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What is Asha-Hope?

Asha- Hope is a non-profit and non-government organization founded in 2071, running a pre-primary school for underprivileged, poor, and needy children to promote the rights for their early childhood education. It works directly with the kids and their families from the slum society and children who are underprivileged due to the caste and ethnicity division. Specially they are given a chance to receive basic early childhood education with health care, food and clothes. Such divisions have only made Asha's mission of "Equality in education" more important than ever. It aims at providing quality education from grassroots levels, as nursery schooling forms the basic and strongest foundation in the life of every child. We take the responsibility of making their education



strong, meaningful and fruitful. It provides education with hygienic food and all other required basic facilities. Asha provides that suitable environment for children to nurture their mental and physical activities. Asha is becoming a hope in their life to achieve a better future. Recognizing the importance of early childhood education and services in the context of Nepal, Asha gives the area's improvised childhood a chance to attend pre-primary level of schooling. Our Ngo is established to provide pre-primary level of school running classes from playgroup, Nursery, L.K.G and U.K.G. This year we educated 20 kids altogether. Among these kids 3 of them are suffering from Cancer. There are kids from 3 to 13 years. As age is not a matter of subject to get in our Ngo because we are collecting bigger kids who needs opportunity to study.

Major Objectives

The 4 major objectives are as follows:

Goal 1 – Early Childhood Education

NGO supports the children of the slum areas of Basundhara by providing them pre-primary level education in a friendly and comfortable environment. Our semi- Montessori and practical method of educational model helps the children to develop language and improve social as well as motor skills.

Goal 2 - Reduce Child Discrimination in Education

Through direct contact with the parents in the slums, the NGO raises awareness about the importance of education, especially for girls. By providing free schooling, we are enabling the children in the slum areas to build a good foundation for their future, irrespective of their social background and gender.

Goal - 3 Improve Child Health

In addition, to teaching children the importance of hygiene and giving them healthy food, we are also providing medicines and regular vaccination programs given by the government of Nepal. Altogether, the school provides an encouraging environment for kids to grow physically, mentally and emotionally. In addition, we provide warm nutritious meals and safe drinking water. The children also get the chance to experience a structured everyday life and learn to socially interact with other kids.



Goal 4 – Providing the right teacher for the development of Children

Teachers are the second guardians of every child. So, it is very necessary to train the teachers to handle the children. Understanding the needs, teachers will receive training on academic course plan preparation, lesson planning, question paper setting, preparing class work copies, singing and dancing. Also, teachers will be provided training which will be best suited for the children to help them learn in an interactive way. Trainings will be provided to both the male and female teachers and also to the volunteers to help them succeed in their respective fields.

Asha Ngo would like to have the branch school in another needy place as we have already seen the place .Due to the lack of funding ASHA NGO has not been able to work on that project. So our future goal is to have a branch school of Asha.



5. Arranging the regular meeting with the parents to make them understand the importance of education.

From the starting date of our Academic session, we arranged meeting with the parents regularly at the end of the month. Through our last experiences we have seen that the guardians themselves are uneducated and they do not give value to educate their children. Due to the lack of education they can't even guide their children to complete their given homework. This is the reason why it's been difficult for the kids to carry on their education at home. They have to rely totally on their regular classes.



Funding and Support

We finance the running cost of Asha by the donations from private sponsors, donors, volunteers, interested visitors, and service clubs and by organizing the programs to generate funds. As we are not supported by the government and not having regular funding sources from anywhere so we have to find out help only by ourselves. We are always seeking for running cost of Ngo. Without funds, Ngo cannot imagine to continue this noble cause. Ngo is completely dependent on national and international donors and running on the financial help that we receive from the individual peoples, schools, visitors, volunteers and well-wishers. We appeal to contribute to this noble cause.

Asha would like to express appreciation and gratitude to all our supporters, donors, visitors, volunteers and well-wishers. In the name of all the responsible persons, staffs and children we would like to thank them all for their trust and faith in our programs and abilities as well as for their moral support and generous financial contributions.



Volunteers of Asha

We had many volunteers from the starting year to till date who came to Nepal to assist our teachers and also to help out these needy kids. We sincerely thank them for the work they did here at Asha and more importantly, for the positive changes they helped to create by giving us their precious time during their stay. Because of their energy and enthusiasm we are able to further the mission in enhancing the lives at Asha. It means the world to us and our children who are able to get better education and future .And somehow these volunteers are being the part of their changing life.

Name	Country	Period
Jenny	Germany	1 Year
Julia	Netherland	1 Month
Tania	Luxumberg	1 Month
Annie	Luxumberg	1 Month
Katherina	Austria	1 Month



MESSAGE FROM OUR VOLUNTEERS



“Working at ASHA was such a rewarding experience! Sarika is an amazing teacher and so devoted to her job, I learned a lot from her. The children love her and are so eager to learn. Besides school education, ASHA provides healthy food, a structured social everyday life, and teaches important hygiene rules. Besides, ASHA ensures that the children get basic medical care and even offers trainings for the mothers. It was awesome to be with the kids every day, to laugh with them, and to see how quickly they learn and improve. The teacher at ASHA are so caring and were always open to my ideas. I call myself lucky that I was able to be part of the ASHA family! Thank you ASHA!”

