



"COMMITTED to Making a Difference"



ANNUAL REPORT

2016-17

Community Members Interested Nepal (COMMITTED) operates as a tax-exempt non-profit organization in the US registered under section 501(c)(3) of the US IRS code, and as an approved NGO in Nepal registered with the Social Welfare Council under PAN No. 302102837. COMMITTED's mission is to assist Nepalese local governments provide essential services to its citizens in an efficient and sustainable manner, with special consideration to the public education system.

COMMITTED strives to fulfil its mission by assisting local governments to implement poverty alleviation, health, public facilities, and land use related projects through a comprehensive community planning process. We operate through three core projects:

School Improvement Program (SIP)

Improvements in the infrastructure, facilities, curriculum and extra-curricular activities are the primary focus of COMMITTED's SIP. Projects within the program attempts to align with the School Improvement Plan required of every school by the Nepal Government's Department of Education.

Social Business for Education (SBE)

Social Business for Education (SBE) is agriculture- based, income generating project for both schools and members of the local community. Profits from the school SBE are used to make the school self-sustainable as well as to support local community.

Local Governance & Service Delivery (LGSD)

Our Local Governance and Service Delivery (LGSD) project aims to help set up local governments through tested planning, development process, and resource generation methods. The three core areas covered are service delivery, education, and economic development.

List of Board Members

	COMMITTED U.S	COMMITTED Nepal
Founder	Jayjeev Hada	
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January 01, 2016 - December 31, 2016

COMMITTED- U.S		
	Income:	Amount (\$)
	Individual Donation	5050.16
	Corporate Donation	2000.00
	Net Income of last year	50011.80
	Accrued Income	8658.37
A	Total Income in 2016	65720.33
	Expense:	
	Nepal Project Expense	23000.00
	Project Monitoring Expense	5000.00
	Postage & Stationaries	31.66
	Registration & Renewal	25.00
	Electronics Expense	1256.38
	Bank Fees	270.49
	Refreshment Expense	37.03
B	Total Expense in 2016	29620.56

Note: Financial Activities reported for COMMITTED-U.S and COMMITTED- Nepal are for two different time frames due to varying legal accounting periods.

July 16 2016 - July 15, 2017

COMMITTED- Nepal		
	NPR	US\$= 102.86
INCOME:		
Grants		
Give2Asia	9,073,493.28	88,212.07
Western Union	503,881.00	4,898.71
COMMITTED US	330,174.00	3,209.94
Nepal Rising	451,543.24	4,389.88
NEMIRA	207,272.06	2,015.09
Disaster Relief Fund	735,222.93	7,147.80
Alice Sieun Park	308,286.40	2,997.15
Extra Activities in Government School	78,970.00	767.74
Individual & Corporates	1,442,624.40	14,025.13
Overhead Income	2,257,196.48	21,944.36
Interest Eamed	399,909.39	3,887.90
TOTAL INCOME	15,788,573.18	153,495.75
EXPENSES:		
ADMIN/OPERTING EXPENSE (NOT COVERED BY PROJECTS)		
	3,693,187.67	35,904.99
PROJECT EXPENSES:		
Local Governance	12,946,494.72	125,865.20
SIP: School Construction & Repairing	1,730,583.29	16,824.65
SIP: Scholarship Program	139,629.99	1,357.48
SIP: Star Reader/ Writer Program	1,179,547.70	11,467.51
SIP: Extra Activities/sports at school	69,875.00	679.32
SBE: Community Fishery	156,420.00	1,520.71
SUB TOTAL	16,222,550.70	157,714.86
TOTAL EXPENSES	19,915,738.37	193,619.86

Dear COMMITTED Supporters,

Another year has gone by and we continue to move along with our work to help Nepal's communities in need. Your support and well wishes have been very helpful and encouraging throughout the year. After the massive effort to help settle the dust from the earthquake in 2015-16, we continued to respond to bringing normalcy back in the earthquake affected areas in 2016-17.

During the entire year we rebuilt class room blocks with adequate toilets, drinking water, and recreational areas. We are very proud to have made this possible for the students of Chilaune Secondary and Taltuleshwori Basic Schools. Restoration of library structures and supply of furniture, books, computers, printers and other library related materials in five wards of Paanchpokari Thangpal Rural Municipality, Sindhupalchowk District has further assisted in improving the learning environment.

In the past year, COMMITTED ventured into its first local governance project in accordance with its Local Governance and Service Delivery program to help local education bodies in acknowledging their roles and identifying resource to enhance the public education system. We provided relevant trainings to education bureaucrats on School Governance and Right to Information (RTI), and shed light on the importance of their role on the education system. We also initiated the process to help the rural municipalities in re-establishing and reactivating the role of the Education Committees of the local bodies. This project will continue through 2017-18 bringing about positive changes in PaanchPokhari Thangpal Rural Municipality's 34 schools and their governing bodies.

