



CHANCE for Nepal

Annual Review 2025



Your support means everything to a small charity like ours. It means we are able to continue supporting our long-term projects and because of this - hundreds of children have received an education either by our funding of school buildings or through educational sponsorship - hundreds of children every month receive nourishment through our Tiffin Programme - hundreds of children received better health care through our support of 3 burns units and of two Health Posts in remote areas - not forgetting our four-legged friends that were vaccinated against rabies.

In these challenging times, I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Our Current Projects



Travel time by road from Kathmandu: Surkhet 15hrs, Dang 10hrs, Chitwan 6hrs,
Hetauda 4hrs, Ramechhap 5hrs

1. Kathmandu

NNSC Children's Home
Sneha's Care
Kanti Children's Hospital
Kirtipur Hospital
Bir Hospital

2. Dang

Health Post

3. Hetauda

Siddhasthali Rural
Community Hospital

4. Chitwan

Shree Secondary School

5. Surkhet

Ghatgaon - Shree Kalika
School
Paisara- Malika School

6. Ramechhap

Yangchemna Academy

Achievements

- Opened 2 new school buildings in the region of Surkhet
- Funded 100 school bags made from recycled denim for the above schools
- Funded 1000 anti-rabies vaccinations for our four-legged friends
- Funded 2 eminent cardiac and pulmonary consultants from Kathmandu to attend a weekend health camp at Siddhasthali Rural Community Hospital in Hetauda
- Funded the implementation of Social Security Health Fund programme at Siddhasthali Rural Community Hospital, Hetauda
- Funded the food and utilities for 9 college students in rented accommodation
- Funded Tiffin programmed - 4300 meals monthly at Shree School in Chitwan
- Funded a teacher's salary + computers + teaching aids at Yangchenma Academy
- Funded in Kanti, Kirtipur and Bir Hospitals
672 Physiotherapy sessions
985 Family Counselling sessions
283 Food Baskets
175 Goody Bags
- We have 8 students receiving educational sponsorship
- Funded - greenhouse, fridge, 6 months gas, 2-night mini break and 30% of the food costs for the children at the New Nepal Society Center
- Funded a nurse's salary and medicines for two health posts in Dang.
- Emergency medical help for Ashika who is suffering from Pemphigus Foliaceus, a very rare autoimmune condition. Being a small charity, CHANCE was able to act swiftly to make a difference.

Donations during 2025

Aerobytes	£10,000
Stephen Jones - Legacy	£ 7,770
Simon Bucknall	£ 4,500
Geraldine Williams	£ 2,500
Hubert Wagner	£ 2,500
Martin Gordon	£ 2,400
Brampton Charitable Trust	£ 2,250
Valerie Lee	£ 2,000
Marisa de Muinck Keizer	£ 1,250
Jane Lewis	£ 1,000
David Long	£ 600
Lesley Rushton	£ 500
John and Ida King	£ 500
A. James	£ 500
Maurice Walsh	£ 500
Graham Bentley	£ 300
Donations under £300	£ 1,210
Educational Sponsorships	£ 5,925
Gift Aid	£ 5,670
CHANCE 100 Club	£ 4,100
Quiz Night	£ 702
In Giving	£ 500
Total	£57,477

HEALTH

Siddhasthali Rural Community Hospital in Hetauda

We were delighted to be involved in supporting free Cardiac and Chest health camps at the hospital. Two top consultants in their field of Cardiology and Pulmonology held clinics bringing their expertise to hundreds of patients from low economic communities. Many of these patients had long suffered from serious health conditions they couldn't afford to have diagnosed or treated. Beyond diagnostics and consultations, free medications for heart disease, diabetes, and general health concerns were also given to ensure ongoing treatment.

In September Dr Aban, the founder of the hospital, asked for support for an exciting initiative implementing a Social Security Health Fund. My thanks go to Simon Bucknall, a supporter of CHANCE who funded the IT necessary for this programme. Dr Aban said, *'This initiative will make quality healthcare more accessible and affordable for our community by covering essential medical services under its health insurance program.'*

Families now access a wide range of services - consultations, lab tests, pharmacy, dental, and emergency care - without the worry of large out-of-pocket expenses. The scheme covers not only individuals but also their dependent family members.

