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News brief for the current situation in Nepal

The infection rate has fallen steadily, from an average of 3,000 daily cases in October to about 300 in January. Last week, Nepal recorded its first day since August without a Covid-related death.

Amid the pandemic, the ruling Communist party has been preoccupied with infighting. Despite a large majority, the prime minister, KP Sharma Oli, dissolved parliament in December and called for early elections in an apparent bid to renege on a power-sharing agreement with a rival – a move his opponents claim is unconstitutional.

But even as the health risks appear to recede, the economic fallout from the virus has been dire. Levels of unemployment and personal debt have soared, particularly for those working in tourism 'and the informal sector. [Guardian 11th February 2021]



IGWR-Nepal moving into a post-Covid position



We are planning our 2021-22 budget without any provision for developing rural school infrastructure projects. This is a reflection of the reality both globally and in Nepal.

It is unlikely that we will be able to send teams to Nepal until much later this year at the earliest.

However, we continue to provide three homes for children/students and are supporting sixty kids in full-time education.

We will therefore make this the last project update for this particular project and will continue to report via our other major project which in turn will be expanded to reflect our full activities:

<https://www.globalgiving.org/projects/after-school-support-to-30-needy-kids-in-nepal/>

During the pandemic we've all realised how dependant we are (globally) on each other; and we've also learnt to 'work remotely'; so maybe as we break through the pandemic, we will actually be better equipped to make an even bigger difference; and when a new 'normal' emerges many more will want to reach out and help those less fortunate than we are.

What can you do to help?



Raja and the team in Nepal have achieved so much, and have kept the children safe and home-schooled during the most challenging times of 2020. As we move beyond Covid into a new-normal we anticipate that even more will be achieved.

We're planning new vocational training programs for children graduating from high school and once it is safe we will again look at supporting rural schools that require assistance.

Globalgiving is an ideal platform for these new initiatives to emerge through new targeted projects, so please consider becoming a regular (monthly) supporter as we make plans for the future of the sixty children we're currently looking after.

And, follow us via our web-site or social media pages so that you can see the very real difference YOU are making in the lives of others.

