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Improved Lives
Strengthened Communities and
Sustainable Nepal.

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Towards Sustainable Social Reforms

Cover Photo Description

El Seed an artist from Dubai have a great social responsibility to inspire, ignite and implement change. 'Like Her' project intend to be a great example of using art as a medium to highlight important social issues and inspire change.

This particular art installation depicts the words of Yogmaya Neupane (1867-1941) one of the first female activists of Nepal, a woman who has become a modern icon in the contemporary fight for gender equality and social justice.

It's commendable that the project involves the local women of the Grihanchaur community in Nepal, giving them a voice and empowering them to share their stories of strength and resilience.

It's wonderful to see art being used as a tool for positive social change.

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Celebrating 27 years of serving people for
*empowering communities and
fostering sustainable development.*

WHO ARE WE?

Introduction



Twenty-seven years ago, Chaudhary Foundation was established with the motive to give back to society. Since then, it has been effortlessly working towards sustainably developing Nepal. It works with national and international partners to tackle Nepal's most persistent issues within the premises of social, economic, and environmental factors. It firmly believes in its responsibility towards improving livelihoods and has been prioritizing community development projects for over two decades to shape a stronger society.

Chaudhary Foundation's crucial role is to enhance Chaudhary Group's contribution to society by restructuring its social initiatives towards a whooping sustainable growth through leveraging its corporate strength.

Its major focus revolves around creating innovative ideas to promote sustainable development, improve quality education, uplift economic empowerment, allow adequate healthcare services and address the issues of youth in Nepal. Consequently, understanding the current scenario, the Foundation initiated the Nepal Social Business program that uplifts aspiring entrepreneurs to foster social business enterprises.

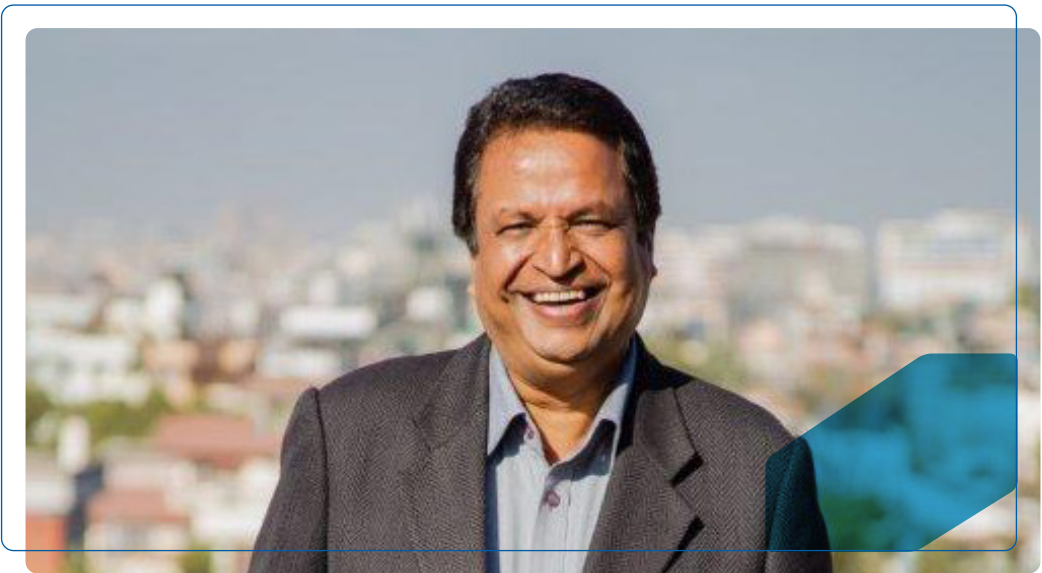
Thus, Chaudhary Foundation has been working persistently with a vision of a sustainable society; a vision of social transformation. It also elevates society by promoting cultural and spiritual values in order to create peace and harmony.

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Message from **CHAIRPERSON**



The unrelenting nature of the COVID-19 pandemic has shifted our focus on the need to learn to live with it. And, as we enter the third year of the pandemic, the ruthless virus continues to affect every life on earth but particularly the disadvantaged and marginalized. The various sectors such as education, health, economy, and livelihood that have been heavily affected by the pandemic are still struggling to get back to normalcy. The COVID-19 vaccination campaign led by the government of Nepal has contributed towards instilling confidence for a return to normalcy and the government should be commended for that.

It gives me great satisfaction to lend my support and services to people in need through Chaudhary Foundation. We have worked ceaselessly throughout the pandemic and the lockdown that came with it. Chaudhary Foundation went from distributing PPE suits to health personnel across the country during the pandemic to installing oxygen concentrators and establishing an ICU ward at Bir Hospital, the oldest hospital in the country.

