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2014

Bindu Nepali of the Forum for Human Rights & Disabled conducting an interview with Lal Bahadur Chaudhari for a baseline study in Narayanpur village, Dang district, western Nepal.
INDIA

Our work in Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu states is with organisations dedicated to the education and wellbeing of disabled children and youths, and their families.

Junior secondary education at Kiran Society

Kiran School, a model of inclusivity where 50% of children are not disabled, is providing lower secondary education with the completion of a six-room two-storey accessible building. We are proud to enhance the learning experience for all 350 children using the Kiran campus by fully equipping three rooms for IT training, audio-visual education, and a video and science lab.

Health Awareness and Livelihoods (HAL)

In April 2014 we embarked on the four-year HAL programme with the Kiran Society by assembling a team of 26 community-based workers for the 50 targeted villages in Varanasi and Mirzapur districts of Uttar Pradesh state. Our aims are to reduce poverty and hunger, and to improve the health of mothers and the estimated 9,000 children below the age of five. HAL will include training for local health workers, *anganwadi* (village based nursery) workers, and post and ante natal workers. It will also provide rehabilitation services for up to 1,000 children and young people, and disability awareness for all. The team will also set up 40 new women led self-help groups, and strengthen existing ones, for women to be agents of change and to alleviate the deep poverty which lies at the root of poor health and disability in rural India.

Computer training at SDET

We have supported the Social Development Education Trust (SDET) in Virudhnagar district of Tamil Nadu state to run a vocational computer training centre which this year has trained 35 disabled and disadvantaged tribal youths.

Women voice their opinions on health matters at self-help group meeting in Tikri Village

IT graduates proudly show off certificates with their trainer, Manimegalle (in blue sari)

Getting to grips with word processing at Kiran!
NEPAL

Our focus on disabled people’s rights is now leading to new programmes to provide access to livelihoods, education and mental health.

Disabled people’s human rights and Nepal’s constitution

Nepal Disabled Human Rights Centre (DHRC-Nepal) and DDP celebrated the conclusion of the major five-year Disabled People’s Advocacy for Change (DPAC) programme at a gala event with local partners, team members past and present and well-wishers. This project was developed seven years ago at the end of Nepal’s monarchical rule, and was an opportunity to invest in the democratic aspirations of disabled people, who have for so long been marginalised and whose numbers had swelled during the country’s 10 year conflict. Its main objective was to ensure that disabled people’s rights are enshrined in Nepal’s new democratic constitution using the tenets of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disability (UNCRPD).

DPAC enabled DHRC-Nepal to build the capacity of over 50 grass roots DPOs across Nepal to participate in the democratisation process, directly informed over 25,000 people about disability rights and helped them secure their entitlements, raised the profile of Nepal’s disability

Majhi Bharati (seated on left), a deaf woman cheated of her land in Sindhupalchok district, regained it after her sister (on the right) learnt about disabled people’s rights

Shudarson Subedi (centre), DHRC co-founder and currently President of the National Federation of the Disabled - Nepal joins the National Association of the Blind rally in Butwol, April 2014

National Association of the Blind rally in Butwol, western Nepal, April 2014
movement in regional forums and international networking. It has also provided a springboard for DDP’s other partnerships in Nepal, shedding a light on invisible disabilities such as mental illness and deafness.

Funded by UKAid

Poverty alleviation in four districts of western Nepal

This new project coordinated by DHRC-Nepal, which started in April 2014 with DPO partners in the districts of Tanahun, Bardiya, Surkhet and Dang, is a natural extension to five years of building grass roots capacity through DPAC. The project will provide quality livelihood opportunities for 1500 disabled people and their families (7500 people in all) over three years.

Funded by UKAid

SHRUTI – National association for hard-of-hearing and deafened, Nepal

Hard-of-hearing children suffer in silence and are often labelled as stupid because the condition is not visible, children are unable to express their needs, and teachers are also often unaware that children have hearing difficulties. We are supporting SHRUTI to conduct a pilot project to test the...
hearing of 450 children in two primary schools in Kathmandu, giving practical assistance to those with hearing difficulties and using the findings to highlight this neglected issue.

