

Community Members Interested (COMMITTED) is a tax-exempt non-profit organization registered in the US under section 501-(C)(3) of the US IRS Code, and COMMITTED-Nepal is an approved non-governmental organization (NGO) under Social Welfare Council (SWC) regulations of the Government of Nepal. In unison COMMITTED strives to ensure free quality education to children in communities we serve as part of our Sikchya Mero Adhikar (Education-My Right) campaign. COMMITTED collaborates with communities--through a comprehensive community planning process--to set up Social Business for Education (SBE) projects. In addition to financing education of the children, SBE projects also finance community development projects, address livelihood issues and foster awareness of, and consideration for, the conservation and sustainability of natural resources and environment.

Report of Financial Activities as of December 31, 2012

COMMITTED-U.S.	
Income	US\$
Individual Contributions & Fund Raisers	3,737
Corporate Grant (MC Dean inc.)	3,000
Total Income	6,737
Expense	
Nepal Projects / Services	6,000
Business Registration Fees	55
Fund Raising Expense	770
Mailing and Postage	32
Supplies	62
Web Hosting	82
Service Charges	177
Parking	3
Total Expense	7,181

COMMITTED-Nepal			
Income		NRs	US\$
	Grants		
Grant 1 (Ncell)		2,510,876	28,861
Grant 2 (Park Family)		873,000	10,034
Grant 3 (COMMITTED US)		863,940	9,930
Grant 4 (Rain Foundation)		377,880	4,343
Grant 5 (Union Finance)		150,000	1,724
Subtotal		4,775,696	54,893
	Public and Other Support		
Individuals		456,000	5,241
Axis Travels		10,500	121
Help Nepal Network		11,200	129
Subtotal		477,700	5,491
	Earned Interest		
		25,624	295
Total Income		5,279,019	60,678
Expense			
	Administrative/Operational		
Salary (Not Covered by Project)		150,000	1,724
Volunteer Management		93,808	1,078
Office Expenses-Utilities, Supplies, Refreshments		230,289	2,647
Subtotal		474,097	5,449
	Projects		
Pig Farming as a Social Business for Education (SBE)		149,460	1,718
Fishery as a SBE		111,390	1,280
Scholarships (Part of SBE)		314,800	3,618
Classroom Improvement at Sri Raithane SS, Sindhupalchowk		41,945	482
Classroom Furniture at Taltuleswori PS, Sindhupalchowk		110,000	1,264
Art on the Road, Sindhupalchowk		62,044	713
Science Lab at Sri Raithane SS, Sindhupalchowk		326,265	3,750
Library at Sri Raithane SS, Sindhupalchowk		24,530	282
Library at Panchakanya HS School, Chitwan		851,703	9,790
Library at Rastra HS School, Syangja		618,924	7,114
Classroom Furniture at Ratna Sobha HS School, Kaski		414,182	4,761
Science Lab at Mangal HS School, Kirtipur		480,914	5,528
WASH Baseline Survey, Kanchanpur		3,500	40
Rain Water Harvesting at Lipna, Kanchanpur		303,962	3,494
Subtotal		3,813,619	40,836
Total Expense		4,287,715	46,286



Dear COMMITTED Supporters,

COMMITTED has grown slowly, but surely. Our achievements say it all. Although we are still a small group of people working hard to improve lives of Nepali communities, we have touched many lives since inception. As a result of your continued support, significant number of children and their families in Nepal are receiving care in some form and they thank you for your financial and emotional generosity.

In 2012, we successfully built two science labs, three book libraries, one computer lab (E-library), and renovated five classrooms as a part of our School Improvement Program (SIP). On a rudimentary basis we also initiated one fish farm, one pig farm, and one recreational boat ride project as a part of our Social Businesses for Education (SBE) program. Both programs are a part of our Sikhya Merp Adhikar campaign (Education-My Right) that seeks to establish free and quality education for Nepali children as their basic right. The SIP seeks to provide quality education while the SBE seeks to generate income for school sustainability so that children are not required pay fees to make up for deficient school operational costs. In addition, we successfully installed five rainwater harvesting systems for a an acutely water stressed village of Lipna, Kanchanpur District.