The past year has been a milestone for us in many ways. We supported Kanti Children's Hospital to improve its emergency department's facilities and infrastructure by establishing a new ward, "Sarika Devi

Chaudhary Emergency Ward". The newly established ward is equipped with necessary equipment for the efficient ward action.

Likewise, we also handed over the houses at the Integrated Model Village in Giranchaur, Melamchi-12, Sindhupalchok to the community. The model village was constructed following the 2015 earthquake that caused great loss of lives and destruction to properties. Through Chaudhary Foundation we supported the community to construct 62 houses divided into 3 clusters. We also established digital classrooms at Giranchaur's Shree Mahakali Secondary School to give the children their access to modern technology and innovative multimedia learning tools.

Furthermore, I consider the launch of Sabal Center at Madhyabindu District Hospital in Nawalpur a great achievement. The center offers free prosthetic limbs and calipers to people all year long. Initiatives like these fill me with pride to be in a position to help people and make a difference in their lives.

I would like to thank the team of Chaudhary Foundation for successfully implementing projects that have proved to be life changing for so many. I hope they will continue to work towards improving the lives of many more across Nepal.

This report clearly highlights the unyielding effort of Chaudhary Foundation in

addressing some of Nepal's serious social, economic, and environmental concerns by forming collaborations with both local and international communities. And, we promise to continue serving the disadvantaged and marginalized people with increased enthusiasm and motivation.

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Chairperson



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Message from **VICE-CHAIR**



The past year has been equally challenging as the COVID-19 pandemic continued into the second year. With no end in sight to the pandemic, things started returning to normal gradually, in spite of the coronavirus. However, the physical, emotional, and economic health of many people across the world was affected. It will probably take years of effort to undo the effects of the pandemic. And, I feel proud to be part of Chaudhary Foundation at such a time.

Right from the start, Chaudhary Foundation has been devoted to addressing Nepal's most pressing issues within the social, economic, and environmental fields. Although initially launched as a charity

organization of Chaudhary Group that donated to social causes, Chaudhary Foundation has today established itself as the leading corporate-social organization in Nepal. And, the various initiatives undertaken by Chaudhary Foundation during the pandemic were applaudable.

Today, Chaudhary Foundation works to improve people's lives, communities, and support Nepal's long-term development. The Foundation now works across six thematic areas: Education, Health & Sanitation, Livelihood & Skill Development, Enterprise Development, Post Disaster Management, and Heritage & Spiritual Development.

And, despite the challenges posed by the pandemic, we continued our services to the people besides giving momentum to our campaign against COVID-19. As soon as the lockdown was lifted, we upgraded the digital learning spaces in 24 community schools of seven districts in Nepal by providing laptops, monitors, TVs, projectors, e-learning resources, and training.

We also launched the Phase II of CG Operation Drishti in Sunsari, Bardiya, Nawalpur, Dailekh, and Dhangadi. 415 people had their vision restored after receiving free cataract surgery. Similarly, a maternal health camp was organized in Nawalpur district to identify problems with reproductive health in women and girls in order to reduce the rates of child and maternal mortality.

We are thankful to our stakeholders and partners for believing in us and joining hands with us to meet the needs of the marginalized communities of Nepal. And, we have recently signed a Letter of Exchange

with USAID's Tayar Nepal to collaborate and promote Private Sector Engagement in disaster risk reduction. We hope to make a difference in the lives of people through our coordinated efforts.

