

INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY



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NEPAL: NEW SCHOOL OFFERS CHILDREN A CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Facility gives vulnerable children an opportunity to improve their lives



This three-story building will be renovated into the Joy Land Kindergarten with funding from Anglican Relief and Development Fund. It is located in Pokhara, Nepal.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

CONTEXT: Landlocked, lacking substantial resources for economic development, and hampered by an inadequate transportation network, Nepal is one of the least developed nations in the world. The economy is heavily dependent on imports of basic materials and on foreign markets for its forest and agricultural products. It is bordered to the north by China and on all other sides by India. Many years of geographic and self-imposed isolation have left Nepal in its undeveloped state.

NEED: Children, especially those who live in rural areas, lack access to early childhood care and development facilities in Nepal. Early childhood education is limited due to poor infrastructure and facilities. Many lack adequate classroom space, toilet facilities, drinking water, sanitation, outdoor play areas, and children's books. Lack of early childhood education and development opportunities lead to childhood marriage, labor migration, and other social problems. Christians continue to experience persecution, with landlords not wanting to lease land and buildings for Christian schools or churches. The Anglican Church of Nepal needs a permanent location to build a school that will become a landmark for quality Christian education.

SOLUTION: The Deanery of Nepal, Diocese of Singapore, and the Anglican Church of Nepal will use \$180,000 in funds from the Anglican Relief and Development Fund to renovate and equip the recently purchased three-story building in Pokhara into a modern kindergarten. Joy Land Kindergarten School will be a safe environment, meeting hygiene standards and with proper child friendly amenities such as classrooms, toilets, and dining and play areas. Work will involve repair to the toilets, interior and exterior painting, upgrading the rooms, building a new playground, and building kitchen facilities and a staircase. The children will learn in a Christian environment.

LIFE IMPACT

Benefits 420 people, some in multiple ways:

- 120 students will be exposed to a Christian education
- 300 parents and other community members will benefit from having their children attend school in an enlarged Christian facility, where beneficiaries will also attend community gatherings.

PROJECT PROFILE

ID: ARDF-0822-Nepal

Lead Ministry

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF NEPAL



LIVES IMPACTED 420

SECTOR Education

AMOUNT REQUESTED \$180,000

ARDF COST PER BENEFICIARY \$428.57

IN THEIR OWN WORDS

"This is a testimony of God's goodness in providing for Joy Land Kindergarten. The ongoing ministry partnership between ARDF and the Diocese of Singapore in the setting up of a school in Nepal is indeed an occasion to bless and praise God as we experience His goodness in leading us to accomplish His will. In April 2022, a small team consisting of both local Nepali and Singaporean pastors were in Pokhara, Nepal, to explore the possibility of purchasing a property to anchor the Anglican kindergarten. ... Despite the Covid-induced restrictions, we were introduced to a three-story building which we found to be eminently suitable, both in terms of location as well as the price."

– Bishop Kim Seng Kuan, Acting Dean, Anglican Church of Nepal



WHAT IT'S LIKE NOW

“Education is meant to be inclusive and equitable, but in Nepal only a small percentage can

enjoy the benefits of a good education. According to UNICEF: ‘Attendance in early childhood education is still low at 51%. There is inequity in the education sector as only 12% of children from the lowest wealth quintile are developmentally on track in literacy and numeracy, very few schools meet child friendly school standards.’ ”

— <https://www.unicef.org/nepal/education>

“Despite a decade-long conflict and other political challenges, Nepal has made remarkable progress in expanding learning opportunities for children and adults. Since 1990, net primary school enrollment rates have increased from 64 to 96 percent, with near gender parity. However, the quality of education remains low, as are secondary school completion rates, and the overall literacy rate hovers around 65 percent, with much lower literacy rates among women and traditionally marginalized castes and ethnic groups.”

— Education, Jan. 22, 2021, <https://www.usaid.gov/nepal/education>

PROJECT DESIGN

To ensure children, especially the most disadvantaged, receive improved access to and participate in pre-primary and basic education in a safe and protective environment, Anglican Church of Nepal seeks to renovate the newly purchased building into a modern kindergarten in Pokhara. It will use child-sized furniture and appropriate classroom materials, such as games, charts, and storage units.

This project marks the second and final phase of the Anglican of Nepal’s for Joy Land Kindergarten School expansion. First-phase was initially planned for the purchase of the land to construct a kindergarten, but an ideal three-story building that had originally been built as a kindergarten became available for sale. Funds that were earmarked for the purchase of land were used to purchase the building in a strategic location of Pokhara. The Anglican Church of Nepal will use \$180,000 funding from ARDF to renovate and equip the kindergarten to be more suitable for children, with classrooms, toilets, and a playground. Plans include a playground for children and three floors of space. Once the buildings are complete, there will be an opportunity for community members to attend church services at the new facility.

