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OVER 50 YEARS OF BUILDING THE FUTURE



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THE FOUNDATION BROADENS ITS HORIZONS

For over 50 years, the Fundación Vicente Ferrer has worked tirelessly to improve the lives of the most disadvantaged communities in India. Throughout this journey, we have relied on the support of donors like you. Our donors' commitment has been fundamental to transforming the situation of these communities and promoting the fight against discrimination, inequality, and poverty.

Based on our positive experience in India, we aspire to share our knowledge and learnings with others countries, especially with families and communities in situations of vulnerability and poverty.

Our goal is to share our experience and all that we have built in India, and Nepal is the first of many destinations we wish to reach.

We believe that committed people, solidarity, and the power of care are the most powerful resources for transforming the world around us. Growing inequalities and the state of our world make good deeds and care more necessary than ever.

"Thank you for joining us on our incredible and steady journey through India and now on our way to other parts of the world."

Anne Ferrer,
FVF President

A COMMITMENT TO CHILDHOOD

in south Asia

After dedicating more than five decades to rural communities in India, we are expanding our work to promote children's rights in South Asia. The Asian continent is facing emerging challenges, such as overpopulation and forced migration, which increasingly compromise the well-being and development of children.

The negative consequences of these challenges are becoming increasingly. The situation of children in the South Asia region has reached a critical point.

Poverty and increasing inequality are forcing many children to abandon their studies, work in extreme conditions, and migrate with their families to meet their most basic needs. In the face of this reality, we aim to leverage our experience working with children in India to develop solutions that will improve the living conditions of girls and boys in countries such as Nepal, the Philippines, and Sri Lanka.