Funding for two remote Health Posts with GMIN (Grassroot Movement in Nepal)

We are delighted to fund the salary of a nurse and a year's supply of medicines at a remote Health Post in Dhubicohur and medicines for the Health Post in Purandhara, the construction of which was funded by CHANCE in 2018. Both Health Posts see 2,500 - 3000 patients annually and are in the Dang region, 330kms West of Kathmandu.



Health Post in Dhubicohur

Burns Units – BVS

We have been supporting BVS (Burns Violence Survivors) since its conception in 2008, making them our longest running partner on the ground in Nepal. They are a dedicated team who strive to make a significant difference to burns patients, not only at the Kanti Children's Hospital but also at the Kirtipur and Bir hospitals where CHANCE also supports the nutrition for the children on the burns unit. During the last 12 months CHANCE has funded 283 nutritional food baskets to these two hospitals. Extra calories aid a speedier recovery.

Below are two case histories:

Devi is 18 months old and lives with her parents and older sister in Bagmati. Her father is a furniture maker and mother a housewife. The family are of low economic status. Devi's father was at work and Devi was inside the kitchen with her aunt who was heating butter (ghee) to cook a Nepalese stew (jaulo). Her aunt went outside to wash the rice for the stew and left Devi playing by the kitchen



rack when the pot of ghee fell off the cooker and spilled over her. Her mother heard her cry and rushed into the kitchen. She poured cool water on the burnt area and rang her husband to come home. They took Devi to the District Hospital in Sindhuli, where she received only a dressing. Due to the lack of specialized burn care facilities, she was referred to Kirtipur Hospital, 85kms away on the same day. Due to the expense of the treatment, she wasn't admitted as an in-patient so each day her parents took her to have dressings changed. After 3 days, Devi developed a fever and was diagnosed with pneumonia. She was then taken by bus to Kanti Children's Hospital for further treatment. After three weeks she had recovered enough to be discharged home.

Sima is aged 10 and lives with her parents in the district of Siraha. She was having fun flying a kite with her friends when the kite became lodged on the tin roof of a neighbour's house. Sima climbed onto the roof to retrieve the kite when she was electrocuted by a naked live wire and immediately became unconscious. People were nearby as it was on a busy road and they rushed to



help her and informed the authorities who cut off the power. A relative then transported her on a motorbike to the District Hospital in Siraha, 30 minutes away. After being assessed she was referred by ambulance to the Birat Medical College in Morang 375kms from Kathmandu where she stayed for 12 days. Her family then brought her for specialised treatment to the burns unit at the Kanti Children's Hospital in Kathmandu. A tortuous bus journey which took over 9 hours.

At present, due to her head injuries, Sima was transferred to the nearby Teaching Hospital to continue her care. She sustained burn injuries to her head, face, and both feet. Despite the severity of her burns, incredibly, she remains active. She is the second child in the family, with an older sister and two younger brothers. She was studying in grade 6 before this tragic incident. Her mother and uncle are staying with her in hospital, while her father, burdened by huge financial strain, has reportedly lost hope in continuing her treatment. To cover medical expenses, her family has already spent over NPR 100,000 (£590) which was raised through selling her mother's jewellery and their livestock. Her mother and uncle remain her primary caretakers and continue to ensure her recovery despite the ongoing financial challenges.

CHANCE funds £1,000 for emergency relief to be used where the financial burden of a member of the family staying with their child has no money to buy food, or pay for medicines or travel back to their home. Sima was such a case.

EDUCATION

Shree Kalika School and Malika School

Two new schools funded by us and constructed by GMIN, our long-term partner on the ground in Nepal, were officially opened in February and April. The funding for them came at the end of 2024.



Our 9th school, Kalika in Ghatgaon, opened in February with 4 classrooms - offering up to 100 children an education from nursery to grade 4.



Our 10th school, Malika in Paisara, with 3 classrooms for 75 children, nursery to class 3 was opened in April, just in time for the new school year.

Both schools are in the district of Surkhet, 330kms West of Kathmandu

Should anyone like to sponsor a school building with four classrooms – costs are approx. £10,000 with £2,000 for desks, whiteboards etc. please email: info@chancefornepal.org

The £702 raised from our quiz night at The Bulls Head, in Ewhurst in January, funded the making of 100 school bags from recycled denim by physically challenged young adults at IBA Institute in Kathmandu which were given out to the children at the above schools.

Many children walk over an hour a day to reach school in hilly terrain and the rucksacks make life much easier for them.