The renovation and transformation of the building will include redesigning the 13-year-old, three-story building into a modern kindergarten. The Anglican Church will hire an architect to redesign the building and submit it to local authorities for approval. Local Anglican church leaders and community members will be consulted on the final design and renovations. A qualified contractor will be hired to carry out the work, which will last 6 to 12 months.

The renovation will make Joy Land Kindergarten school building a landmark institution and center of holistic Christian education in Pokhara. Some 120 students will be exposed to Christian education. This school will provide a quality education with a unique blend of local and international curriculum. It will also enable the children to grow and develop their knowledge, skills, and talents regardless of race, caste, or religion.

An estimated 300 parents and community members will have an opportunity to attend church services and other events at the new school.

PROJECT BUDGET

SOURCES OF FUNDS

NOTES

| ITEM | REQUESTED FROM ARDF | LOCAL FUNDS |
|--|---------------------|------------------|
| Ground level renovation ¹ | \$50,000 | \$15,000 |
| Renovation of ground floor ² | \$20,000 | \$10,000 |
| First-floor renovation ³ | \$20,000 | \$5,000 |
| Second-floor renovation ⁴ | \$20,000 | \$5,000 |
| Third-floor renovation ⁵ | \$35,000 | \$3,500 |
| Overall building renovations ⁶ | \$5,000 | \$30,000 |
| Kindergarten operations setup ⁷ | | \$35,000 |
| Research and evaluation | \$15,000 | |
| ARDF administrative fee | \$15,000 | |
| TOTAL | \$180,000 | \$103,500 |

- ¹ includes the cost of boundary wall, main gate, ground flooring, electrical, carpentry and painting
- ² includes the cost of renovating two toilets, four classrooms, electrical, carpentry, painting works and carpeting
- ³ includes the cost of renovating two toilets, four classrooms, electrical, carpentry, painting works and carpeting
- ⁴ includes the cost of renovating two toilets, four classrooms, electrical, carpentry, painting works and carpeting
- ⁵ includes the cost of rebuilding a wall, ceiling structure installation for kitchen and toilets, the installation of a residence for a caretaker, electrical, carpentry, painting works and carpeting
- ⁶ includes the cost of repairing/renovating the stairway and corridor, restoring a water tank, and installing generator signage and painting
- ⁷ includes the cost of fixtures for the playground, educational resources, landscaping, miscellaneous and consultancy fees.





IMPLEMENTER FINANCIALS*



This project adheres to some or all of this sector's established best practices

| INCOME | 2018 | % | 2019 | % |
|-------------------------------|------------------|------------|------------------|------------|
| Diocese of Singapore | \$233,241 | 94 | \$239,754 | 93 |
| Tithes | \$7,098 | 3 | \$11,277 | 4 |
| Mission partners/local church | \$6,158 | 2 | \$5,848 | 2 |
| Offerings/donations | \$3,641 | 1 | \$1,856 | 1 |
| TOTAL | \$250,138 | 100 | \$258,735 | 100 |

| EXPENDITURES | 2018 | % | 2019 | % |
|---|------------------|------------|------------------|------------|
| Personnel (salaries and benefits) | \$195,440 | 80 | \$193,439 | 77 |
| Ministry programs | \$21,475 | 9 | \$12,847 | 5 |
| Anglican Training Center | \$12,248 | 5 | \$29,360 | 12 |
| Anglican Regional Office (Central & East) | \$6,423 | 3 | \$12,442 | 5 |
| Anglican Regional Office (West) | \$6,960 | 3 | \$3,266 | 1 |
| TOTAL | \$242,546 | 100 | \$251,354 | 100 |
| SURPLUS (DEFICIT) | \$7,592 | 3 | \$7,381 | 3 |

NOTES:

*Income and expenditures reported in U.S. dollars

INCOME: The Deanery of Nepal presented unaudited detailed finance reports indicating income and expenditures for 2018 and 2019. These reports provided details on items included in each income and expense category. The Deanery's support from the Diocese of Singapore represents its main source of revenue to support operations. A negligible increase in the support is noted in 2019. Tithes, donations from local churches, and offerings are the Deanery's other sources of income. These represent 6% of total income in 2018 and 7% in 2019. No other sources of income were reported. A surplus of 3% of revenue is reported in 2018 and 2019.

EXPENSES: The Deanery's largest expenditures are salaries and benefits. These represent 81% of the 2018 expenses and a slight decline in 2019 to represent 77% of expenditures. Ministry expenses include prayer days, confirmation services, children, youth and women's programs, spouse retreat, church repairs, and donations. These declined by 40% in 2019. Anglican training center expenditures include rent, utilities, and maintenance, as well as programmatic activities focused on clergy and church leadership training. These increased from 5% of total expenditures in 2018 to 12% in 2019. Administrative costs to operate regional offices include rent, utilities, projects, maintenance, and audit fees among other items. These averaged 6% during the two years reported.