Jeanette Prinz

Munich, Germany | June 2018



MESSAGE FROM OUR VOLUNTEERS



“I'm Julia from the Netherlands and I am 19 years old. Last year I went to Nepal for three months, on my own. I traveled, experienced the Nepali life and also volunteered at a school, named ASHA. I am so happy I made the decision to volunteer at this school. I learned so much and got new insights.

The first two weeks at the school I had the time to get used to everything, the children, the teachers, the way of teaching and so on. This was a comfortable way to get to know the 'school life' in Nepal, because it is so different than in the Netherlands.

After the two weeks I started to give arts and craft lessons. Everyday I made a new exercise for the children to practice their creative skills. It made me so happy to see how every kid enjoyed and did their best. They made some very beautiful work!

The teachers were so good and kind and I am amazed about the efforts they make to teach the children and give them a good time. ASHA makes education possible for every child. I am glad I could be part of the ASHA family. They have a very special place in my heart!”

Julia Roozenbeek

Netherlands

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“Working as volunteers in ASHA was a really valuable experience for both of us. We are happy about assisting the teachers during the lessons and getting an impression of their teaching. After some years of teaching experience in Luxembourg, we were really interested in their work and tried to give them some ideas and different methods of teaching we are using in our school system. All the teachers had been open-minded and happy about every input and immediately tried to put our ideas into practice. We are grateful for this great cooperation and would like to thank them for their warm hospitality.”

We think that the work of ASHA is really important for the children living in the slum area next to the school. Without the support of this NGO, all these children would not have the possibility of an education, a right that every child should have in our world. For us, supporting this project will always be necessary to guarantee the future of these children.”

Annie and Tanja
 Luxembourg | May 2018

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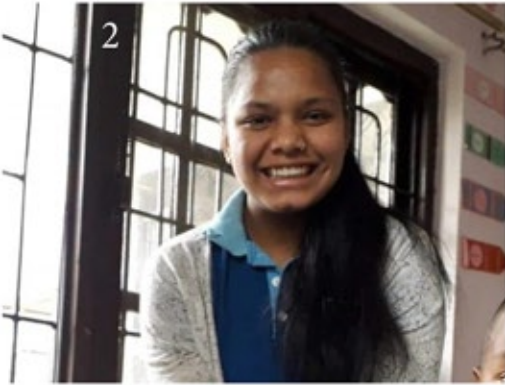
“My time at Asha:

First coming to Nepal was not different than I expected it to be. It is crowded and everything is louder than I am used to it in Europe. Then I came to Asha. I was welcomed from all the kids with a really loud “Namaste” and a Hello. I immediately felt at home. I was asked if I have ideas or games or things to do with the kids. I had a lot of things in mind. During my time here I was allowed to realise a lot of my ideas with the kids. I was so happy that nearly everyone in Nepal speaks English, so there was not a big language barrier. Even the kids understood a lot. During my stay I helped in the lessons and helped where I could. All the teachers were really friendly and always translated to the kids if they did not understand. I am so thankful that I had the opportunity to work at Asha and was able to help.”

Katharina Drawetz
 Austria

Employment priority given to the people from slum society.

We are giving opportunity to work at “Asha” specially given priority to the slum society people who are seeking a job to support their family. Here we have the staffs of “Asha”



1. Rachana 2. Jyoti 3. Nikesh 4. Promila 5. Bimala

Scholarship and Academic Performances

Asha is not only providing pre-primary level of education but also taking responsibilities to educate them after completing kinder section in our Ngo. We are continuously providing scholarship to our passed out kids to class one in well-known government school named ‘Shivapuri Secondary School’. Since from the starting year to till date we have given scholarship to 8 kids’ altogether,

- 1. Anjali Sharma
- 2. Puspa Sharma
- 3. Roshan Yadav
- 4. Ganga Sharma
- 5. Alisha rana
- 6. Jamuna sharma
- 7. Pradip Tamang
- 8. Kishan Pahari

and these kids are making Asha proud by studying very hard. Among them one kid named Alisha Rana performed excellent by ranking (1st) first in whole academic year so now she got scholarship automatically by



“Alisha” making Asha proud by ranking 1st(First) through the whole academic year.

the school administration. Two kids from one family named Anjali Sharma winning 1st prize continuously in handwriting competition and younger sister Ganga Sharma winning 3rd prize as well. Asha realized that the foundation level of our schooling has given the best results by seeing the good results of these passed out kids. This coming year we have 2 more kids to provide scholarship. This is the way we have been taking care of educational part of their life which is the most important one.