New Nepal Society Center – NNSC

We are delighted to continue our support of this special place run by Kamal Bhattarai. There are 32 children aged from 5 - 17 of which 14 are girls and 15 are boys.

Currently, 7 attend college and 22 are at school. Once they leave college, they live outside the Center. Three of the boys are supported through CHANCE and attend an excellent school near to the NNSC. During the year we funded 30% of the total food cost of the home, a new fridge, rice cooker, stainless steel pots and pans.

A massive thank you to Valerie Lee who funded the greenhouse, which is bearing fruit and vegetables every month. The boys and girls, not afraid of hard work, helped to build the large construction and they all delight in seeing and tucking into kale, cauliflower, spinach, carrots as well as guavas, grapes, peaches and pomegranate..... not forgetting their latest endeavour - mushrooms!



Kamal's words below speak volumes of how he runs this small children's home. He is a star!

“A huge thank you to Chance for Nepal for their generous support in funding New Nepal Society Center’s greenhouse initiative. This project was made possible by the hard work of our children. After a month of effort, we can finally see the results. During the building process of this greenhouse, children had the chance to learn many new skills. They used plastics and bamboo to construct it, gaining patience and mindfulness along the way. In addition to these physical skills, they also learned to work together as a team for a common goal. This project has had a significant impact on their personal growth and

development. We can grow many more vegetables, allowing the children to enjoy organic produce from their own garden.

With all your support, love, and trust, we are able to care for our children with dignity and hope. Every contribution, large or small directly impacts their daily life, learning and future independence. We are sincerely thankful to all our supporters. Together we can continue building a safe, joyful, and brighter future for every child."

During October, we funded a mini holiday, a rare treat for the children, two nights and three days of fun, laughter and fresh air, with a yoga and mindfulness instructor sharing her wisdom too. They loved every minute. For under £500 these disadvantaged children had a time to treasure and make memories.

A few of the older children returned to their village for the holiday period of Dashain and Tihar, their journey taking two days to reach their remote villages. It was a treasured time for them to meet extended family members and have a memorable two weeks with them as it may be 1 – 2 years before they make that journey again.

Wish List for the NNSC – We would love to hear from anyone who would like to support NNSC for the following:

- Birthday cake for 32 children – **£400**
- An activity outing for 32 children – swimming/cinema/outing - **£200**
- Mini break (4 nights / 5 days) – **£1,300**
- Menstrual Dignity kit for 13 girls - **£325 (approx. £2 pm)**
- Washing machine - **£700**
- House clothes for all children - **£250**
- Football shoes for 14 boys – **£140**
- Gas cylinder for 6 months - **£350**
- Agricultural tools and seeds for our new greenhouse enterprise - **£150**
- Slippers for all children - **£100**
- Colour printer - **£150** (for children's projects and office use)
- Tournament and competition participation fee - **£500**

Educational Sponsorships

We have 8 students with English sponsors:

3 students in school - Grades 9 and 10

2 students in college - Grade 11

3 students at university

Shree Seconadary School, Chitwan



Dhruba Giri has monitored our Tiffin Programme at this school for over 12 years. He sent me the report below which so comprehensively describes the importance of this beacon project that I wish to share it with you in its entirety. I'm sure you will find it interesting.

*‘The **“Lunch at School”** program is implemented by Chance for Nepal at Shree School, Chitrasari, located in Chitwan District. Shree School is a government school that primarily serves students from **underprivileged and marginalized communities** where children face significant socio-economic challenges, including malnutrition and limited access to basic health and education services.*

*The Government of Nepal provides limited funding to support a school lunch programme up to Grade 5. However, this funding is insufficient to provide a healthy and nutritious meal for students. To address this gap, **Chance for Nepal adds to the government funding for early childhood to grade 5 and provides full financial support for students in Grades 6 to 10**, ensuring that all students receive proper meals.*

*Through this support, the **350 students** are receiving **nutritious meals every school day**. In addition, the youngest children are provided with **a glass of milk and a piece of fruit each morning** when they arrive at school.*



*Shree School is the **only school** in Chitwan District where the lunch program is implemented for **all students from early childhood to Grade 10**. The program aims to improve children’s health, promote a peaceful learning environment, and increase school attendance. This is especially important because **early childhood to late childhood (ages 3–13)** is a critical period for **physical and brain development**. Lack of proper nutrition can negatively affect learning capacity, energy levels, and overall development.*

*The program has resulted in **significant positive changes**. School attendance has increase, and the dropout rate has decreased noticeably. Teachers report that students are **more attentive, motivated, and actively engaged in classroom activities**, which has contributed to improved academic performance. The regular provision of nutritious meals has also contributed to **better health outcomes and reduced risk of malnutrition** among students.*

*Overall, the **Lunch Support Program** plays a vital role in enhancing **student attendance, academic performance, and overall well-being**, ensuring that children can focus on learning without the burden of hunger.*

Acknowledgement:

We are deeply thankful for the continued support of CHANCE and look forward to further strengthening this valuable partnership.’

