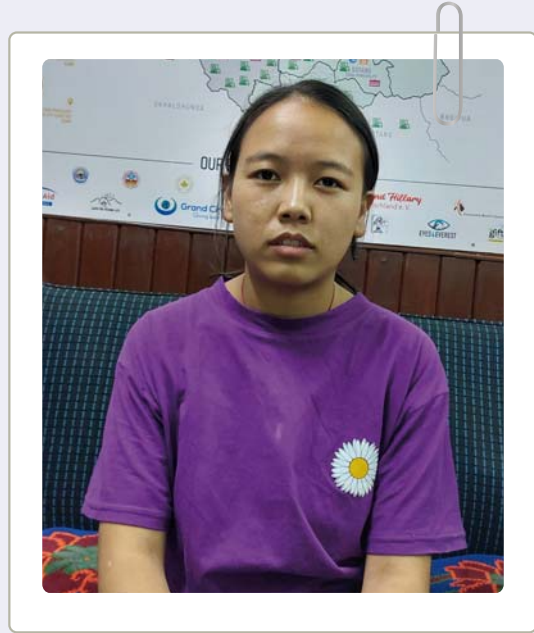


➤ Ms. Fabienne Claus and Ms. Beatrice Du Sordet with HTN board members.



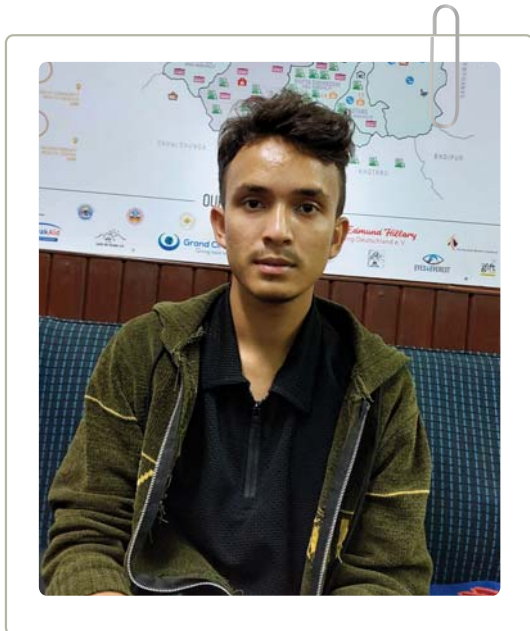
## Scholarships Awarded: Louise and Belinda Hillary Memorial Scholarship

“ The Louise and Belinda Hillary Memorial Scholarship for this year, initially awarded to Ms. Lhakpa Dolma Sherpa, has been awarded to Ms. Dawa Yangjee Sherpa after Ms. Lhakpa left abroad to pursue her studies. Ms. Dawa has received the scholarship to study grade 11 and 12 in the Management stream (Computer Science) at Xavier International College, Boudha. The scholarship is generously supported by the Sir Edmund Hillary Stiftung (SEHS), Germany. ”



## The Sir Edmund Hillary Foundation, Canada Scholarship

“ Mr. Jiban Biswakarma from Sotang Rural Municipality has been awarded The Sir Edmund Hillary Foundation (SEHF) Canada Scholarship to pursue a four-year Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) degree at Devdaha Medical College & Research Institute in Bhaluhi, Rupandehi, Nepal. The scholarship grant has been generously supported by the SEHF Canada ”



## The Mary Lowe Scholarship

“ Two students, Mr. Phurba Geljen Sherpa and Ms. Dipa Bhattarai have been awarded The Mary Lowe Scholarship. Mr. Sherpa received the scholarship to pursue a Management course at Manaslu World College, Kathmandu, while Ms. Bhattarai has been awarded the scholarship to study for a Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering at Kantipur International College, Lalitpur. The scholarship grant has been generously funded by the Himalayan Trust UK in honor of its Trustee member, Mrs. Mary Lowe. ”



Mr. Phurba Geljen Sherpa,  
Management



Ms. Dipa Bhattarai, Civil  
Engineering



## The Nepal Kinderhilfe Scholarship

Ms. Pasang Yangjen Tamang from Rasuwa has been awarded the Nepal Kinderhilfe Scholarship to pursue a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration (BBA) at Malpi International College in Chakrapath, Kathmandu. The scholarship grant assistance has been generously supported by Nepal Kinderhilfe e.V. which has also funded her education up to the high school level.



## Child-friendly Furniture Supported

HTN provided 36 pairs of child-friendly desks and benches for grade 4-8 students of Lukla Basic School.



➤ Child friendly desks and benches set up in the classroom of Lukla Basic School



The furniture was transported to Taksindu and subsequently airlifted by helicopter to Lukla. This initiative is part of the Quality Education Programme in Solukhumbu (QEPS), funded by the Himalayan Trust New Zealand and the New Zealand's International Development Cooperation.

## Guests' Visit to HTN

HTN had the privilege of hosting numerous guests from various organizations. Mrs. Phurba Sona Sherpa and Ms. Diane McKinnon visited HTN office on 15 October 2024.