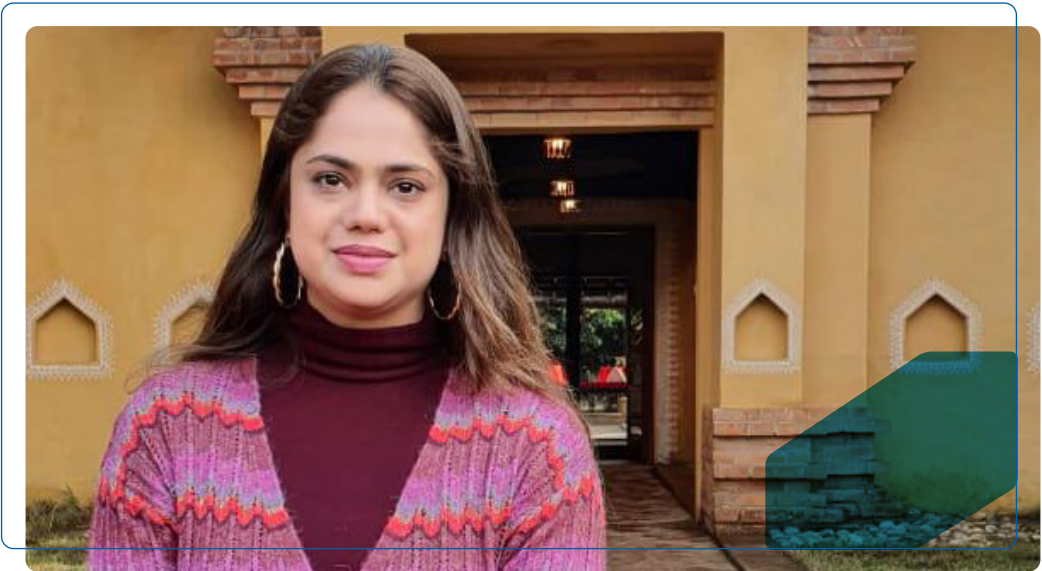
This impact report is a reflection of what Chaudhary Foundation has achieved over the years. We remain committed to serving the community fueled with passion and determination. We thank our partners and well-wishers for their unwavering faith and belief in us.

NIRVANA CHAUDHARY
Vice-Chair

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Message from **DIRECTOR**



UNNATI caters to the cultural growth and evolution of traditional knowledge systems, women's economic empowerment, and livelihoods, with the larger goal of achieving sustainable development for people and cultures throughout Nepal. As the abbreviation suggests, it is the focal point for Uplifting National, Natural, Artistic and Traditional Industries.

Recent years have been difficult due to the 2015 earthquake and COVID-19 pandemic, which have left a significant imprint on Nepali individuals and communities, posing challenges in the areas of economic growth, healthcare, and social welfare. This has given us the prospect to

work on UNNATI's five pillars: Shipshiksha (supporting local enterprises in their growth and development), Unnati Bazaar (growing crafts and women-led MSMEs locally and internationally), the SAATH project (creating international collaborations across South Asia to enable outreach, learning, and exchange), Farm to Table (promoting local, fresh, and sustainably produced farm), and Unnati Cultural Village (creating experiential space to enable cultural inclusion).

As you read through the report's impacts, you will notice that UNNATI has established market connections for small businesses led by women, allowing them to expand their customer base and compete with larger

firms. We have provided local enterprises with the knowledge and tools they need to succeed in the global marketplace through a variety of training programmes and mentorship opportunities. We have also begun producing and supplying Unnati-designed crafts made locally by local artisans for national and international bespoke orders.

Through our UNNATI initiative, we established the Unnati Cultural Village in Nawalpur, Nepal, as Nepal's first arts and cultural centre in 2021. This innovative space offers an immersive cultural experience through bespoke hospitality, incorporating local arts, crafts, cuisine, architecture, and living cultures. Additionally, it also serves as a community facility centre for MSMEs and an artisanal community. Our vision is to create similar shared spaces throughout Nepal's provinces where artists and artisans, both domestic and international, can work together and create collectively, regardless of their rural or urban backgrounds.

We have hosted a variety of residencies at Unnati Cultural Village, allowing individuals looking for a new working space to develop their projects in a liberating environment with fascinating sights, rural experiences, and opportunities to connect with locals. One of these was the Nawalpur lens-based residency, which featured six (6) young contemporary photographers who worked closely with the communities to capture their way of life. Similarly, the international ceramic symposium featured eight (8) sculptors from East Asia, Europe, and

Australia to create works on the theme of harmony. The created artworks have been permanently honoured in Unnati Cultural Village's open-air museum and will be cared for by the foundation, preserving, educating, and presenting them to the public.

Furthermore, UNNATI is constantly involved in national and international events, conferences, and exhibitions in order to promote Nepali arts and culture on a global scale. We recently took part in the UNESCO Sub-Regional World Heritage Conference in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, India in April 2023, where we 'Nepal' joined forces with experts and like-minded South Asian organisations dedicated to preserving and conserving our shared world heritage sites.

Lastly, I am delighted to share that UNNATI has been designated cultural ambassador at the Asia Society India Centre, and we feel proud to represent Nepal in this role.

I hope you enjoy reading this report and considering our project implications. We welcome opportunities for collaboration and partnerships in developing a cultural network that promotes traditional industries, regional trade, soft policy, and more.

Surabhi Chaudhary
Director

ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT

Chaudhary Foundation believes addressing social issues through business and enterprise which will help to reduce Nepal's poverty level. CF's goal is to help Nepal reach its target in reducing poverty to below 6 percent by 2030. Our enterprise program focuses on enhancing the economic status and reducing poverty in some of the poorest regions of the nation-including Dolpo, Jumla and Kailai through Social business innovation.