The Deanery's unaudited income and expenditure reports present a limited view

RISK ANALYSIS



Low: 1, Low/Medium: 2, Medium: 3, Medium/High: 4, High: 5

CONCEPT: 1

A good educational institution that provides global teaching and ethical and spiritual values fills a large gap in Nepal. Moreover, education is a key tool to address inequality in a country like Nepal. The goal is to establish a mission school with high-quality educational standards based on Christian morals and values. The long-term goal is that this school will serve as a training ground for future mission schools in rural areas and villages of Nepal.

PROGRAM DESIGN & EXPERIENCE: 2

Joy Land Kindergarten was founded by the Deanery of Nepal, Diocese of Singapore, and the Anglican Church of Nepal to bring high-quality Christian education to those who can't afford one. Response to the program in the existing school has been positive.

LEADERSHIP: 1

Leadership of the Anglican Church of Nepal is organized by zones for better accountability and work within a reporting structure. The leadership has depth of experience in organizing and managing a variety of complex projects, including this one.

FINANCIAL CONTROL: 3

The Anglican Church of Nepal has stable management and secure financial transfer methods. It lacks externally audited financial statements and an independent board because all board members belong to the Anglican Church.

SUSTAINABILITY: 2

Joy Land Kindergarten will be a self-financing enterprise, with the collection of school fees and the use of the premises for enrichment programs. The school will be staffed with local people in the community, which helps ensure local community involvement and local ownership. The Anglican Church of Nepal will be involved in the project from the beginning with ongoing maintenance, upgrades, and training costs that will be managed by the fees, donations, and fundraising from Anglican Church of Nepal, Deanery of Nepal, and the Diocese of Singapore.

EXTERNAL: 3

Several factors could hinder implementation, including Nepal's political and cultural influence by India and China. At present, India has a pro-Hindu government that refuses to recognize Christianity and Islam as official religions.

LEADERSHIP PROFILES

The Rev. Paul Xavier is the coordinator, Deanery of Nepal, and person in charge of this renovation project. He assists Bishop Kim Seng Kuan who is the acting dean, Deanery of Nepal, Diocese of Singapore. He oversees the project. His background includes:

- Priest in-charge, Church of Epiphany
- Bachelor's degree in divinity from Trinity Theological college, Singapore
- Diocesan representative in the national Council of Churches of Singapore
- Degree in engineering, specializing in quantity surveying from Ngee Ann Polytechnic, Singapore
- Experience in civil engineering, banking, and business background. Involved in construction in major construction projects in Singapore.

REFERENCES

"The leadership of Anglican Church Nepal has shown great passion to reach out to the community despite setbacks and persecutions. Within the 21 years of their existence, they have established about 92 Anglican churches with more than 150 indigenous clergy and staff. The leadership, together with their staff and members, have a grit and tenacity to see to the completion of any project undertaken. The leadership encourages their members to care and reach out to the community. I have been involved with the Anglican Church Nepal for many years through regular yearly mission trips and long-term involvement in training, outreach, youth, and children's programs. The commitment of the leaders and their passion to see the children do well in school, as well as concern for their overall welfare, was good to note."

– **Vasanthi Sandrabose, a missionary in Pokhara**

"My wife and I were the pioneers of Joy Land Kindergarten. We were sent by the Diocese of Singapore under the Deanery of Nepal to Nepal to set up Joy Land Kindergarten in 2018. What I like about Joy Land Kindergarten is the quality of education it brings to the locals with a unique blend of local and international curriculum. Anglican Church Nepal leaders are very committed and hands-on. The senior clergy lead by example. When doing ministry in the villages, they do not just assign those under them to go, but they get their hands dirty by leading their juniors to remote places. And they have a heart to see their nation saved. Anglican Church of Nepal is well received due to the groundwork the pastors are doing."

– **Alvin Flang, a missionary from Singapore to Nepal**

RESEARCHER'S STATEMENT



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Joy Land Kindergarten is a mission school committed to providing a much-needed holistic curriculum that is based on Christian values. This project will open a new chapter in the lives of children and future generations of Nepalis. Pre-school education in Nepal mainly follows traditional teaching methods and faces challenges in adapting to the new and evolving global standards of education to secure employment opportunities. While the unpredictable political and religious climate in Nepal has made it almost impossible for Christian institutions to rent space from Hindu landlords, it has created an urgent need for churches to build their own schools.

IMPLEMENTER'S INSPIRATION

"Let the little children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God."

- Mark 10:14

HOW TO FUND THIS PROJECT

PROJECT RECAP

ID - ARDF-0822-Nepal
Timeline - 12 months
Requested - \$180,000
Modified - 091222

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