Funded by the Equitable Charitable Trust

Breaking the chains of stigma
We congratulate KOSHISH’s Matrika Devkota for winning the prestigious Dr Guislain Award 2013 for his outstanding work in raising awareness of and fighting the stigma associated with mental illness in Nepal. We are continuing our efforts to support KOSHISH to reform mental health policy in Nepal.

ETHIOPIA

All four projects with partner Berhan Lehetsanat (BL, formerly called Handicap National) focus on girls and women, disabled children, and youth education and training, while the latest partnership with the Deaf Development and Information Association (DDIA) is for work with deaf youth.

Education and Livelihood Opportunities for Girls and Women (ELGW)
Now in its penultimate year, ELGW, which works with over 5,000 school pupils and 585 teachers in 18 primary schools, is set to endure thanks to the dedicated local team in Hawassa, and the

Sherbeto Yoka, one of 600 women beneficiaries of the ELGW project, sells *insett* (false banana flour) at Tulla market. She is a member of an association of Tulla’s Ketema kebele.
constructive relationships that have been developed with the local community and government. This year we commissioned a study to find out why harmful traditional practices such as female genital mutilation persist in the project area, despite being illegal. The findings have helped us to take action to prevent these practices where possible, as they truly hamper girls’ progress in education.

**Funded by Comic Relief**

**From Childhood to Livelihood (FCTL)**

Launched a year ago the project team has laid the foundations of ‘education, skills training and beyond’ for disabled youngsters. Working with Hawassa College of Teacher Education they have been finalising and testing an inclusive teacher training curriculum, so that all student teachers will be trained in special needs education. By the end of the project in 2017 over 8,000 graduate teachers will be putting into practice special needs knowledge and training throughout schools in Ethiopia’s southern region.

**Funded by BIG Lottery Fund**
Grades 9 and 10 students in Tulla High School can at last sit and learn comfortably in class, each with a desk and chair. A new eight-room two-storey classroom and toilet blocks have now been completed so that an extra 300 students are accommodated. There has been a spectacular reduction in the drop-out rate from 67% to less than 1%, which the School Director attributes directly to the improvements brought about by this project.

*Funded by Band Aid Charitable Trust and Guernsey Overseas Aid Commission*

**The Women and Girls Centre** project provides a dedicated space where women and girls can support each other, and gain access to training and opportunities they would never have had otherwise. This centre is right by Tulla High School, so that 126 girl students come for extra tuition, which helps them pass exams to stay at school. Additionally, 54 women are attending adult literacy classes, and 83 women have received legal advice. BL is negotiating with the local women and children’s office to ensure the future of the centre and its services.

*Funded by Jersey Overseas Aid Commission*

**IT training for deaf and hard-of-hearing young people**

We are supporting the **Deaf Development and Information Association** (DDIA) who have provided training for 100 deaf and hard-of-hearing young men and women in IT and enterprise set-up. In the first enterprise venture of this type for deaf people in Ethiopia, 70 of these young people will set up 10 cyber cafe co-operatives.

*Funded by Jersey Overseas Aid Commission*
BURUNDI

Through DDP’s long involvement with deaf children’s education in Burundi we have now developed opportunities to work with other disadvantaged and marginalised people, including returnees.

Signing up for deaf children in Burundi

We are supporting the parents’ association at Ecole Ephphatha pour les Sourds (EES – Ephphatha school for deaf children) to reach out to parents in different parts of the country to share their concerns and knowledge about their children’s education and communications needs. We hope that they will lead advocacy with the ministry of education and health for better provisions for deaf kids. Back at EES, special needs training courses for teachers and sign language interpreters and sign language training for parents and siblings of deaf pupils will continue to improve the quality of education and communication support for deaf children in Burundi.

Funded by Jersey Overseas Aid Commission

More sports

We are helping EES pupils play more sports! For the first time a physical education teacher has been employed and sports activities time tabled for all 142 pupils. The school’s field has been levelled where the country’s first international inclusive football tournament will take place with four schools competing – including a deaf school from the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Funded by Jersey Overseas Aid Commission, Evan Cornish Foundation and DeafKidz International

IT training

Deaf children at EES must also prepare for work and adulthood and IT skills can be a most inclusive medium for them. A classroom has been refurbished as an IT training unit with Wi-Fi connection, a full-time trainer and 10 desktop...
computers to introduce IT skills to EES’s children and teachers.