YANGCHENMA ACADEMY - RAMACHHAP

We have been supporting the Yangchenma Academy School since 2020. Bimila Ghising, the founder and her excellent team of teachers are giving the very best in education, run on Buddhist lines. The school lies at 3400metres above sea level in the district of Ramechhap, which is 5 hours by road from Kathmandu and is the only school in the community.



There are 85 students in total, 48 girls and 37 boys. 19 students receive a scholarship for their fees. Many children walk up to 3-4 hours daily for this unique education which is provided fully or partially free to those who are economically disadvantaged.



This year CHANCE funded a teacher's salary thanks to the Brampton Charitable Trust. We also funded 2 computers and teaching aids.

For those children who have too far to travel, in the hilly terrain, the school rents a hostel close by. It is Bimila's dream to build their own hostel on site, thereby saving the considerable rent which would free up funds to support more children. This would be good for Yangchenma's future. The cost is in the region of £20,000.

CHANCE has insufficient funds to fulfil this dream but how wonderful it would be should someone be a benefactor, either totally or in part!

Sneha's Care

July marked another meaningful step toward building a rabies-free community as part of our ongoing Anti-Rabies Vaccination (ARV) programme in Lalitpur.

Their efforts are not just about preventing rabies, they are about promoting compassion, public health awareness and harmony between us and animals. Every vaccinated dog represents a life protected and a community made safer.

We fund 1000 anti rabies vaccinations every year with this outstanding centre. Our partnership makes it possible for them to reach more areas, help more animals, and move closer to a future free from rabies.

In the coming months, Sneha's Care is building a new centre in a different location after neighbourhood complaints about dogs barking. You can contact Sneha's Care and find out more - <https://snehacare.com>



My special thanks to special people

Firstly, I would like to say a massive **THANK YOU** to everyone who has supported CHANCE during 2025. You continue to be wonderfully generous although times are increasingly difficult. Please be assured that you have changed so many lives for the better, in health and education.

To our wonderful Patron **Dame Joanna Lumley** and fabulously supportive trustees:
David Smail - Roger Nash - Chris Blizard who is also our treasurer.

All are there for me and the smooth running of CHANCE. I extend my grateful thanks to you. **Michelle Wilkes**, a partner at **AZETS** Accountants has audited our accounts for free for the past 17 years. Your generosity and support have been outstanding. **Aerobytes** have been incredibly generous in their corporate sponsorship for the past 10 years. **Eddie and Emma Forrester** – two of the kindest, generous and loyal people EVER! **Paul Lamberty** who looks after our website <https://boonwag.co.uk> and **Stu Bevan** for hosting our website.

Thank you so much to all our **educational sponsors** who give the gift of an education to a child. What can be better than that! Education is a passport to a brighter and secure future. Huge thanks to all our **CHANCE 100 supporters** you make an amazing contribution.

Special thanks to our partners on the ground in Nepal with whom I'm in monthly contact:
Grassroot Movement in Nepal (GMIN) - Burns Violence Survivors (BVS) - Siddhasthali Rural Community Hospital - Sapana Village Social Impact (SVSI) - Yangchemna Academy - Sneha's Care.

SOS - Is there anyone who could do one of the following:

We welcome you with arms outstretched! Maybe a coffee morning - golf day - bridge afternoon - tennis tournament - have you a place in a marathon and need a cause? Then please think of CHANCE.

No doubt you are all aware of the devastating riots in Nepal on 8th/9th September. Tensions are still bubbling under the surface and for this reason the trustees felt that it was too risky for me to travel to Nepal in October/November as planned. Elections are planned in March 2026 which one hopes will restore stability and I shall be able to visit our projects in Nepal in the autumn.

Wishing everyone good health, peace and happiness in 2026

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