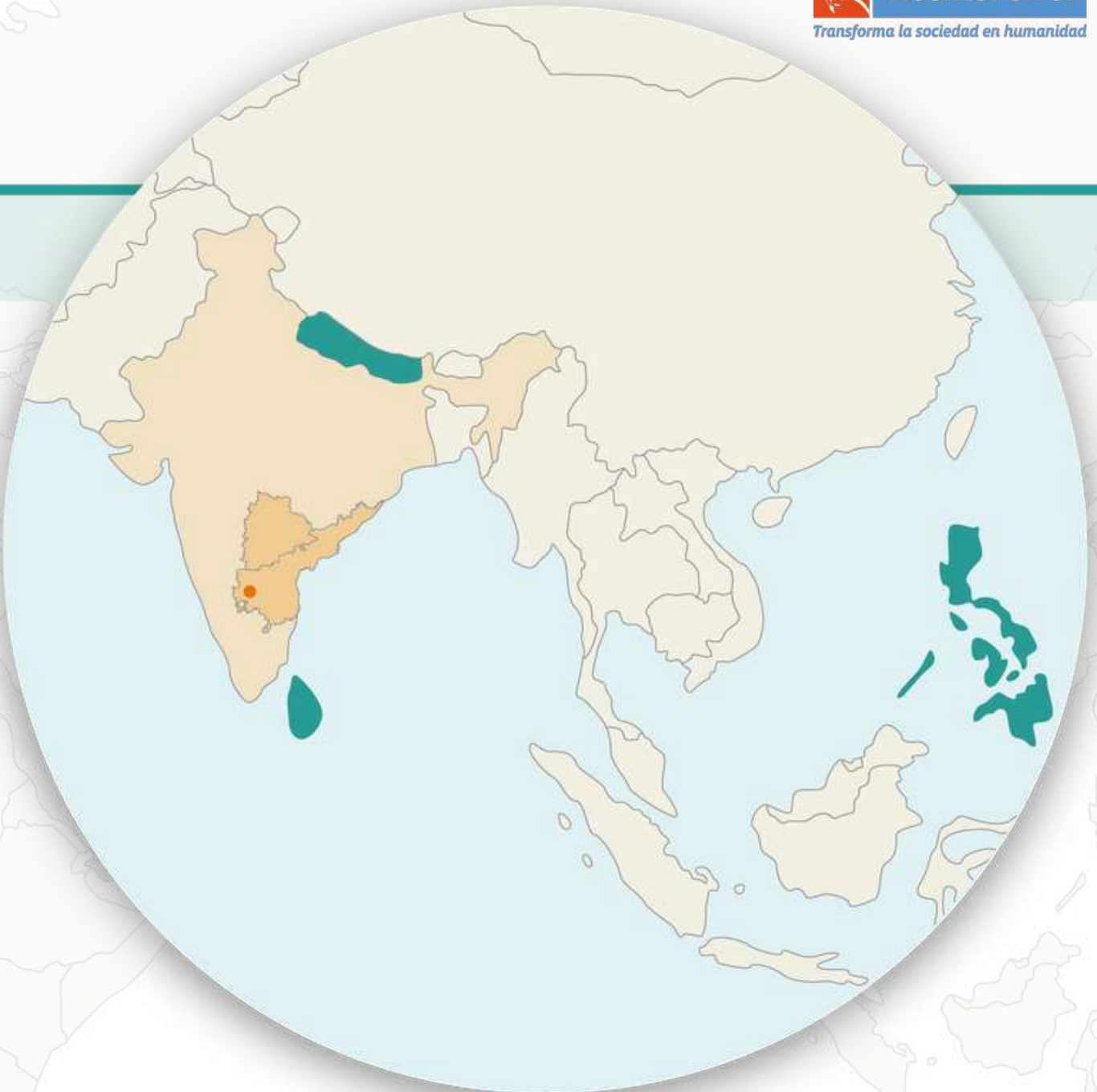
SITUATION OF CHILDREN IN THE SOUTH ASIA REGION

Data on the situation of children in South Asia reveal a disturbing reality in a region that is home to 36% of the world's children under the age of 18.



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New countries of operation



Anantapur (Andhra Pradesh, INDIA)

EDUCATION AND GENDER

31.8 million children do not attend school. Additionally, **only one in three girls** makes it to upper secondary school.

CHILD UNDERNUTRITION

More than **one in three children (38%)** live in extreme food poverty, and **nearly half of children under five** are undernourished.

CHILD LABOR

One out of every eight children between the ages of 5 and 14 is engaged in child labor. Furthermore, **nearly half of these children** perform hazardous work.

CHILDHOOD CANNOT WAIT

Children are among the groups most affected by the consequences of poverty. A lack of access to education and the practice of child labor can have a profound and lasting impact, affecting their expectations for the future and perpetuating the cycle of poverty throughout their lives.

To improve the living conditions and future opportunities of children in South Asia, **we are developing four lines of action:**

1 Education



EMPOWERING THROUGH EDUCATION

After years of efforts in India to educate the most vulnerable children, **inspiring results** have emerged: many children have succeeded in **breaking the cycle of poverty**

Therefore, we will continue to work in South Asian countries to ensure that **all children have access to quality education.**

2 Child protection



ENSURING A SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR CHILDREN

Our experience in India has shown us that **children's well-being** improves when they grow up in a **safe and secure environment.**

Building on this experience, we will work in South Asia to **empower children and families** by teaching them about **children's rights and how to protect them.**

The plight of the millions of children in South Asia must be addressed immediately.

3

Support for Vulnerable Families



PROVIDE STABILITY TO THE FAMILIES AROUND THEM

The poverty and lack of opportunities experienced by children are closely tied to their family circumstances.

To address this issue, we will provide training and economic support to strengthen the family environment.

4

Children with disabilities



SPECIAL SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

Since our inception in India, we have recognized the unique vulnerability of children with disabilities.

With this in mind, we will continue our work in South Asia to ensure these children receive the necessary rehabilitation to help them overcome the barriers that accentuate their vulnerability.

THE FOUNDATION IN NEPAL

The Fundación Vicente Ferrer arrived in Nepal in 2015 following the devastating earthquake that killed 9,000 people and damaged or destroyed over 600,000 structures.