Nepal Social Business

Nepal Social Business (NSB) is a joint initiative of Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) and Chaudhary Group (CG), launched in July 2014. NSB's ultimate goal is to reduce poverty by investing in sustainable and ethical businesses that run in a socially impactful way. It emphasizes cultivating innovative social enterprise in and around the social issues pertaining to the local areas through social impact funds. By identifying and nurturing social businesses/entrepreneurs, the initiative creates profound social impacts through entrepreneurial self-efficacy

Generated employment opportunities to

100+ youths of Nepal

100+ entrepreneurs are trained on
social entrepreneurship



ENTREPRENEUR TOWARDS SUSTAINABILITY

 **Sanis Lageju**
Seed Land Nepal

How did you know about this project?

It was a chance meeting with Mr. Sanjay Pokharel from Chaudhary Foundation that helped me learn about the project. He explained to me about the Nepal Social Business project and encouraged me to apply to this joint initiative of Chaudhary Foundation and Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF).

Over the past decade, various projects were launched by different organizations. Among those, what did you find distinct to Chaudhary Foundation's initiative?

Chaudhary Foundation's initiative not only provides grants, but it is able to pinpoint the exact thought of aspiring entrepreneurs. This project helps identify the wants, needs, and interests of the participants. The initiative not only provides infrastructure and facilities but also offers emotional support and understanding to bring out the best in the entrepreneur and this is its unique feature.

What factors drove you to apply for this project?

Since childhood, I have always felt a strong passion for giving back to society. Although it was always at the back of my mind, I could not delve into it as life went on and responsibilities kept adding. I have been



involved in mushroom farming for more than two decades and have been striving to excel in this field ever since. After learning about the project, I thought I could realize my cherished dream of helping others so I applied for it.

What procedures did you go through to get shortlisted for the project?

In the initial stage, I had to present my concept note of a social business plan. Upon meeting the criteria, I was invited to a series of virtual interviews and finally got shortlisted. Overall, it was not a lengthy process.

In what ways do you think the NSB project has been helping aspiring entrepreneurs?

The project has been successful in

identifying the lack of resources which is a major hurdle for aspiring entrepreneurs. Besides this, it motivates and acknowledges people's dreams. The hard work of the Foundation's dedicated team is responsible for making this project a huge success.

Could you take us through your journey as an entrepreneur?

More than two decades ago, I came up with the idea of mushroom farming as there were very few in this field. In the beginning, I faced many problems as finding proper mushroom seeds was next to impossible. And, I approached many government agencies, and national and international business companies looking for investment but was unsuccessful. However, I put in all my effort and managed to establish Seed Land Nepal in 2012. I have always followed traditional methods of farming, but the NSB project has changed the notion

of mushroom farming for me by introducing me to new technology. I am confident my business will reach greater heights now.

What have you gained from the NSB project?

It was an absolute delight to be a part of this life-changing project. It provided me with financial support which is the major pillar for growing a business. The NSB project provided me with a loan of Rs.1,500,000 without collateral which has helped me build a climate control room to grow mushrooms any time of the year. The training and business lessons have been equally helpful.

What challenges did you face in your business? How did you overcome them?

Initially, it was difficult to operate a business due to lack of technical knowledge. Besides



this, the legal process to establish a business was tough. Access to raw materials like quality seeds and fertilizer was also a challenge. But once these processes were over, we were guided by the NSB project to run the business smoothly and effectively.

Another major challenge we faced was the pandemic. It had a huge impact on us farmers as we could not sell the product due to the lockdown imposed by the government. However, I made efforts to collect and package the vegetables from the sellers along with my products in collaboration with Bhaktapur Municipality. This helped farmers financially in the midst of the pandemic. However, I feel confident that I can face any challenges and ascertain the smooth functioning of the business with the knowledge and skills I have acquired from the project.

What changes/growth have you observed before and after the project?

At this point, I feel proud to call myself

a social business entrepreneur. Besides that, we are one of the leading mushroom farming companies and we produce 3000 packets of seeds per day which is huge and it encourages other farmers as well. We also supply seeds in all 7 provinces of Nepal. We had to face a lot of struggles, and hindrances but despite all the circumstances we have made it and Chaudhary Foundation's NSB project has proven to be a milestone in boosting the overall development of Seed Land Nepal.

What would be your message to the people reading this?

Life is a learning process and if you have the enthusiasm, energy and honesty, you will definitely reach pinnacle of success. We can achieve anything if we are fully determined and passionate about it. In addition, I would like to request Chaudhary Group to add mushroom flavor noodles in the coming future.



