



Reunited with his mother

# rescuing nepal's lost children

*An Appeal by ChoraChori*  
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## introduction

This document outlines our needs for 2017 in our “Rescuing Nepal’s lost children” programme, towards which we are aiming to raise £50,000 through our 2016 Christmas Appeal.

## background

Nepal has a 1,200km long open border with India to its west, south and east. Each country’s nationals may cross the border without any restriction and each year scores of Nepalese boys do just that in search of a better life. Sometimes they travel with the blessing of their families who expect them to find work. Others may be running away from domestic abuse, usually inflicted by step parents, while some may just be seeking adventure. This outflow of children increased in the past year following the Nepal earthquakes of April and May 2015 that devastated rural communities.

The outcome is that these children frequently get picked up by the Indian authorities or NGOs to be placed in Dickensian Indian children’s homes. No one makes any effort to trace families in Nepal who have no idea of their whereabouts and assume them to be lost for ever or dead. The children cannot escape from these abusive homes that resemble prisons. They can remain there for years until they turn 18 when they are discharged, vulnerable, onto the streets.

## project vision

Our Vision is to see arrangements in place for the prompt rescue of trafficked and displaced Nepalese children from India thereby allowing them the opportunity of a second chance in life.





## project aim

Our Aim is to rescue at least 90 displaced and trafficked Nepalese children from India in 2017.

## project objectives

*Objective 1: Identify the whereabouts of children and trace their families*

*Objective 2: Repatriation of 90 children*

*Objective 3: Rehabilitation and short term care of returnees*

*Objective 4: Reunification of 60 children with their families*

*Objective 5: If relevant, the identification and prosecution of traffickers*

*Objective 6: The continued care of 20 children rescued in 2015/2016 who cannot be reunited with families, extending this to an additional 30 children rescued in 2017 who will have to remain at the refuge*

## project activities

*Objective 1:* ChoraChori-Nepal receives requests for assistance from the Nepal Embassy in Delhi, from Indian Child Welfare Committees and from Nepal's Central Child Welfare Board. Child details provide the basis for initial tracing of families and research of domestic circumstances.

*Objective 2:* A rescue team goes to India to link up with children and escort them by road back to Nepal.

*Objective 3:* Returnees are accommodated at the ChoraChori-Nepal refuge in Kathmandu. Initial assessments include health checks and confirmation of family details.

*Objective 4:* Field staff accompany children back to their homes and reunite children in liaison with the local authorities

*Objective 5:* Cases filed against any traffickers who can be identified, taking legal support if necessary.

*Objective 6:* The refuge provides for all basic needs (shelter, food, clothes, medical, recreation) of the long term care children and supports their education in the local school.

## monitoring and evaluation

Internal monitoring and evaluation with visits from the Directors and Board Members of ChoraChori Nepal. The CEO of ChoraChori in UK will visit the Project every three months and there will be at least two Trustee visits during the time of the Project.



# summary budget

ChoraChori Rescue and Refuge Budget 2017	
Objective 1: Identification of children and tracing of families	
Staff time and travel	£1,500
Objective 2: Repatriation of 90 children	
Staff time and travel	£2,500
Transport costs	£1,200
Food/accommodation	£1,400
Objective 3: Rehabilitation and short term care of returnees	
Staff time	£1,400
Food, medical, clothing	£4,500
Objective 4: Reunification of 60 children with their families	
Staff time and travel	£1,500
Short term family support	£2,000
Objective 5: Cases filed against traffickers	
Legal support	£1,000
Objective 6: Long term care costs of refuge children	
Refuge rental	£3,200
Refuge maintenance and utilities	£1,000
Refuge food	£13,400
Refuge clothing/shoes	£2,200
Education fees	£1,800
School lunches and snacks	£1,900
Books and stationery	£1,100
Medical	£800
Sports/recreation	£1,400
Toiletries	£500
Care staff	£11,100
ChoraChori-Nepal project management costs	£8,500
ChoraChori-UK fundraising support, evaluation and monitoring	£11,500
Total costs	£75,400