Since then, we have established partnerships with local Nepalese organizations. By 2019, we had consolidated our presence, enabling us to provide strong support to affected communities and improve their living conditions.

SOCIAL CHALLENGES AND CHILD POVERTY

Although the Himalayan country has made significant progress in recent years, it remains the third poorest in South Asia.

Barriers to children's rights include poverty, social exclusion, disability, poor-quality education, inequitable access to services, social norms, and biases based on gender, caste, and the isolation of some communities. Addressing these issues is essential for improving the lives of children in Nepal



CHILDHOOD'S CHALLENGES IN NEPAL



Education

- The education system in Nepal faces significant challenges, including a high dropout rate of 90%.
- In rural areas, children walk up to four hours to get to school.
- 30% of primary school students cannot read more than one sentence.

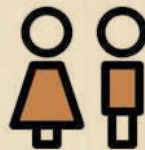


Childhood Protection

- 26% of children under 5 years of age lack birth certificates, which increases their risk of exploitation and abuse.
- 82.5% of children between the ages of 1 and 14 suffer domestic violence.
- Only 40% of local governments have child protection mechanisms in place.



1 teacher for every
100 students



2 out of 5 girls are
married early



Child labor affects 1
out of 4 girls and
boys*.

*The highest figure in Asia



Vulnerable Families

- 32% of children under 5 years of age suffer from chronic malnutrition due to their families' lack of resources.
- Many families cannot afford transportation and material costs, which forces children to drop out of school and start working.
- Labor migration causes high levels of depression (61%) among women, especially mothers and caregivers.