Ms. Kyoko Yokosuka, Resident Representative of UNDP and Ms. Lisa Choegyal, Honorary Consul of New Zealand visited HTN on 21 October 2024.

Likewise, board members of Sir Edmund Hillary Stiftung, Germany Mr. Manfred Braml and his wife Ms. Brigitte visited HTN office on 25 October 2024.



➤ Ms. Kyoko Yokosuka and Ms. Lisa Choegyal at HTN

The Himalayan Trust New Zealand's Mountain Bike Team led by the Fundraising Manager Mr. Casey Hemingway visited HTN on 27 October 2024.

HTN also welcomed His Excellency Mr. Patrick John Rata, New Zealand's High Commissioner to Nepal, Mr. Rahul Mukund, Policy Advisor at the New Zealand High Commission, New Delhi and Ms. Lisa Choegy, Honorary Consul of New Zealand on 21st November 2024.

Professor Harutaka Sakai from Japan and Mr. Pemba Lama also visited HTN office and discussed on future collaboration to support Junbesi school.

Additionally, Mr. Apa Sherpa and Mr. Lhakpa Rita Sherpa visited the Trust office and discussed about possible collaboration for building Thame school that was destroyed by the Thame Glacial Lake Outburst Flood (GLOF) on 16 August 2024.



➤ Mrs. Phurba Sona Sherpa and Mrs. Diane McKinnon at HTN.



➤ Mr. Manfred Braml and his partner Ms. Brigitte at HTN.



➤ HTNZ Mountain Trail Bike team at the Trust office.



➤ HE Mr. Patrick John Rata, Mr. Rahul Mukund, Lisa Choegy at the Trust office.



➤ Prof. Harutaka Sakai and Mr. Pemba Lama.



## Sir Ed Visitor Centre Awarded

Mr. Rick Pearson, an architect from New Zealand received the International Award for Architecture for designing The Sir Ed Visitor Centre located at Khumjung High School. This incredible recognition highlights the hard work, dedication, and excellence that went into creating a world-class visitor's centre amidst the majestic Himalayas.



➤ Sir Ed Visitor Centre located in Khumjung.

## Planning and Monitoring Visit to Thame

On 3rd December 2024, the HTN team, led by Chairman Mr. Pasang Dawa Sherpa, along with CEO Dr. Mingma Norbu Sherpa, Programme Manager, Mr. Lhakpa Tenji Lama (Sherpa), Engineer Mr. Bijay Shrestha, and Field Supervisor Mr. Dipu Sherpa, visited Thame to attend a consultation and planning meeting organized by the Thame School Management Committee in Thameteng. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Pasang Gyalzen Sherpa, Chairman of Khumbu Pasanglhamu Rural Municipality (KPLRM) Ward No. 5, and included participation from the ward member, head master of



➤ Mr. Rick Pearson, the visionary architect behind the design.

This award is not just an architectural milestone but a testament to the enduring legacy of Sir Edmund Hillary, connecting visitors to his inspiring story and the vibrant culture of the Khumbu region.



➤ Mr. Rick Pearson, Mr. Alexander Hillary, and Ms. Alexa Johnston at the award ceremony.

Khumjung and Thame schools, the SMC chairperson and members, the HTN team, local intellectuals, community members, parents, and other stakeholders.

The meeting focused on collaborative efforts to construct key infrastructure, including the Thame school, a hostel, teachers' quarters, and a health clinic, with joint support from KPLRM and HTN.

During their visit to Khumbu, the HTN team also monitored various facilities, including Khumjung School, Thame School hostel facilities at Khumjung, Khunde Hospital, Monju School, Monju Water Supply and Fire Hydrant Project and Pema Chholing Basic School in Ghat.





➤ Thame village three months post GLOF.



➤ Chairman of HTN, Mr. Pasang Dawa Sherpa addressing the meeting at Thameteng.



➤ CEO of HTN, Dr. Mingma Norbu Sherpa addressing the meeting at Thameteng.



➤ Chairman of SMC Mr. Nuru Wangchu Sherpa addressing the meeting at Thameteng.



➤ Group photo taken after the meeting.

## Uniform Distribution in School

With financial support from Dani Humphrys of Bulgaria, HTN distributed tracksuits and jackets to 25 students and seven teachers at Yuba Barsha Basic School in Monjo. Upon returning from their visit to Thame, HTN Chairman Mr. Pasang Dawa Sherpa and his team handed out tracksuit sets and jackets to the students, as well as jackets to the teachers.



➤ Glimpses of uniform distribution in Yuba Barsha Basic School in Monjo.