EDUCATION

Chaudhary Foundation believes— “equitable and quality education can open doors to enormous opportunities and empowers marginalized and vulnerable students”. Since its inception, we have concentrated on creating quality and equal access to education. Our Program focuses on providing scholarships to students, supplying classrooms with digital equipment and providing skill enhancement training to teachers, especially in disadvantaged communities.

24 schools supported with digital

8000+ students

Scholarship to **1000+** students



DIGITAL CLASSROOM- TRANSFORMING THE WAY WE LEARN



Saraswati Sapkota

Principal, Shiva Secondary
School, Bardiya, Nepal

Quality education through digital literacy program which is focused in upgrading school's existing facilities. This is done through a joint initiative with LG Electronics that involves equipping classrooms with modern technology and bridging digital gap.

Could you please tell us how your school got involved in the project?

Our school had been trying to be part of the Digital Classroom Project since 2018 but somehow it did not work out and the pandemic halted everything. However, in 2021 we were lucky to be included in the project. As our school is located in a difficult geographical location, it has proven to be a revolutionary project.

Did our Digital Classroom Project align with your school's objectives?

Our vision was to achieve adequate access to the resources like books, computers, and infrastructure for the betterment of the student's future. Thus, Chaudhary Foundation's Digital Classroom Project, which has helped establish an IT Library in the school is a milestone that has brought us closer to our vision. It has rightly addressed the lack of access to technology that a rural school like ours usually faces.



Do you think the Digital Classroom Project is effective?

Yes. It is a very effective program. The students are now able to acquire basic computer skills which is a must in today's context. Along with the computers, the television and projector we acquired have helped in improving students' listening and speaking skills. The students and teachers now give presentations on a weekly basis using the projector.

Has your school faced any technical problems?

Not much. But, some of the computers do not start and we are not able to identify the exact cause. This problem is only seen in four of the computers provided by the Foundation. I hope it will be resolved soon.

Was the technical assistance provided by our project staff reliable?

When we first received the computers as part of the project, the teachers and students were curious as none of them were familiar with computers except the computer teacher. After receiving technical assistance from Chaudhary Foundation, everyone was able to learn the basic skills to run a computer. The students and teachers have directly benefitted from the assistance as it has enhanced their technological skills. Thus, it has been very reliable and great help.

Did your school use e-learning materials?

Before 2021 we had no idea about what e-learning meant. But after the successful implementation of this project, we have been able to use it on a daily basis. The students have shown keen interest in embracing new methods of learning. It has been more effective after the COVID-19 pandemic.

Were the e-learning materials / Digital Classroom helpful during the COVID-19 lockdown?

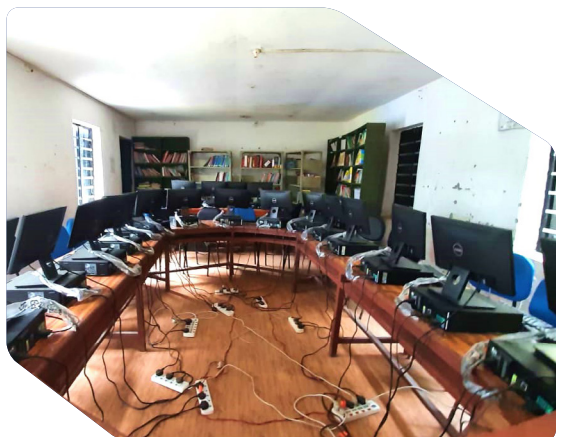
Of course. I must say the e-learning method played a crucial role during the pandemic. It was not possible to have regular physical classes, so Chaudhary Foundation's e-learning method came to the rescue of our students and also helped the school management to resume the classes. It has helped to give continuity to the classes despite being located in a rural area.

Has teaching and learning with multimedia projectors and television been effective?

Our students were not familiar with the use of multimedia in learning before the project. But now we can see the transformation in students and teachers alike and in the learning and teaching process. The sparkle in the students' eyes when the teachers use multimedia projectors and television for their teaching motivates the teachers to make use of the available infrastructure. Also, it has proven to be a boon as most of the students come from low-income backgrounds due to which they were not able to access such facilities. So overall it has been very effective.

Are there any changes in the performance of students in school after the project?

As learning IT skills require more cognitive skill, there has been a huge transformation in the students' performance. Not only in computer but in terms of other subjects as



well. Their scores in English, Math, and Science have increased comparatively.

Did your students or teachers learn any new IT techniques?