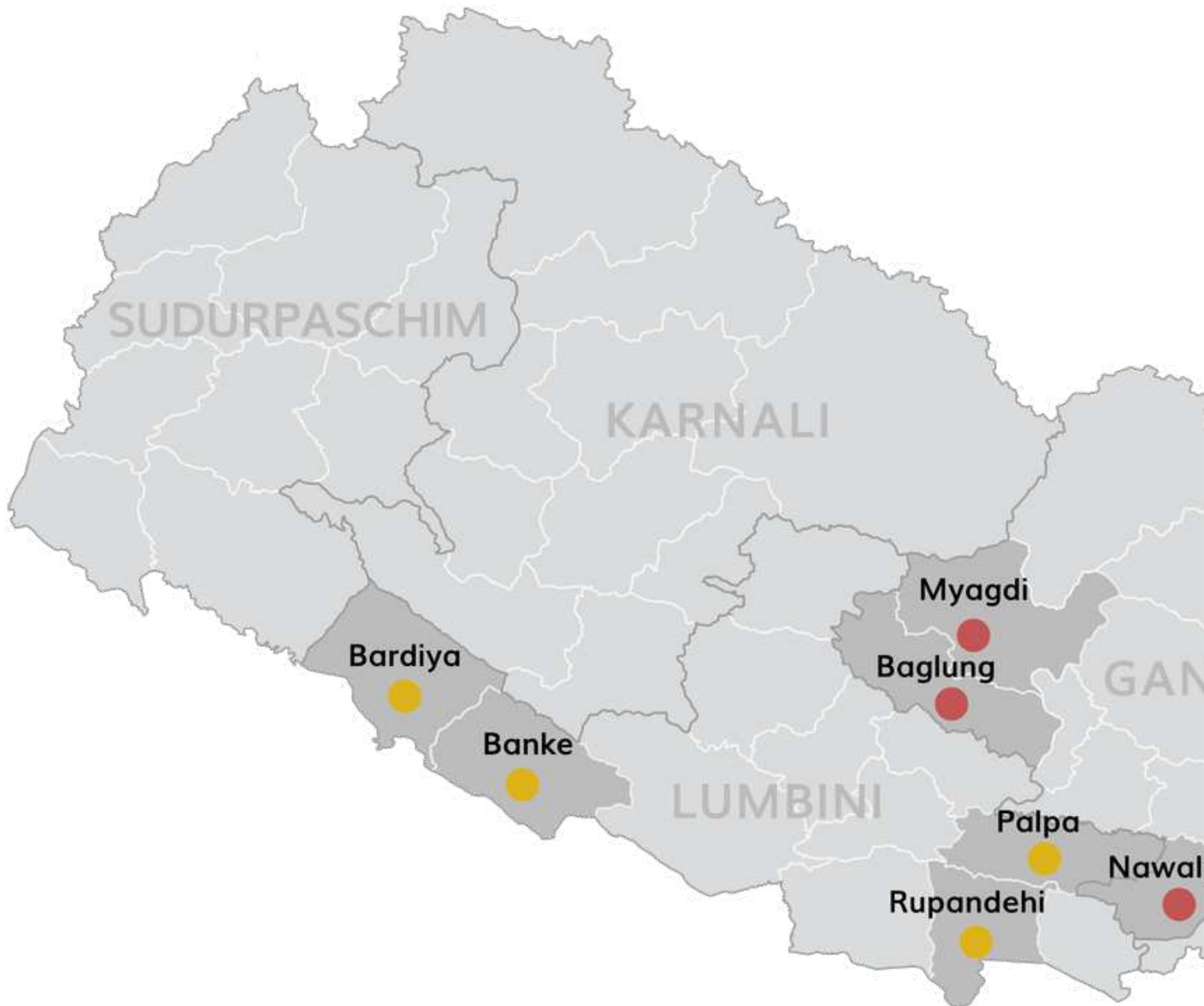
Disability

- Although there are laws promoting inclusive education, an estimated 355,000 children with disabilities still face barriers due to poverty.
- Of the 30,000 schools in Nepal, only 380 are equipped to serve these children.
- With only 8 doctors per 10,000 people, access to specialized services is limited, especially in rural areas.



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Our main goals in Nepal (2024 -2025)

- **375** girls and boys will receive educational support to improve their learning.
- **1.734** children with disabilities will receive personalized medical care.
- **2.180** children will participate in awareness-raising activities children's rights
- **460** women will receive support to start income-generating activities
- **1.450** family members and caregivers will learn positive parenting techniques and free from domestic violence.

See the box above for details on each line of work.