In 2013, we hope to carry on with our education campaign and livelihood projects. The SBE program is venturing into three different areas: 1. A full fledged integrated fish farming; 2. Horticulture agriculture; and 3. Renewable (Solar) energy. All three projects, if successfully carried out could prove to be a break through for social activists working to improve literacy. In addition, we will also be treading on the environmental aspects of our organization’s mission. Along with the renewable energy social business, we will be helping the Kathmandu municipality with adding a children’s play area in downtown Kathmandu’s (New Road) historic Bhugol Park. A children’s/public park and playground is also in the pipeline at Shanti Nikunj School of Maru Tole, where a public private partnership is envisioned. COMMITTED is carrying out its environment under its Green Dream Initiative umbrella.

A lot of innovative activities are planned and in process for the future years. But it takes a lot of support and encouragement from our supporters to help us carry on with our work. It is not easy on us. Without your encouragement and support it would be a futile effort. Therefore, if you have any concerning questions regarding our past activities as well as our financial documents, or even to help us in our work we would much appreciate your direct communication. We believe an honest dialogue with us will help make improvements to existing lapses in our operations.

Sincerely,

Jayjeev Hada

Founder/Chairperson—COMMITTED U.S.

Founder/Executive Director—COMMITTED Nepal

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Our Focus

COMMITTED's focus are in the areas of Education, and Livelihood. Our work in these areas fall under two campaigns which are the following:

1. **Sikchya Mero Adhikar (Education-My Right)** - We believe that education is a basic human right of all children and that it should be free and of quality. Under this umbrella COMMITTED is implementing its two programs School Improvement Program (SIP) and the Social Business for Education (SBE) program. SIP seeks to provide quality education with infrastructure and other curriculum and management related improvements. The SBE program seeks to provide sustainability for schools so as to eliminate school fees imposed on the children.
2. **The Green Dream Initiative** - We believe that by reducing the human footprint on the earth and incorporating nature in our daily lives will create a healthier living environment not just for us but also the future generations. As a part of the Green Dream Initiative, COMMITTED is initiating the Re-Leaf Program and Children, Parks, and People program. The Re-Leaf program seeks to relieve the urban areas of Nepal by improving green cover not just on vacant land but also on private land, public right-of-way, and other places feasible. Children, Parks, and People seeks to build parks and green space in the urban areas, utilizing government, school, and quasi-private properties.

Board of Directors

In 2012 board membership has remained intact. In 2013, we expect a few minor changes to the Board membership. Changes will be reported in due time. The U.S. Chairperson relocated to Nepal and has assumed the role of Executive Director since 2010. Increasing diversity and getting individuals passionate to COMMITTED's cause continues to be an ongoing exercise.

Administration

Several individuals joined our efforts in 2012 on a voluntary basis as core members of the administration including finance and project coordination. In 2013 onwards, we expect additional members to join us not only voluntarily, but also as key players seeking to take COMMITTED to the next level. These interested individuals seek to lead in projects of their interest that within COMMITTED's working areas. We encourage and are open such pro-activism from genuine interested individuals to cater to the communities we serve.

Fund Raising

With lessons learnt from the past years, we have found small scale fund raiser events to also be effective. As a result, in 2012 our strategy was to conduct fund raisers on a smaller scale but increase in frequency. As a result, we were able to generate our target goal during the Summerfest 2012 event held in the Washington DC area. In addition, many grant applications were submitted in 2012. Funds were made available by Ncell, Western Union Foundation, Union Finance Ltd., Sieun Alice Park family (South Korea), Rainwater Harvesting Capacity Center-Biogas Sector Partnership (RHCC-BSP). We will continue to pursue this path more aggressively in 2013. These applications will primarily be sent to INGOs, foreign embassies participating in local development efforts, grant making foundations, philanthropic individuals, private businesses, and local/international clubs and associations.

Starting July 2012 COMMITTED-Nepal initiated the process to establish an operational endowment fund with a goal of Rs. 10 million for the Nepali fiscal year 2070 (July 15 2012-July 2013). We have successfully generated approximately NRs. 4.4 million (US\$ 50,000). The collected endowment fund (interest only) is temporary in nature. COMMITTED-Nepal does not have access to the principal sum but only the interest earned by the donors- handed over to COMMITTED-Nepal. Continuous pledge of the interest funds hinges in our ability to make optimal utilization of the funds.

