

SPRING 2022



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65

CLASSROOMS



35

PRESCHOOLS



500

TRAINED TEACHERS



500

PRESCHOOL STUDENTS



3000

GRADE STUDENTS



TEAM NEWS

NEW TRUSTEES

Following our recent restructure and return of day-to-day management to Scotland, I am delighted to welcome Hannah Matthews CA to the role of Trustee/Treasurer and Ben Clark as a Trustee. The energy, enthusiasm, and joy they bring to the team is already very noticeable.



NEW PROGRAM MANAGER

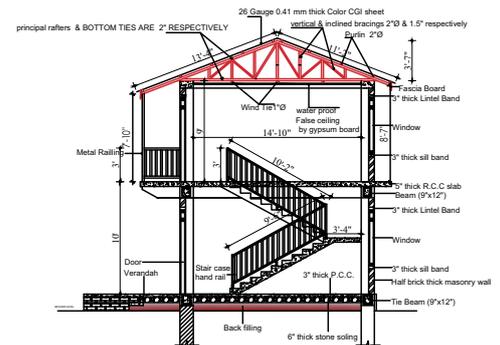
In Nepal, Sony Tamang has joined the team as Program Manager. Sony is highly experienced in the education sector working with both public and private bodies to improve teacher capacity and early years education outcomes. Sony will be supported by our long-standing trio of Aruna, Madira and Sarita.

We are very proud to have an all-female field team!



SCHOOL BUILDS

Having recently partnered with The Pahar Trust to manage our construction project, we are very pleased to have not one but two active school build projects underway. Hopefully sufficient funds will be raised to commence both by the autumn. Friends of Nature Austria will build their fifth school in the village of Yarsha in Ghorka. Dubai College will build their first school in Himnal Nagar near Bandipur. Once completed, both schools will join the COTM school network.



We continue to seek more Trustees and team members. If you are interested in making a difference, appreciate the value of teamwork and are willing to contribute proactively to the organization, please contact me:

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Ideally you should reside in the North of England or Scotland.



NEW KINDERGARTENS

In January we expanded our network in Bandipur to nine schools including the opening of three kachua klubs.

This was made possible through partnership with local municipality and the generous support of London based The Funding Network.

Following the upcoming elections we will meet with the local municipality and set out our educational benchmarks for the year ahead.

If you are interested in joining us "get active get involved!" Contact: info@childrenofthemountain.org



SCHOOL NETWORK

Schools have re-opened! We now support 37 schools in three districts. Over 2,000 children attend schools in our network every day and we are in the classrooms with them. All Schools in our network make a written commitment to the improvement of education. This includes the adoption of our child centred methodology, scheduling time in the calendar for our activity based learning sessions, introducing the teaching of values to the curriculum and fostering a safe and encouraging learning environment.

CHILDREN OF THE MOUNTAIN SCHOOLS MAP



BANDIPUR	
Saraswoti	Kalika
Shiva	Janata
Jyoti	Padma
Aandhi Barahi	Himal Narga
Chandrodaya	
Jaldevi	

NEW PARTNER SCHOOL

Recently we were invited by Santosh Koirala, founder of Moonlight school in Kathmandu to assist in improving the quality of education. Moonlight, a primary school of 120 children, was established in 2008 to support vulnerable children who were not attending regular government school. COTM will introduce our full range of programs in addition to managing a community outreach program. The school will also serve as our urban teacher training centre.

TRAINING CENTERS

In addition to our training centre in Kathmandu we are excited to open community-based training centres in both Bimsin and Bandipur districts. These centres will serve to train teachers from our network of schools in our unique Equal Education programs and will be open to other organizations and teachers subject to availability.



CAMPAIGN NEWS



TURN THE PAGE 2022

We recently launched our 2022 fund raising campaign Turn The Page.

The purpose of this campaign is to reach out to marginalized children misplaced during the pandemic, returning them to the classroom and supporting them to turn the page on two years of lost education.

This program is of vital importance to hundreds if not thousands of children in Nepal.

[DONATE NOW](#)

HERE ARE TWO EXAMPLES OF HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT THE CAMPAIGN:



Many climb mountains 'because they are there', while some do so to help others overcome their daily challenges. Ashmi & Mania are trekking to Machu Picchu to raise funds for our Turn the Page Campaign.

You can support their efforts from the comfort of your sofa.

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ashmi-shah-cotm



If trekking through jungles is not your bag, then don't worry, there are plenty more ways for you to make a difference!