## Tripartite MoUs Signed for New Computer Labs

On 17 December 2024, tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) were signed between Himalayan Trust Nepal, EduTech Nepal, and eight schools from Solukhumbu and Khotang districts at the HTN office in Dillibazar. The selected schools for this year's computer lab installation are as follows:



1. Himganga Secondary School, Chaulakharka, Solukhumbu
2. Buddha Secondary School, Goli, Solukhumbu
3. Rampur Secondary School, Kaku, Solukhumbu
4. Namlung Secondary School, Hunga, Solukhumbu
5. Thekchen Pema Chholing Gonpa Community Primary School, Salleri, Solukhumbu
6. Tengboche Monastery School, Tengboche, Solukhumbu
7. Pema Chholing Basic School, Ghat, Solukhumbu
8. Makpa Secondary School, Aiselukharka, Khotang



The establishment of these new computer labs were made possible through the generous funding support of Mike and Sheryl Chisholm's initiatives under EduTech Nepal and Himalayan Trust New Zealand, in partnership with the respective schools.

The main goal of this initiative is to transform education through technology. With the addition of these new computer labs, the total number of labs established in the Solukhumbu and Khotang districts now stands at 51.



➤ Glimpses of Tripartite MoU signing at the Trust office.



## New Recruitment

HTN has appointed Ms. Sushma Adhikari as the Project Coordinator for the Menstrual Health Solukhumbu (MHSK) Project, effective from 16 December 2024. Ms. Adhikari, a Public Health graduate, will oversee and implement the menstrual health project for the next six months.

The MHSK project is going to be piloted in Junbesi, Taksindu, and Mahendra Jyoti Secondary Schools, with technical support from the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and funding support from the New Zealand High Commission in New Delhi.



## School Based Teacher Training Programme (SBTTP)

The SBTTP team, comprising of two members per team, visited schools in the Khumbu Pasanglhamu Rural Municipality and Solududhkunda Municipality from 17 November to 12 December 2024. The team, made up of Mr. Bishnu Kumar Rayamajhi and Ms. Deepa Niraula visited 10 schools in KPLRM, while the

team comprising Mr. Ishworman Rai and Ms. Sangita Rai visited 10 schools in Ward No. 1, 2, and 3 of Solududhkunda Municipality, as well as two schools in Likhupike Rural Municipality.

The main objective of their visits was to conduct an end-line survey in order to assess student's learning achievement involving 700 (350 female and 350 male) students from both municipalities. The end-line survey was part of an internal assessment across four subjects: English, Nepali, Mathematics, and Science. Students from grade 2 to 8 were selected for the assessment process.



➤ Students of Khumjung and Thame School taking Nepali assessment.



➤ Students of Mahendra Jyoti Secondary School taking part in the end-line assessment.



➤ Students of Buddha Academy Basic School in Tumbuk taking part in the end-line assessment.



➤ A grade four student taking a reading assessment at Junbesi Secondary School.

## Zero TB in Kids and Family

HTN is implementing the “Zero TB in Kids and Family” research project, funded by Johns Hopkins University. During the last quarter, 648 participants were screened across one monastery, two nunneries, and one hostel school, including 363 males and 285 females, of whom 357 were kids.

The team is diligently conducting routine medication follow-ups and necessary follow-up investigations to ensure effective treatment. Simultaneously, data entry is being carried out in the office to maintain accurate records of the screening and follow-up processes.

## Literacy through Integrated Learning Programme

The LIL team, consisting of Mr. Chandra Dev Bhatt and Ms. Gita Lama, visited 12 schools in Sotang and 8 schools in Mahakulung Rural Municipalities from 17 November to 12 December 2024. Another team, comprising of Mr. Mahendra Bahadur Kathet and Ms. Srijana Thapa, visited 12 schools in Mapya Dudhkoshi Rural Municipality from 1 to 22 December 2024.



➤ Education Advisor, Mr. Mahendra Kathet taking assessment of grade two students at Devisthan Basic School, Sarima.



➤ Mr. Chandra Dev Bhatt, LIL Education Coordinator taking reading test of a student at Himchuli Basic School as part of the end line assessment.



➤ LIL Field Officer, Ms. Srijana Thapa sharing the idea of taking assessment in the classroom with the class teacher Ms. Hastimaya Rai at Janakalyan Basic School, Bodu.

During these visits, the teams successfully completed the end-line assessment. On the same trip, they also conducted a stationery needs assessment, completed school and class observation forms, supported teachers in classroom management, and facilitated the use of teaching-learning materials. They also provided guidance on the implementation of the integrated curriculum and continuous evaluation practices.



➤ LIL Field Officer, Ms. Gita Lama taking end line assessment at Janasudhar Basic School.



## Consultation Workshop with Thame Community in Kathmandu

HTN organized a consultation workshop with the Thamichho (Thame) community in Kathmandu on 20 December 2024. The primary goal of the workshop was to facilitate discussions and gather community input on rebuilding Thame School, student hostel, teachers' quarters, and a health clinic.

More than 35 participants from Thame, Thamo, Thameteng, including executive member of KPLRM, Ms. Ang Maya Sherpa, members of the Yambu Thamichho Kydug, and representatives from the local youth group took part in the workshop. Their inputs reflected the community's aspirations and highlighted key areas of focus for the rebuilding efforts.



➤ Glimpses of the consultation workshop conducted in Kathmandu.





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