2012 Projects

Rainwater Harvesting at Kanchanpur District

With funding provided by the RAIN Foundation, Netherlands, and in partnership with Rainwater Harvesting Capacity Center(RHCC)/BSP-Nepal a rainwater harvesting system training and rapid water stress survey was conducted to identify the most water stressed village of Kanchanpur District. Following the assessment, a pilot demonstration project for the installation of five RWH systems was carried out at the identified site. The project was carried out as a part of the Nepal Wash Alliance’s water and sanitation related intervention in the mid-far west and far west regions of Nepal. Five complete rainwater harvesting systems with stone masonry water tanks, gutter, and drainage were installed for five households. As a result of the project the entire village is benefitting from the project. Water collected over monsoon and other rainy days are shared among the 22 households (Approximately 110 persons) of the village.



Higher Secondary School Establishment at Sri Raithane Secondary School, Thangpalkot VDC, Sindhupalchowk District (2011-12)

Under School Improvement Program, COMMITTED has been conducting various activities at Sri Raithane School. Over the years we realized need for a higher secondary school (10+2) in this VDC. The need is based on geographical and economical hurdles faced by the general population of Thangpalkot and surrounding VDCs. The nearest higher secondary school is located approximately 2-3 hours’ walk from Thangpalkot. The nearest sub urban area, Melamchi, requires approximately three hours of bus-ride. However, these local bus rides through treacherous earthen roads are closed during monsoon. COMMITTED continues to seek to establish a higher secondary school at Sri Raithane. Although much work has been initiated newly adopted plans developed by the Dept of Education (Nepal) to establish grades 11 and 12 in all secondary schools has caused us to set aside the higher secondary school registration process. Since the concept for a higher secondary school was initiated, a library, a science lab, and a computer lab (E-library) have been built at the school. Kim Children’s Library, dedicated to the mother our dear volunteer Sieun “Alice” Park of South Korea, and the science lab is the first library set up in this general area. The science lab was built with assistance from MC Dean Inc., USA, and Union Finance Ltd. The E-library was built with financial help from Ncell. Technical and primary implementation was carried out by Help-Nepal Network. Primary coordination and monitoring efforts are being carried out by COMMITTED-Nepal and Save the Children, Nepal. The projects will benefit approximately 365 children from the school as well as 400 plus households with school going children from the subject as well as adjoining villages.



Sri Raithane Secondary School Science Lab, Thangpalkot, Sindhupalchowk



Sri Raithane Secondary School E-Library, Thangpalkot, Sindhupalchowk



Sri Raithane Secondary School–Kim Children’s Library, Thangpalkot,

Adopt-A-School Program

With financial assistance from Ncell and in collaboration with Save the Children, COMMITTED-Nepal built two libraries at Rastra Higher Secondary School Waling, Syangja and Panchakanya Higher Secondary School, Ratnanagar, Chitwan District. The two libraries were built with structure and all finishing work, furniture, books and library management and utilization training complete. In addition to book purchases, a collection drive was also organized. The Asia Foundation also contributed a good chunk of the books. In addition, classroom furniture and general classroom renovation and maintenance was carried out at Ratna Sobha higher Secondary School, Majhthana, Kaski District, and a science lab was built at Mangal Higher Secondary School, Kirtipur, Kathmandu. All facilities built are now in full operation. The completed projects will benefit approximately 2,900 children and staff .



Rastra Higher Secondary School Library, Waling, Syangja



Panchakanya Higher Secondary School Library, Ratnanagar, Chitwan



Mangal Higher Secondary School Science Lab, Kirtipur, Kathmandu

Pig Farming as a Social Business for Education (SBE) (2011-12)

The pig farming project at Sri Raithane Secondary School was initiated in November 2011. The project, although initiated during 2012 as a consolidated approach to relive households with school going children, will now be carried out as a social business entirely under the Sri Raithane School's control. This social business will employ a full time personnel to carryout daily farm activities. Initiated with 10 piglets, the farm now has produced 12 piglets since, and 3 pigs/piglets have been sold in the market. The recently built facility now has the capacity to house 20 pigs and ample room for expansion and abundant water access. The expanded facility was built with income generated from the sale of pigs/piglets from year 2012 farming activities. The hired employee will be paid a basic salary for carrying out tasks such as collecting waste food from nearby eateries, prepare feed, ensure pig hygiene and farm, and overall operation maintenance of the social business. From year 2013 onwards, income from the social business, minus expenses, will be utilized towards Sri Raithane School needs.