NEPAL

ACTION AREAS of Fundación Vicente Ferrer



EDUCATION



PROTECTION



VULNERABLE
FAMILIES

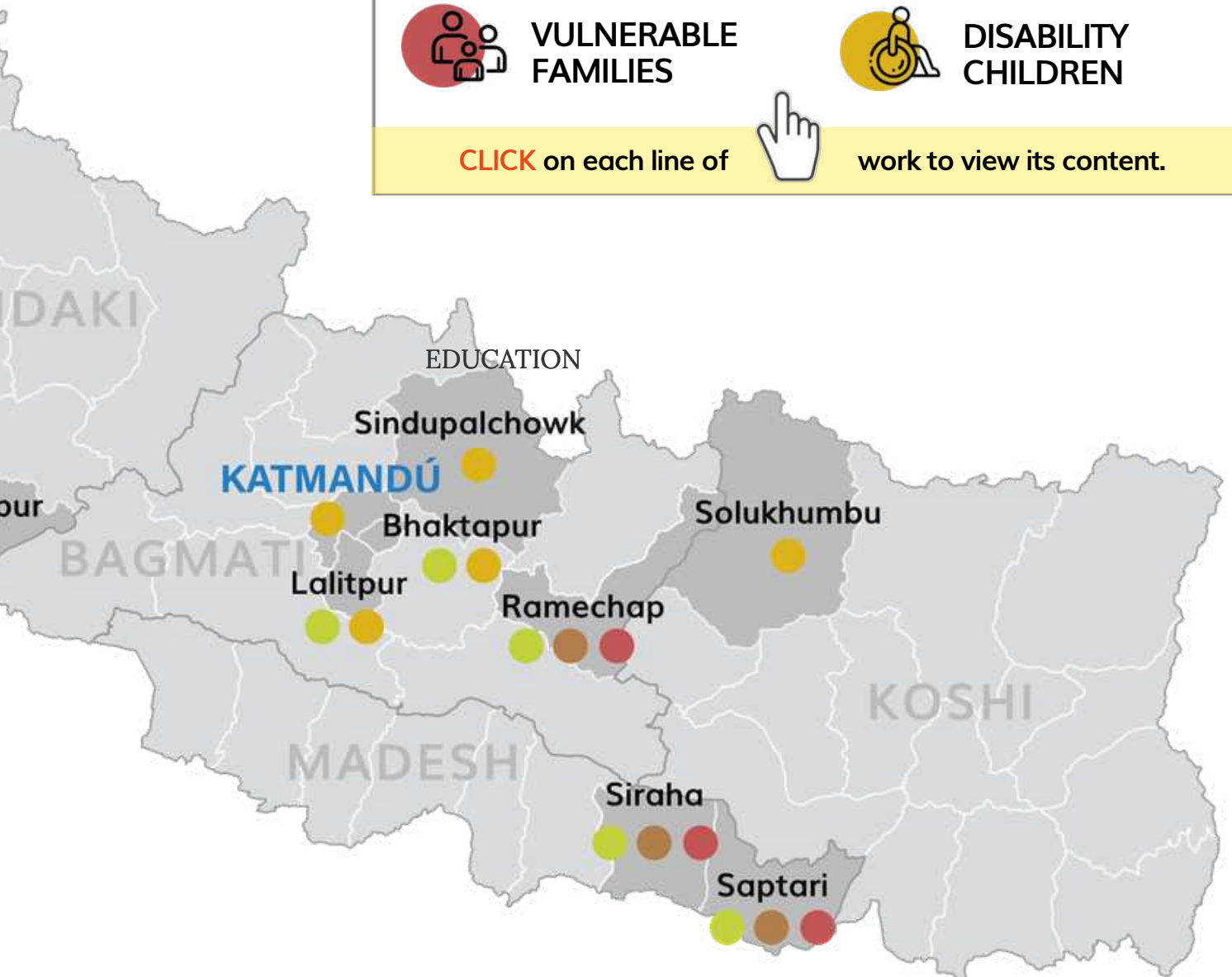


DISABILITY
CHILDREN

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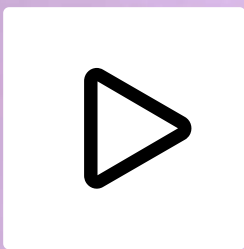
Neerja's Uncertain Future

Every morning, Neerja Limbu gets up in a hurry to prepare breakfast, clean, and wash clothes. She is the only girl in the family. **At twelve years old, she takes care of all the household duties and her brother, who suffers from cerebral palsy.**

