



## Educating Reeti Programme

### 2017 Projects

#### **Background**

The Nepal earthquakes of April and May 2015 killed 20,000 people and destroyed half a million homes and community buildings. The impact was felt greatest in the hills where endemic poverty is a major “push” factor that fuels child trafficking. Moreover, the children who drop out of school early become ready prey for child traffickers who falsely promise them a good future even in the absence of an education.

Since the earthquakes ChoraChori has been working to restore education at three village primary schools in the hills to the southeast of Kathmandu. This has involved rebuilding the schools totally (see [this film](#) showing the re-opening of one of the schools) and incentivising attendance by providing revenue support, including free school lunches. Now we wish to build upon this success by completing the project work at these schools and by supporting the very good local state school, Kitini Higher Secondary School, that provides secondary education to children from these and other impoverished village communities. To find out more about the remarkable Kitini School, follow [this link](#).

#### **Project Vision**

Our Vision is to restore opportunity and a future free from poverty to children from two of Nepal’s Districts; Lalitpur and Kavre. We want to reduce children’s vulnerability to being trafficked.

#### **Project Aim**

Our Aim is to establish good quality, sustainable primary and secondary education that motivates children, teachers and families alike.

## Project Objectives

1. To improve the fabric of schools
2. To increase educational provision
3. To encourage attendance and reduce drop-outs
4. To introduce local sustainability
5. To research needs at other schools

## Funding needs

1. *Improving the fabric of the schools:* Although we have rebuilt the primary schools we need to furnish them. There is a particular need to provide floor coverings and classroom furniture at the pre-school classes. Estimated cost for the latter at three primary schools is £770. The schools can also be provided with libraries and books at a cost of £3,800.

2. *Increasing educational provision:* Kitini School wishes to extend its computer training and the teaching of science to higher grades. However the 12 computers at Kitini School are now ten years old and obsolete; three of them no longer work. The cost for replacing all 12 computers is £3,700. The set-up of a science lab will cost £4,600.

3. *Encouraging attendance and reducing drop outs:* We wish to continue the free school lunch provision until these can be funded by the schools' own means (see below). The annual cost of lunches for 100 children is £3,240. At one primary school, Chapakharka, we would like to continue to pay the salary of one additional teacher at an annual cost of £360.

4. *Introducing local sustainability:* We aim to introduce mushroom cultivation as a means of generating funds locally that can subsidise the education programme, including the school lunches. The farming of oyster and shitake mushrooms (see picture on right) is already common in Nepal and mushrooms are a popular, high value crop that does not require arable land. The cost of setting up a shed is £600 and this yields a four-fold return on investment. As a starting point in 2017 we will set up two trial sheds, one for oyster and one for shitake mushrooms.

5. *Research of needs:* ChoraChori staff member Reeti Sharma (pictured right) is tasked with monitoring and evaluating all of our education projects but also with researching needs at other schools. Reeti does this by visiting schools and by liaison with District Education offices. The annual budget for Reeti is £3,200, including travel and subsistence.



**In summary:**

	<b>\$</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Furnishing of the kindergartens at three schools</b>	950	770
<b>Set up of libraries and books</b>	4,700	3,800
<b>Purchase of computers</b>	4,590	3,700
<b>Set up of science lab</b>	5,700	4,600
<b>School lunches for 100 children for one year</b>	4,020	3,240
<b>An additional teacher's salary</b>	450	360
<b>Two mushroom sheds</b>	1,480	1,200
<b>One dedicated ChoraChori field worker</b>	3,970	3,200
<b>Local ChoraChori project management and support @15%</b>	3,890	3,130
<b>ChoraChori UK fundraising, evaluation and monitoring @ 15%</b>	3,890	3,130
<b>Total</b>	<b>33,640</b>	<b>27,130</b>

**Thank you!**