The students have become proactive in learning new methods and techniques. They have skillfully used Paints, MS Word, and MS PowerPoint. They are also assigned to do their class work during the practical classrooms which occur 3-4 times a week. Also, the students are trying to learn how to communicate through emails under the guidance of teachers.

Has the attendance of students increased after this program?

Yes, there has been tremendous growth in the attendance of the students as the IT library is a new concept in the school. The students are keen on learning new aspects of computer, television and projector. Thus, they do not miss a chance to learn IT skills.

How has your school benefitted from the project?

Undoubtedly, it has become a

groundbreaking record as we were deprived of technology owing to geography. But after our school received 8 computers, 1 LED television and 1 projector, it has made an impact in both teachers' and students' lives. We are now able to provide teacher's training, show documentaries and videos to the students to inspire them to become a better human being. Overall, the students are keen to learn new things, they are motivated to do something big in life which is the ultimate benefit to the community and country.

What would be your message to the people reading this interview?

The use of IT brings the entire world closer. So, I would like to thank Chaudhary Foundation for establishing an IT library which is a must in every school especially in the rural area. It has successfully been able to reduce the gap of government school students and private school's students which will ultimately help in smooth and effective learning process. I encourage the Foundation to continue their effort in establishing the IT library in every nook and corner of the country.



POST DISASTER RESPONSE & MANAGEMENT

Chaudhary Foundation has a specialized response team to offer urgent assistance after natural disasters. We have been providing long term humanitarian assistance to the most devastated communities since 2015 earthquake. The response and relief team provides ground level support to coordinate disaster management to those in need. The goal is to reach the location, provide relief materials and do the assessment within 24 hours of the disaster.

Integrated Model Village

Giranchaur, Melamchi-12, Sindhupalchok, was identified as the model village after 2015 earthquake assessments and visits to communities across several districts. The earthquake entirely destroyed Giranchaur, therefore we supported the community to construct 62 houses divided into 3 clusters. Aside from housing, various other initiatives were added to build a more sustainable and healthier community. We also established digital classrooms in Giranchaur's Shree Mahakali Secondary School which gives children access to modern technology and innovative multimedia learning tools.

Supported construction after earthquake

62+ houses built

100+ trained on masonry and brick making



REBUILDING NEPAL POST-2015 EARTHQUAKE

 **Bikendra Syampang**
Giranchaur, Sindhupalchowk

Can you tell us something about the Model Village?

I still have a vivid memory of the devastating 2015 earthquake where we lost our houses and livelihood. We approached different levels of government, and agencies seeking help to build shelters but to no avail. We along with many earthquake victims tried to make shelter on our own but it was not possible due to financial constraints. Despite the challenges, Chaudhary Foundation has accomplished what even the government could not do for us by completing the construction of the Model Village. The Foundation joined hands with the local community and government for this purpose.

How have you benefitted from this project?

I have benefitted in every way possible. The basic need of human life, a shelter was damaged by the earthquake, and we had no place to stay except a tent. So, this project turned out to be a boon for us. It has not only provided us with a house but also offered additional facilities like water, road access of 6 meters. Before the Model Village was constructed, the female members from each household had to fetch water from a well that was far from the house. So, it has completely changed



my life along with 61 families' life for good. Chaudhary Foundation provided materials for constructing all 62 houses. Also, cable fiber has been installed for communication and television purposes. Besides that, Chaudhary Foundation has also installed a digital classroom in our community school so that students can learn computer which they were deprived of previously.

What were the challenges faced during the project?

There were numerous challenges that we faced during the project. As the earthquake had many devastating effects and many houses had collapsed, the first challenge we faced was the lack of raw materials as rebuilding process was taking place in most parts of the country. This caused the construction work to be halted. Also, we

had to go through government hindrances as some of the roads were public roads. There were frequent changes in the master plan of the model village due to unseen challenges. These problems led to delay in the handover of the project.

What changes have you observed in your life after this project?

There are lot of positive changes that took place. Firstly, we as a team were able to construct a modern house which is safer than a traditional brick house. There is now sufficient water supply in every household. Besides that, there has been an improvement in terms of facilities with access to health clinic and schools with digital classrooms.

After the commencement of the project, the road is 6 meters wider and this has made the village accessible to local vehicles. Children are now more passionate to learn due to the establishment of digital classroom in the school. Overall, it is a very effective project that has provided us with basic as well as additional facilities.

In what ways has Chaudhary Foundation helped in this project?