In the coming days our long affiliation with the Shree Raithane Secondary School will continue with retrofitting activities. Many components of the structure were damaged during the earthquake and will be retrofitted to restore the learning environment. Along with physical improvements, we will continue to offer sponsorships to the needy and underprivileged students, who otherwise would drop out.

Also in the pipeline for 2017-18 is the launch of our assistance to a handful of municipalities all over Nepal assisting them in their urban governance and service delivery needs. We will be closely working with The Asia Foundation and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Australian Government.

We pledge to continue to work with the Nepali communities with the same vigor and joy since our inception in 2004. It has been a wonderful experience and our achievements are a reflection of our perseverance and adherence towards our mission of helping Nepal develop in a sustainable manner. And this has been possible only with your support. On behalf of COMMITTED's Team, I convey my immense gratitude to all our supporters for your assistance in making a difference in the lives of many unfortunate communities - the helpless and voiceless.

We hope this togetherness continues for many years to come!

Sincerely,



Jayjeev Hada

Founder/ Chairperson- COMMITTED U.S

Founder/ Executive Director- COMMITTED Nepal

SOCIAL BUSINESS FOR EDUCATION (SBE)



Fishery, a part of our SBE project has been supporting two schools, Raithane and Chilaune Secondary to meet deficient school operation costs and has encouraged locals to jump to cash crop based farming as a livelihood option. The addition of 20,000 fingerlings this year has helped continue the project benefitting 800+ households from 3 wards: Thangpalkot, Bhotang and Gunsa.



A representative of German Cooperation (GC), donor of our fishery project, visited Raithane pond for monitoring and evaluation. The delegate visited the sites and took stock of activities supported by GC funds and the benefits of the project to the schools and the local community.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (SIP)

Chilaune Secondary School

After the renovation of two classroom blocks (4 classrooms), a security fence was constructed around the school building area along with the provision of drinking water taps. The multi-purpose court, damaged by earthquake was also repaired. The two buildings and the court have been handed over to the community.





Taltuleshwori Basic School

During 2015-2016, the school was rebuilt in its entirety including a kitchen and dining room. This year drinking water taps and toilets were added, and handed over to community. The handover was followed-up with a social audit of the entire construction work. Information related to the project, including expenditure, funding partners etc. were shared with the community.

A team from Social Welfare Council (SWC), the national body responsible for overseeing non-profit activities in the entire country, visited the project area for Monitoring and Evaluation (M & E).

Star Reader & Writer Program

After the construction of libraries in five schools in five different wards, the Star Reader and Writer program was introduced to promote and enhance reading and writing skills of the students.

COMMITTED was instrumental in providing the following:

- An orientation program was first conducted for the teachers and students.
- Book report templates and samples were distributed to the schools.
- Library related materials like tables, benches, book shelves etc were distributed to each libraries.
- 3000 additional books were also provided to the schools.
- Continuing with the tradition of the program, 54 Star-Reader and Star-Writer awards were distributed.



This project has been benefitting approx. 1050 students of Taltuleshwori Basic, Raithane Secondary, Chilaune Secondary, SaatKanya Basic Schools of Thangpalkot and Kumbeshwori Basic School of Gunsa.

Sponsorship Program

With the funds received from different organizations and individuals globally, following is a detail of sponsorship provided to the students.

Name of Recipient	No. of Students	Amount (NRs)
Shree Raithane Secondary School, Sindhupalchowk District	9	73,010 (Approx. USD 730.1)
Shree Bhimsen Higher Secondary School Baglung District	4	81500 (Approx. USD 815)

COMMITTED also supported the stipend for a year of two Teach For Nepal volunteers at Raithane Secondary School. We supported Rs.6000/month for Madhav Ghimire and Anu Karki who taught English, Mathematics and Science at Raithane Secondary School.

Other Activities



- A total of 321 winter jackets were distributed among the children of Shree Raithane School with the support of funds raised through the benefit concert for Nepal earthquake held in Slovenia by COMMITTED's friends at the Etnobeat Music Society and the Ljubljana Puppet Theatre.

- SIS Canada School in South Korea provided US\$500 worth of books and materials to Kumveshwori Basic School in Gunsu. The additional US \$1500 they provided to COMMITTED will be spent in providing similar support to other school libraries in the area.

- Donated by Sherpa Adventure Gear, 158 rain ponchos were distributed to 9th and 10th grade students of Shree Raithane and Shree Chilaune Secondary Schools.



Local Governance and Service Delivery (LGSD)



Accountability and Transparency Mechanism in School Governance System

The project was initiated in April 2016 and is still ongoing. The project aims to strengthen local education bodies and assist them in identifying resources for implementation of their plans.

Funded by Give2Asia, it helps create a citizen driven vigilance system to ensure all actors involved in education are transparent, accountable and diligent in their duties by providing adequate training and support.