For example:

Mags Roland, a resident of Peebles requested all guests at her recent birthday Ceilidh to donate rather than buy gifts.

What a wonderfully selfless act of generosity.

Thank you, Mags!

Are you inspired to follow in Mag's footsteps? Why not hold a fund raiser of your own?

Start by downloading a fund-raising pack available at:

www.childrenofthemountain.org/hold-a-fundraiser

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SPONSORING REAL IMPACT

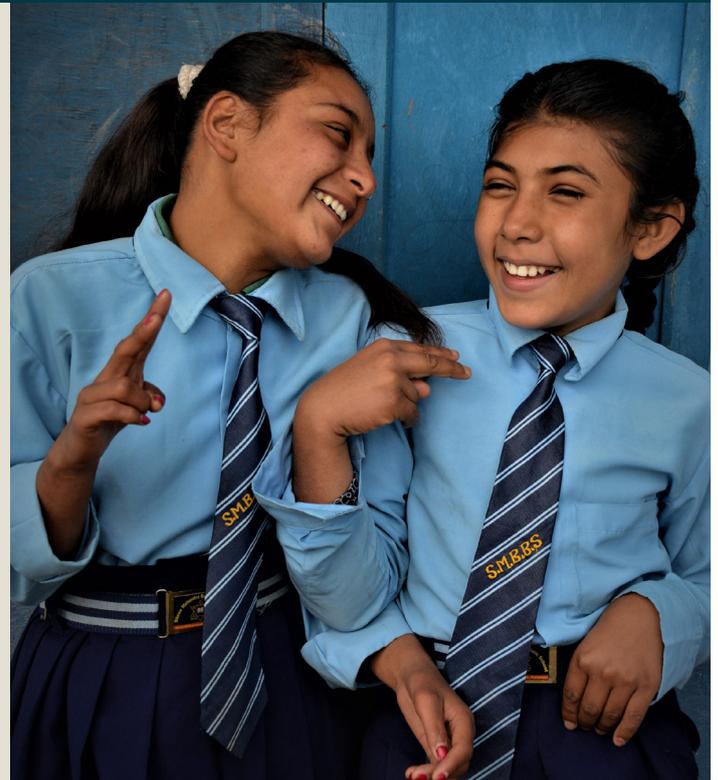
HOW IT USUALLY WORKS

Many large organizations promote the sponsorship of children. However, care should be taken before you commit to a recurring sponsorship commitment. Usually, In return for your donation, you will receive a couple of letters or progress reports a year, but your donations, very often, do not support the education of a specific child.

The reality in many cases is that you are not sponsoring a named child at all , rather you are supporting a community in which children live. Your donation is also often not supporting an education program within the classroom at all.

So while you may feel connected, are you really improving longer term opportunity for a child?

You also need to be aware that the administration expenses of managing such schemes can be excessive, averaging 15% to 20% of your donation. This may sound reasonable until you realise that one major organisation offering such a scheme takes five million pounds per annum in fees!



HOW ARE WE DIFFERENT?



It's obvious to us that any program that seeks to improve opportunity for a single child must improve the quality of education for every child in that classroom or school. Our core objective is to improve opportunity for every child rather than supporting one child within a failing system.

However, while our programs are inclusive by nature, your support is still utilised in a very individual manner. Our education programs are uniquely designed to encourage teachers to engage with each child based upon their individually accessed need. Your sponsorship therefore supports individual children in a very real and measurable way.



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SPONSORING REAL IMPACT CONT.

WHAT WE OFFER

We do realise that you wish to have a direct connection to the children, and we can make this happen in a manner that is very transparent and genuinely impactful.

- Your donation supports children not communities. If you support us your donation is directed entirely to children.
- Your donation is used for education within the classroom and nothing else.
- We take **NO** admin fees so 100% is directed to where you intended.
- Your donation improves literacy, numeracy, and the self-confidence of all children while focusing on the individual need of each child.



A recurring **£50** a month or a single donation of **£600** is all it costs to support a class grade. In return for such a donation:

- You choose the school you wish to support from our network of thirty.
- You choose the class grade you wish to support
- You receive quarterly progress reports on your chosen grade.
- You are invited to join the annual Trustee trip to visit your school and meet the children.



A recurring **£10** a month or a single donation of **£120** is all it costs to support a single child within a school. In return for such a donation:

- You choose the school you wish to support from our network of thirty.
- You receive quarterly progress reports on your chosen school.

To sponsor real impact:

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For more information:

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