As we were searching for an organization that could offer us shelter, Chaudhary Foundation was the only organization that came forward to help. The Foundation helped us by providing Rs. 7 lakh worth of raw materials at a time when there was

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Living in a concrete home has let us forget all the suffering that earthquake has brought us. The entire settlement is appreciative of the Chaudhary Foundation's work in establishing an integrated model village.



a shortage of materials. The project has taught us the value of teamwork as we were also involved in the project. Being the implementing partner of the project encouraged us to work even harder to accomplish the project. In addition, the digital classroom set up in Shree Mahakali Secondary School by providing various ICT materials such as computers, projectors television has helped with increasing the enrollment of students.

Can you explain the role of the community center?

It comes under Chaudhary Foundation's master plan where a community center will assist in conducting various need-based training on the ground. It will also play a crucial role in uplifting the strong, safe, inclusive community through active participation, social interaction, and volunteerism.

As you are one of the beneficiaries of the project, in what ways do you think the model village can foster in a better way?

This is a very relevant question as Model Village means exemplary village in the district. After the quick assessment done by Chaudhary Foundation with the active participation of the local people, there are three major requirements in the area. They are maternal health camp, disaster preparedness training and financial literacy training.

What do you think are the major impacts of the project?

There are numerous positive impacts. First and foremost, the project has successfully built 62 earthquake-resistant houses. People who had to live in tents and temporary shelters now have a safe home with a concrete roof. Secondly, men in the community have become more responsible as they are now earning and making a good living. Beside this, the construction of road in collaboration with Nepal Reconstruction Authority (NRA) has helped in improving livelihood of the people.

What message would you like to give to the people reading this?

As there is a lot of brain drain in the country, the Nepal government along with civil societies should join hands to reduce the unemployment problem so that we can produce skilled manpower and work for the welfare of the community and the country.



HEALTH AND SANITATION

Chaudhary Foundation believes everyone has the right to good health, regardless of race, religion, gender, ability or income level. CF knows that reducing health disparities means tackling complex issues, which is why our programs focus on a variety of problems that affect people across nation — including women, children, minorities and people living with disabilities.

Kanti Bal Hospital

Our step for child friendly and well-equipped Hospital

Chaudhary Foundation has supported Kanti Children's Hospital upgrading pediatric department's infrastructure and facilities to overcome the challenge faced by young children under 5 to receive proper treatment. The newly set up Sarika Devi Chaudhary Emergency Ward comprised of 18 electronic beds, altogether 25 beds, 25 monitors, 25 infusion pump, 25 syringe pump, 14 radiant warmer, 5 bubble CPAP, 2 emergency trolley, 2 phototherapy unit, 2 liquid warmer machine, portable color developer, hydraulic surgical table, transport incubator and other resources

18+ electronic beds
25+ beds
25 monitors
25 infusion pump
25 syringe pump
14 radian warmer



Can you talk briefly about Chaudhary Foundation's initiative at Kanti Bal Hospital?

Kanti Bal Hospital is the only official government hospital specialized for children in Nepal. It has a limited number of beds and lacks adequate equipment required for operating the emergency department. Chaudhary Foundation pinpointed the major drawback in the hospital and rightly addressed this issue of upgrading the most important section of the hospital in the best possible way.

Can you mention what equipment were provided by Chaudhary Foundation?

Yes. There were total 25 beds; classified into 4 types – 6 beds are kept in red zone, 6 in yellow zone, 7 in green zone and 6 in new born corner. Besides that, monitoring machines have been placed next to each bed. The Foundation has also provided ultrasound machine and phototherapy machine which can provide immediate action to patients who come to the emergency ward. Overall, this has expanded quality care in the hospital.

What were the challenges in the emergency ward before the Chaudhary Foundation initiation?

The emergency ward is considered the face of the hospital. But due to limited and basic facilities, it was not able to give the utmost care to the patients in need. As it is the only children's hospital in the country, the flow of patients is high but we had to settle 2-3 patients in a single bed which was

Dr. Nisha Jyoti Shrestha

Kanti Bal Hospital, Maharaigunj

difficult for patients as well as the doctors. There was also a lack of space and the right medical tools for treatment.

What are the major changes that the hospital has observed after the upgradation of the emergency ward?

There have been various positive impacts since the upgrade. Before the project, there were a limited number of beds due to which it was difficult to manage the patients but now the hassle has been reduced. In addition, the equipment is placed in each bed; the guardians feel more secure and the patients are receiving the best treatment available. The quality care has improved tremendously. The Foundation also established a newborn care unit in the emergency so now the mother and the child can receive necessary care post-delivery.

How have the children/patients benefitted from the project?

This being the only tertiary hospital we are embedded with the responsibility to give the best medical treatment to the children. The children are not given canola so there is also a provision of an injection pump for smooth diagnosis. The space is also huge and all the equipment is portable which has proven to be more effective. In addition, the referral decreased by a huge percentage as the required equipment is now available in



the hospital itself.