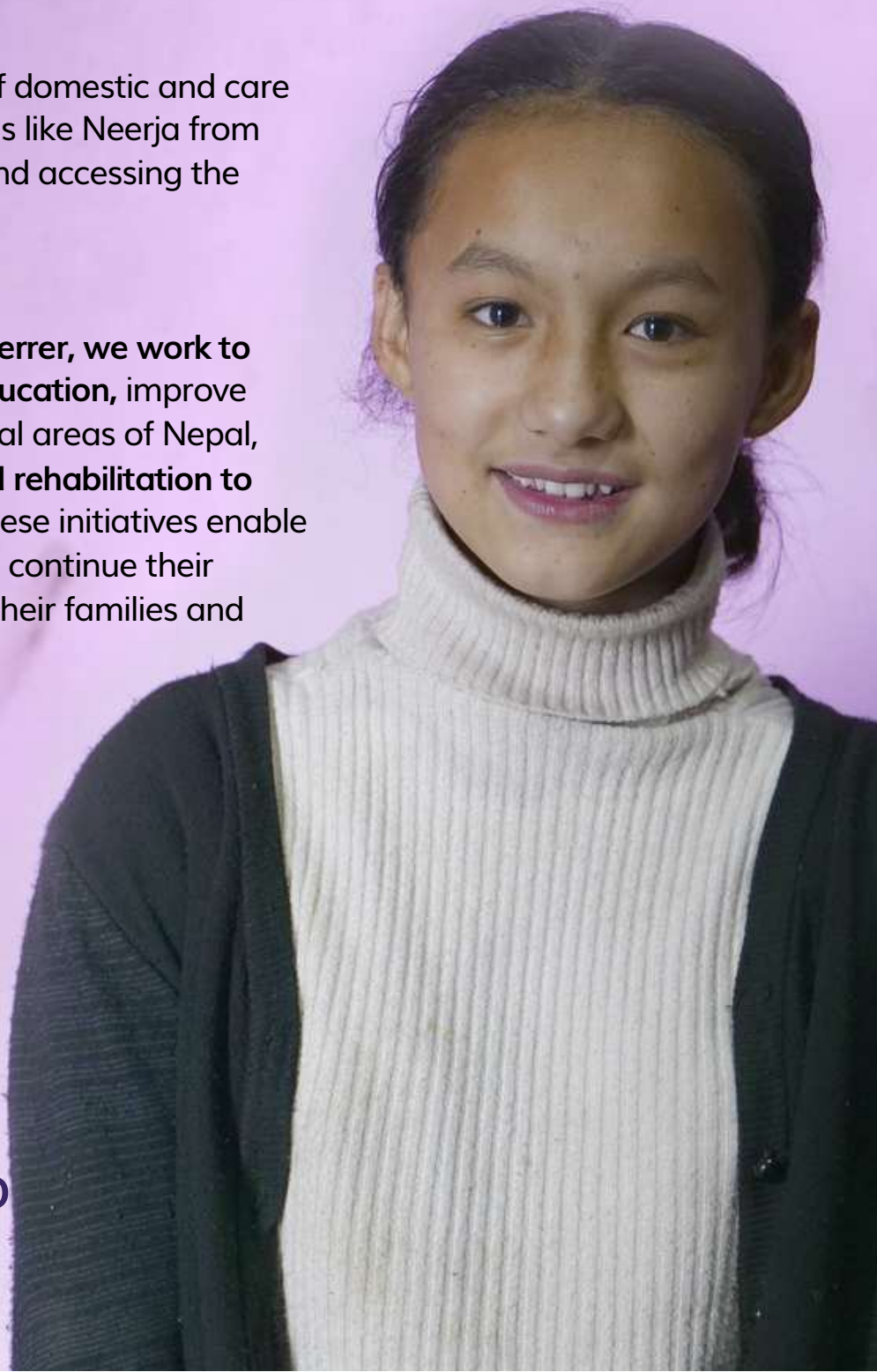
An overwhelming burden of domestic and care responsibilities prevents girls like Neerja from enjoying their childhoods and accessing the opportunities they deserve.

At the Fundación Vicente Ferrer, we work to ensure access to quality education, improve schools in impoverished rural areas of Nepal, and provide assistance and rehabilitation to children with disabilities. These initiatives enable young people like Neerja to continue their education and strengthen their families and communities.

Discover Neerja's testimony



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HERE.**



EDUCATION

A WE WILL PROMOTE SCHOOLING FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE CHILDREN

Children who migrate with their families will be sent to school and integrated into support classrooms to prevent their exclusion from the educational system.

In addition to receiving a quality education, these children will receive healthy meals, alleviating the burden on their families and improving their well-being.

Your collaboration will make this possible.

Schooling for **children** in an educational support classroom:
10 children, \$2,925; 30 children, \$8,775; 70 children, \$20,480

This includes school supplies, a teacher's salary, and food for six months.