Asha’s Kids studying in “Shivapuri Secondary School”

Asha- Hope is supporting the kids suffering from ‘Cancer’

Asha is supporting 3 kids suffering from the “Cancer”. Their treatment is going on in the government hospital named Teaching Hospital. One is **Bhumika**, a little girl with pleasant personality. She is irregular in the school due to her treatment. During the conversation with her mother, she said there has been little progress in her treatment that’s why they are taking care of her at home.

Yogesh is another child facing with the disease. He is very obedient and hardworking too. Among these 3 kids Yogesh is only one who is regular in school. When we first met him, he can’t even hold the pencil to write because his handshakes continuously. He also has to go to toilet after a second. But now he is getting better and better each day after having treatment. He was regular in the Nursery class .So now he is upgraded to class LKG .We all are very happy to see him in good health.

Himal is also fighting with this disease. He is improving daily by the treatment. His performance in studies is outstanding. He is very decent and understanding child. He can do much better in his studies if he can be able to present regularly in the school.

Asha hope to see these kids in good health and enjoy their childhood like the other kids. But the truth is Health is more important for these kids more than education.



Bhumika



Yogesh



Himal



Ayush

This is Aayush. He is studying in U.K.G. He has one little sister, who is also studying at Asha in Nursery. Aayush is very keen to learn new things. It’s been very difficult for him to match the level of studies with his class fellows. But, Asha’s teacher are more focused on these cancer patient kids health. Because, health comes first then their studies. Hope to see their recovery soon and may they will be happy and live freely like other normal kids.

Children and Family

Asha believe that access to education is a basic human right of every kid. It remains a distant dream for the children that we are working with. They are poor, underprivileged and needy as well. It’s a dream for them to be in schools that offers quality education with filled learning equipment’s and learning resources. Before joining our Ngo, education for them is beyond their economic limits.

Families of our kids’ are basically from slum society targeted to ward no.3 at Basundhara area. Most of the parents are

working as a laborer and in houses as domestic workers. Highly rental charge, food expenses, medical and general living expenses are not enough for them to survive in daily life. Due to this the most of the kids are not being able to be in private as well as government schools. While visiting their rooms, we have seen a family having 6 members adjusting in a small dark room. And also seeing the child discrimination issues. Their poverty never allows them to have a comfort life.



Story of Asha's Kid

This is Krishan's family. Krishan is the only one child in his family he is now 5 years old. He loves his father and mother very much. But now it's been four five months that he is not interested to live and spend quality time with his parents. He avoids being nearby them due to their health issues. Now Krishan's parents are not in good health like before. Krishan's father's both kidneys are failed. He was trying to convince his father to donate his one kidney so that he can survive and able to live happily with family. But his father denied him to give his one kidney by saying I have three sons so it won't matter if I will lost one of them. This conversation made Krishan's mother so depressed and frustrated that she decided to donate her own organ to save her husband. She said, "Saving my husband's life is more important than losing my one organ. These days she is facing lots of difficulties due to her body's misbalance but she is trying to adjust herself. She added; *"We have lots of problems internally as well as financially. We have to pay around 9 lakhs to our friends and relatives who helped us out during the operation time. I don't know how we will manage to pay them back"* .

They do have a small land with small house in their home town in Sindhupalchowk. During the earthquake in April 2015, they have to lose their home as well. They do want to sell this property but the valuation is only around 50/60 thousand. So there is no sense to sell this property in this difficult phase of their life.

Right now, they are living in slum area in Basundhara Kathmandu where they have only one room before operation and now had to take two rooms for the protection from getting injections. They are paying 7000/-rent for two rooms. As in medicines they need to spent lots of money. So, Krishan's educational responsibility can't be beard by them so Asha Ngo welcomes him to make him a part of our family. Recently his father has not been able to work outside so he stays at home and her mother works for the family instead of her health issues. Krishan is a shy but hardworking child. We are very happy to his academic progress.



Celebrating Special Occasions with Asha's Visitors

Asha Ngo always welcome our visitors and well-wishers to celebrate their birthday and other special occasion with our kids. Kids spend a day with them by enjoying fully with joy and full of happiness.

Some of the memories of the celebration with the visitors-Colln of photos



Some glimpses of Programs and Activities from the year 2072 to 2075



Story time.



Sleeping time.



Happy to get Asha's School Bag.



Annual Picnic.



Happy time with our Volunteers from Abroad.



Enjoying "Clown" play with our volunteer from Abroad.



Home Visits



Art and Craft Classes.

Some glimpses of Programs and Activities from the year 2072 to 2076



Dance Class



Eating time "Kheer"



Happy to get Stationaries



Playing with friends



Practical exercises in Montessori Class



Reading time



Global Hand Washing Day - Retracted Club of Kantipur Dental College



Meditation time



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