Aquaculture as a Social Business for Education

With local opportunities and resources available at Thangpalkot Village, COMMITTED attempted to initiate an Aquaculture based Social Business for the School's sustainability in 2012. Although the project has been initiated on a rudimentary basis, we have realized a full scale operation necessary to fulfill our goal. COMMITTED awaits funds to carryout a full scale fishery operation with nurseries and grow out ponds. The project also seeks to train local households on adopting integrated fish farming in their paddy fields and other space available. In addition to the established rudimentary fish farm, a rowboat ride facility has also been initiated at the pond. Boat rides are in operation for a nominal fee.



PROJECTS FOR 2013

School Improvement Program (Libraries) at all public schools of Thangpalkot VDC, Sindhupalchowk and Maru Tole, Kathmandu

With implementation of Kim's Children's Library at Sri Raithane Secondary school in 2011, COMMITTED-Nepal built two additional libraries at Chilaune Secondary School and Taltuleswori Primary School of Thangpalkot VDC in March 2013. A library at Kumveswori Primary School, Gunshakot VDC was also built during the same period. With the addition of reading sections for in all classrooms at Saat Kanya Primary School in 2013, COMMITTED-Nepal will have installed libraries at all public schools of Thagpalkot VDC of Sindhupalchowk District. In addition, a secondary school library is also planned for Shanti Nikunj Secondary School of Maru Tole, Kathmandu. These libraries are being carried out under financial help from Sieun Park's Family in South Korea and Bank of Kathmandu (BOK). Approximately students and children are expected to benefit from the installed libraries. In addition, an incentive based (prize) Reading Star program has also been initiated at all libraries with the objective of getting children to start reading at an early age. Each child receives a star for finishing a book and the student with most stars at the end of each year will receive an age appropriate prize. These libraries are also opened up to the public during off-school hours. Many individuals and the Asia Foundation contributed towards book collections.



School Improvement Program at Dolagiri Higher Secondary School, Changuarayan, Bhaktapur

Dolagiri Higher Secondary School is located at the base of the historic Changuarayan Temple, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Due to lack of resources, the school is unable to provide quality education. COMMITTED-Nepal, with financial assistance from Ncell, is making improvements to the school's playground, library, gender separated toilets, partial boundary wall and entrance, primary block relocation and classroom improvements. The entire project is budgeted at Rs. 18 Lakhs. The school is contributing approximately 10 percent towards the total cost. Approximately 337 students are expected to benefit directly from this project.



Social Business for Education at Dolagiri Higher Secondary School, Changuarayan, Bhaktapur

As an innovative solution to relieve schools from insufficient operational resources and the surrounding households from regular power cuts, COMMITTED-Nepal, with financial assistance from Ncell, an income generating social business utilizing renewable energy (solar) is being implemented in 2013. Approximately 30-50 households in the surrounding school area will be supplied with solar energy to light up approximately 3-4 bulbs per household during power cuts. The solar panels and other necessary equipment will be placed inside the school premises and a user group committee formulated to ensure efficient operations and establish guidelines. Each household will be required to pay a nominal user fee. Income generated from this operation will be used primarily to overcome deficient operational cost with a nominal set aside for regular maintenance. Each household's power usage will be checked with a. Any overload activity will be controlled with rules, regulations, including fines to be formulated by the user group committee.

In addition to the renewable energy based social business, an agriculture based social business will also be implemented, such as mushroom, vegetables, herbs, and fruits. The type of activity will be decided by the school's social business committee. Here again, income generated from the self-sustainable social business will be utilized to overcome deficient operational costs. The activity will also be integrated into the school's curriculum as a way to teach the school children of high income generating farming activities, that could be put in practice by the students and their families to enhance their household income.