Highlights of our activities in 2016-17

- Conducted a seven-days Training of Trainers (TOT) on School Governance and Right to Information (RTI) as a tool for three-dozen representatives of Illaka 12, Sindhupalchowk district.
- Formed Village Education Committee (VEC) in 5 Village Development Committees (VDCs) Gunsu, Thangpalkot, Thangpaldhap, Bhotang and Bhotenamlang which was later dissolved when the local government structures were renamed.
- Built a library each in five schools severely affected by the 2015 earthquake, namely Bhotang Devi Secondary School, Kumbeshowori Basic School, Thangpaldhap Secondary School,

Kshhetrapaleswori Secondary School and Chandika Secondary School. These libraries in five different wards also serve as the venue for the Village Education Committee (VEC) meetings.

- Oriented 27 schools of Illaka 12 on School Governance and RTI.
- Conducted VEC meetings to strengthen its function and formulation of its own Village Education Plans.
- Provided the twenty-seven participating schools with library furniture as well as a set of computer and printer each.
- Trained school head teachers and members of School Management Committees (SMC) on basic computer skills.
- Conducted RTI tracking and monitoring campaign along with a publication of RTI manual.
- Organized a refresher session on School Governance and RTI at 13 schools of Baruwa, Bhotenamlang and Thangpaldhap wards to reinforce their understanding of RTI and energize the local bodies to improve school governance.



School Reconstruction

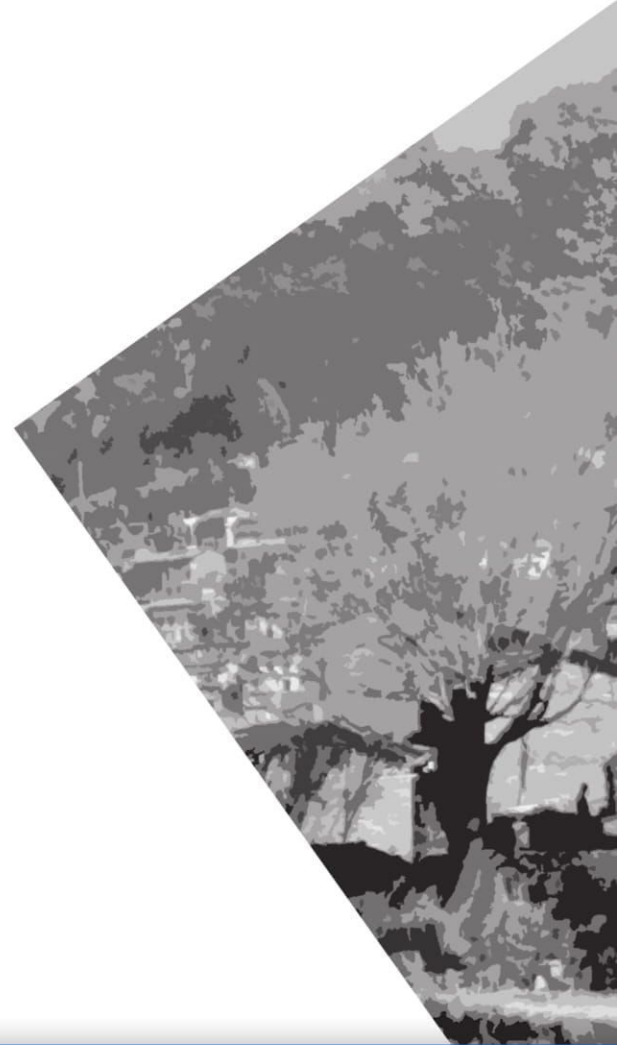
Raithane Secondary school has been receiving support from COMMITTED since 2009. The earthquake of 2015 destroyed one of the buildings and severely damaged the other two, one of which had been partially funded by COMMITTED. While the other buildings were rebuilt with assistance from another NGO, COMMITTED will fund the retrofitting of the building we originally partially funded. The repair work is slated to begin in the winter of 2017.

School Governance Project to a Different Level

Due to the change in local government structure, former Village Education Committee(VEC) has now been dissolved and a new Rural Municipality Education Committee(RMEC) will be formed comprising 8 wards of PaanchpokhariThangpal Rural Municipality, Sindhupalchowk district. A five years Rural Municipality Education Plans (RMEP) will be formulated by consolidating the School Improvement Plans (SIP) of all schools within its service area along with production of a printed RMEP manual. To establish a proactive information dissemination system, printers and computers with internet connection will be provided to 8 schools of two wards, namely Langarche and Banskarka.

Launch of another Local Governance Program

Pipelined for 2017-2018, COMMITTED is launching a sub national governance project entitled 'Enhancement of Local Governance Service Delivery and Economic Governance (EnLoG-SDEG)' in partnership with The Asia Foundation. The project will aid municipalities with addressing urban service delivery and creating economic development programs. Not having had an elected and functioning local government for the past twenty-years COMMITTED seeks to help the local bodies address those issues through tested planning and development processes, and well-established resource generation methods.



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