B WE WILL PROMOTE THE DISTRIBUTION OF SCHOOL MATERIALS

We will provide school supplies to children from low-income families

This work will help many families overcome economic barriers caused by an inability to purchase uniforms or school supplies.

Your collaboration will make this possible.

Educational packs for **classes**:
1 class, \$1,224; 4 classes, \$4,896; 10 classes, \$12,240

Each pack includes a backpack, pencils, an extra uniform, a notebook, and an exercise book.

DISABILITY

A WE WILL PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO CENTERS FOR CHILDREN WITH CEREBRAL PALSY

We will support the operation of day centers in Nepal where children with cerebral palsy will receive rehabilitation, stimulation, and physiotherapy.

Additionally, we will cover essential treatments for children from vulnerable environments that their families cannot afford, thereby improving their quality of life, whose families cannot afford them, thereby improving their quality of life.

Your collaboration will make this possible.

Running the **day centers** for one year:
1 center, \$4,080; 2 centers, \$8,160; 3 centers, \$12,240

B WE WILL PROVIDE TRAINING FOR FAMILIES AND CAREGIVERS

We will provide emotional support and specialized training to families and caregivers of children with cerebral palsy.

Additionally, we will also foster support networks between children and caregivers to share comfort, concerns, and advice.

Your collaboration will make this possible.

Training for **mothers of children with cerebral palsy**:
5 mothers, \$2,797; 10 mothers, \$5,594; 20 mothers, \$11,188

The training will take place over the course of one month at the residential center of Katmandu.

Rabina's Challenges and Dreams

Despite the responsibility of supporting her household, which is marked by hardship, **Rabina is a young Nepalese girl who is struggling to continue her education and provide a better life for her family.**

The overstress of young people like Rabina affects their academic performance. If they manage to find time one day a week to go to school, which is often far from where they live, they barely have enough time to study and do their homework.

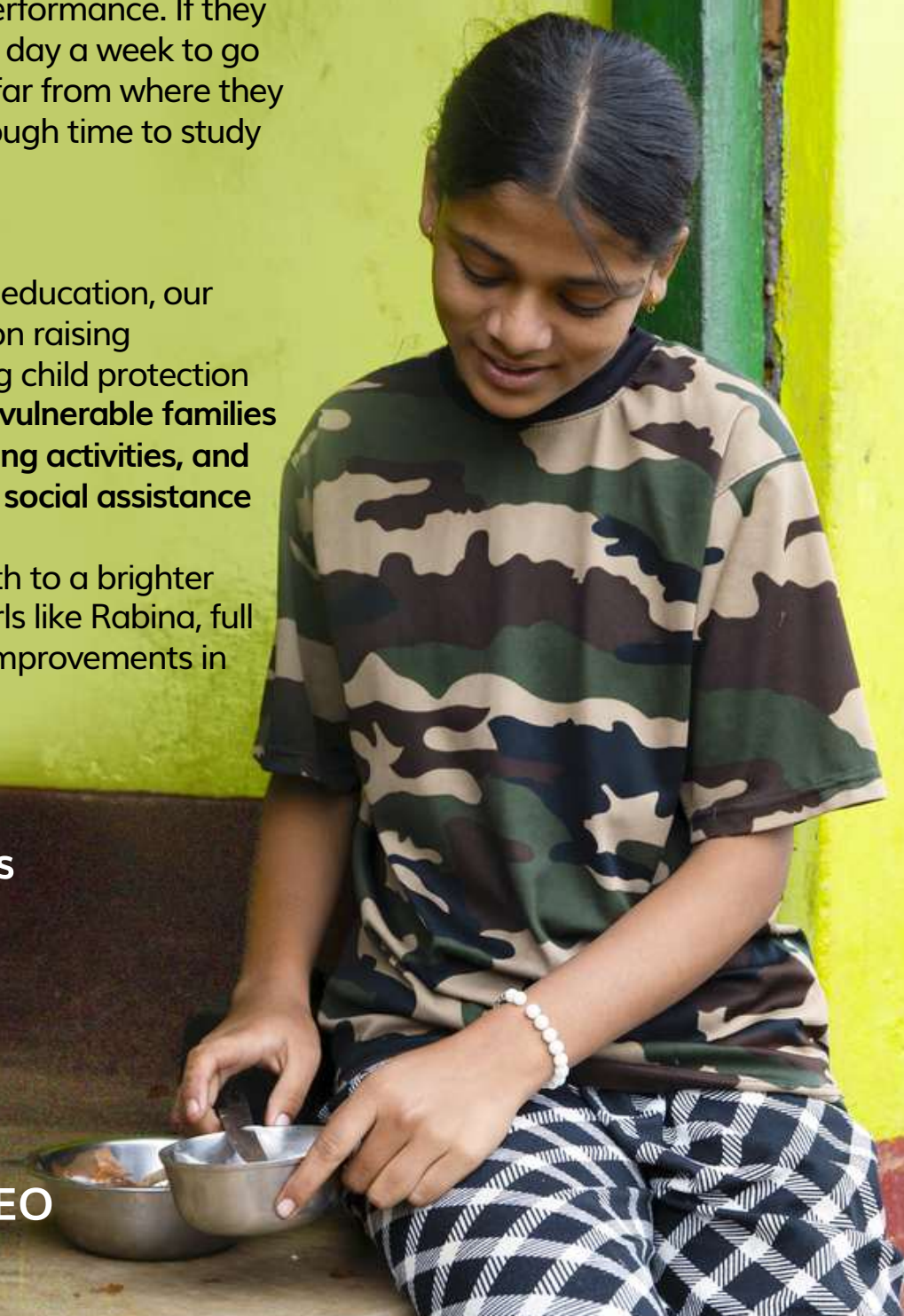
In addition to promoting education, our work in Nepal will focus on raising awareness, strengthening child protection systems, and **supporting vulnerable families through income-generating activities, and providing emotional and social assistance to caregivers.**

