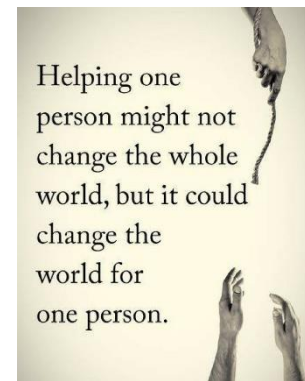


Following this report, we will be closing our project “Emergency Relief for families in Kashmir”.

Over the last few days two individuals in Nepal that were raising funds for the Emergency Relief project were interviewed by the local police. This is a very real cause for concern, and we appreciate the sensitivities associated with such activities.

The involvement of the police in a fundraising exercise that had collected \$76 seems somewhat unusual to us here in Australia, however there may be reasons we are unaware of here; India is politically influential in Nepal and portrays Kashmir in a very different light to the mainstream international media.



Regardless of the motivations behind the police involvement, and although our intentions are purely of a humanitarian nature we do not want to risk, or bring into any conflict situation the primary work that IGWR-Nepal undertakes, which is looking after needy Children in Nepal and giving them the opportunity of a full-time education.

The GlobalGiving appeal has collected \$1,148 and it is now our intention to add to these funds via a network of friends and organise the relief we intended albeit for far fewer families than we aimed for.

There will be no further reports or follow-ups to this particular project however we are still very much seeking support for our other projects listed on GlobalGiving.

We believe it is important that we are no longer visible in supporting the people of Kashmir and hence taking the project off the GlobalGiving site.

We are however committed to total transparency in regard to the funds already raised and would normally post a full statement of accounts during the life of the project. We therefore invite all who have already generously donated to contact IGWR-Nepal via their website if they would like a statement of what was achieved once the work of the project is completed.

Speaking with Raja in Nepal just the other day was another awakening to how easy we have it here in Australia (even with our devastating bushfires). There are many in this world that need support, they need help to survive, and a lift to give them the opportunity to become self-sufficient; and there are power-hungry agendas at work in the world that do not have compassion as part of their skills-set, rather greed and self-interest seem to trump life’s basic principles.

Thank you for your support we hope you’ll understand and will be happy to stay in contact via our website, which has no other activity outside of Nepal.