_Funded by the British & Foreign Schools Society_

‘Twunganire abahungutse’ (Everyone Supports Returnees)

While discussing disabled children’s rights with the Association Communautaire pour la Promotion et la Protection des Droits de l’Homme (ACPDH), a human rights organisation, they expressed an urgent need to help some of the thousands of Burundians who had been expelled from Tanzania in December 2012 where they had been refugees for many years. Without ‘home’ connections, civil rights and sometimes even the local language, these returnees face poverty and exclusion. We will directly help 150 families who find themselves displaced within their own country and support ACPDH to continue their advocacy and human rights advice work and their drop-in centre.

_Funded by the Baring Foundation_

Flood victims

Following unprecedentedly heavy rains, floods took people unawares on the night of 10th February 2014 in parts of the capital city, Bujumbura. Over 70 people were killed, 1,000 homes destroyed and 3,000 people, many children, were left destitute. DDP’s two partner, EES and ACPDH, were quick to contact us with news of this devastation and we thank Jersey Overseas Aid Commission who responded swiftly and generously to our appeal with an emergency grant of over £20,000 to provide urgently needed food, clothes, and children’s school materials for 489 families (2606 people).
MOZAMBIQUE

DDP’s 20 year engagement with disabled people in Mozambique continues with a new partnership and we expect about 3,000 young disabled people and their families to improve their standards of living in the two new initiatives starting late in 2014.

Disabled youth and rights

We are delighted to partner with Associação Dos Jovens Deficientes De Moçambique (AJODEMO – a national disabled youth organisation). The first project will bridge the gap between theory and practice in the government’s obligations towards disabled young people. Through awareness raising and training disabled youths can be effective citizens, knowing their rights under domestic legislation and the UNCRPD, to collaborate with local government officials as duty bearers to uphold them. This two-year initiative is in 2 districts of the province of Maputo and includes the capital city, Maputo, and in Xai-Xai city and two other districts of Gaza province.

Training and livelihood opportunities for young disabled people

In a second and complementary initiative with AJODEMO practical assistance, through skills and enterprise training and start-up funds, will be given to 300 young disabled people to create their own livelihoods and support their families. With
training provided by the government vocational training agency, candidates will be assessed for business start-up kits and other materials and profits from their enterprises will be revolved to other young disabled people to start their own enterprises.

Funded by Jersey Overseas Aid Commission

SOUTH TO SOUTH EXCHANGES

This year we facilitated partner network exchanges between India and Ethiopia, and between Nepal and Myanmar.

Jagadish Adhikari (back row, 2nd from left) of DHRC-Nepal and Shudarson Subedi (back row 3rd from right) of the National Federation of Disabled People, Nepal found much in common as DPOs in emerging democracies when they visited the Myanmar Independent Living Initiative in Yangon. MILI founders Aung Ko Myint (1st from left, back row) and Nay Lin Soe (front row, 1st from left)
DDP’s Income and Expenditure

**Expenditure 2013-2014: £543,727**

- **Programmes & Projects:** £525,677 (97%)
- **Management & Administration:** £12,868 (2%)
- **Fundraising & Publicity:** £5,182 (1%)

**Income 2013-2014: £588,908**

- **Grants:** £573,276 (97%)
- **Individual Donors:** £15,389 (<3%)
- **Other (Interest):** £243 (<1%)

**HOW YOU CAN HELP**

DDP relies on you to continue our work – to see how you can help, go to http://www.ddpuk.org/support.html

You can give online, print off a donation form or simply send a cheque to DDP. If you are a UK tax payer, don’t forget to boost your donation by adding Giftaid.

If you would like to help in any other way, please call 020 7700 7298 or email mail@ddpuk.org or join the chat on DDP’s facebook page (look for us at Disability and Development Partners)

`Deaf children’s families learn sign language at classes organised by Ephphatha school for deaf`