These actions open a path to a brighter future for families and girls like Rabina, full of new possibilities and improvements in quality of life.

Discover Rabina's testimony.



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CHILDHOOD PROTECTION

A WE WILL PROMOTE THE FORMATION OF CHILDREN'S CLUBS IN SCHOOLS

These clubs provide a safe space where girls and boys can receive training to foster self-confidence, learn to express themselves safely, and develop critical thinking skills.

Additionally, teachers will learn to identify situations of abuse and exploitation, thereby protecting children in their environment.

Your collaboration will make this possible.

Costs of operating **Children's Clubs** for 1 year:

10 clubs, \$1,632; 25 clubs, \$4,080

B WE WILL PROVIDE TRAINING ON CHILDREN'S RIGHTS

Students at government schools will receive training and informational talks about their rights and how to act in case of a violation.

Teachers, parents, and guardians will also receive training to raise awareness of children's rights and ensure their respect.

Your collaboration will make this possible.

Training on children's rights for educational **centers**:

2 centers, \$2,215; 5 centers, \$5,537; 10 centers, \$11,074

SUPPORT FOR VULNERABLE FAMILIES

A WE WILL SUPPORT FAMILY ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Through our projects, we will establish savings groups for women, providing them with access to the resources necessary to start small businesses and improve their economic situation.

This will strengthen the family economy, particularly for women, and improve the well-being of their children.

Your collaboration will make this possible.

Supporting **caregivers** to start micro-businesses:

15 people, \$2,623; 30 people \$5,246; 60 people, \$10,492

B WE WILL GUIDE FAMILIES TO MANAGE THEIR BUSINESS

Mothers and caregivers will receive training in accounting, business management, product sales, and standing out in the local market.

Thanks to these training sessions, participants will gain the knowledge necessary to manage and grow their businesses.

Your collaboration will make this possible.

Entrepreneurship training for **caregivers**:

100 people, \$1,400; 300 people, \$4,200

The values of the projects are referential. The contribution will go to all FVF projects in South Asia.





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