IGWR Improvements to rural school in Nepal

Report 2 for GlobalGiving

The Coronavirus pandemic continues to dominate all aspects of life in Nepal, as this article from "The Diplomat" narrates: "COVID-19: Nepal in Crisis

The coronavirus crisis has brought to the fore — and exacerbated — a number of the Nepali state's long-standing weaknesses.

Until late May, Nepal was an outlier in South Asia and the world for its low number and slow rise of confirmed COVID cases. The

country went into relatively strict lockdown on March 24 and cases remained under 1,000 up until May 28. However, cases have increased over 10-fold since then as tens of thousands of migrant workers began returning home from India, which eased its internal travel restrictions on June 1"

The work of IGWR-Nepal continues during increasingly difficult times although (as per our previous report) we are unable to make any progress with plans for improvements in rural schools.

Our current efforts are very much focussed on the 60-70 children that IGWR Nepal looks after and we're managing to provide home-schooling for those children that live in the three IGWR houses in Kathmandu, as well as providing support for those families of children that can no longer work (or attend school) due to the Covid-19 situation.

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Nepal families face hunger as coronavirus crisis hits remittances

More than 56 percent of Nepal's 5.4 million households affected as remittances drop due to global recession.

The situation in Nepal (and other "Least Developed Countries – LCDs) is certainly much more acute than we are experiencing in Australia (and other Developed Countries) so there is an even more urgent need for us to assist where we can and share what we have with those who do not have the opportunities we have.

We joined the GlobalGiving(GG) July Bonus Day and were pleased with achieving a \$3,500 bonus that added to the generosity of participating donors, however our efforts were directed to our other GG project as that is very much the immediate concern and greatest need.

Although we are all living in uncertain times, we continue to plan and explore possibilities for a post-Covid-19 future, and look toward a different and perhaps more generous future that appreciates more the interrelatedness of humanity based on what we are experiencing at the moment.

So, what next?



- 1. Please stay in touch via our website and see what we are achieving already, and what new initiatives emerge from the Covid-19 experience.
- 2. Now is perhaps a good time to introduce friends to the support you are giving for the benefit of children in Nepal; we are learning that the answers to life are all about helping one another.
- 3. And stay safe, look after yourself, and wherever possible give someone else a hand.

When "I" becomes "We", even "illness" becomes "wellness"