How has the emergency in charge and doctors benefitted from this project?

The duty of doctors is to cure the patient in the best possible way with easy access to medical tools and equipment. So, this initiation of Chaudhary Foundation has reinforced the doctors to work in a smooth manner by providing all the required tools in order to cure the patient in the best possible way.

Can you explain about the newborn corner in your hospital?

After the delivery, both the child and mother should be kept in a cool place to avoid complications. Before the renovation of

the emergency ward by the Foundation we lacked that facility but now we have a separate newborn corner with A/C and 6 beds so that it doesn't get overcrowded and both mother and child get utmost care until they get back home. It has proven to be very effective and will be very advantageous in the long run.

Is there any message you would like to give to the people reading this?

I would like to thank Chaudhary Foundation for taking this initiative to upgrade the hospital. There is a lot to be improved in the medical field of Nepal, we lack human resources in the hospital due to brain drain so I hope we can tackle this issue in the coming future as well.

COVID RESPONSE

Assistance in Covid-19 response and recovery

During COVID-19 Response (2019-2022) campaign, Chaudhary Foundation handed over a newly set-up 18-bed ICU ward at the country's oldest Bir Hospital to the hospital management on June 10, 2021. The Foundation established the ICU ward to support the treatment of people infected by the second wave of Covid-19. Chaudhary Foundation launched a three-phased COVID-19 Prevention and Protection Campaign to help the government prepare for the onslaught of the public health crisis. Besides this, the Foundation has donated necessary medical equipment to hospitals in Koshi, Madhesh and Lumbini Province. Assistance in Covid-19 response and recovery involved in the distribution of medical equipment including PPEs, masks, sanitizers, ventilators, and PCR reagents.



LIVELIHOOD AND SKILL DEVELOPMENT

Chaudhary Foundation believes livelihood and skill development are the most critical elements to upscale Nepal's economy. In many of our rural areas and even in urban cities, employment is one of the biggest challenges. Our Program is focused on equipping youth, women, and indigenous groups and communities with traditional and cultural skills and converting it into economic benefits.

UNNATI

UNNATI has been very supportive to upscale women livelihood and Nepal's economy as a whole. This program is particularly focused on equipping youth, women, and indigenous groups and communities with traditional and cultural skills and converting it into economic benefits. This program has increased cross cultural learning among national and international artist through art residency program.

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Altogether 50 plus of Nepali artist has enhanced their knowledge on art management, product design proposal & statement training



ART AND CRAFT

Making our culture known internationally



Sumitra Baral

Ceramic Artisan

Could you please shed light on how your craft journey began?

I came to Chitwan after completing college. And, I was hired to work for the housekeeping department of Chaudhary Group Hospitality by Jiban Chaudhary two years ago. Then, the concept of Unnati Cultural Village had just started. One of the famous and very talented craftsmen, Gopal Shrestha visited the venue to provide training. He probably recognized my artistic trait as he asked me to join the training. From then my journey in ceramic craft began.

Since joining Unnati Cultural Village (UCV), how many trainings have you received so far?

In my artistic journey of fourteen months, I received 3 months of training under Gopal Shrestha sir in Chitwan and an additional 15 days of training in Kathmandu on fire glazing. So I have received 3 major training along with a series of other additional training.

Can you briefly describe the training procedure that you received?

As I did not really know the basics of ceramic art, the first phase of training was all about understanding the soil and its type. After that, I slowly started to realize my



passion for ceramic craft so I started to look at how other people made the products. Slowly and steadily, I trained to make the shape. In the second phase, I was sent to attend the glazing training in Kathmandu. There I learned how to do fire glazing, raku glazing, and other types of glazing to make the products more attractive. Later, I was taught to make ceramics and glazing in a complete manner. So, overall the training was very effective as it taught me from the scratch.

What are the skills that you have developed from the training provided at

the Unnati Cultural Village?

I am very delighted to say that whatever knowledge I have gained about ceramic craft, I have gained it from Unnati Cultural Village. It has taught me life-changing skills like understanding the soil to make a solid finalized product. To make the product more attractive, this platform has provided me with numerous glazing techniques in a single year which would take a lifetime for me to learn. So, it has taught me to be independent and equipped me with the necessary skills, and given me the confidence to train other women from marginalized communities so that they can improve their lives.

What were the challenges that you faced during this journey and how did you tackle them?

Since I was naive in this field, I had no knowledge about ceramic craft. I did not know about the creative part as well which turned out to be a major challenge for me.

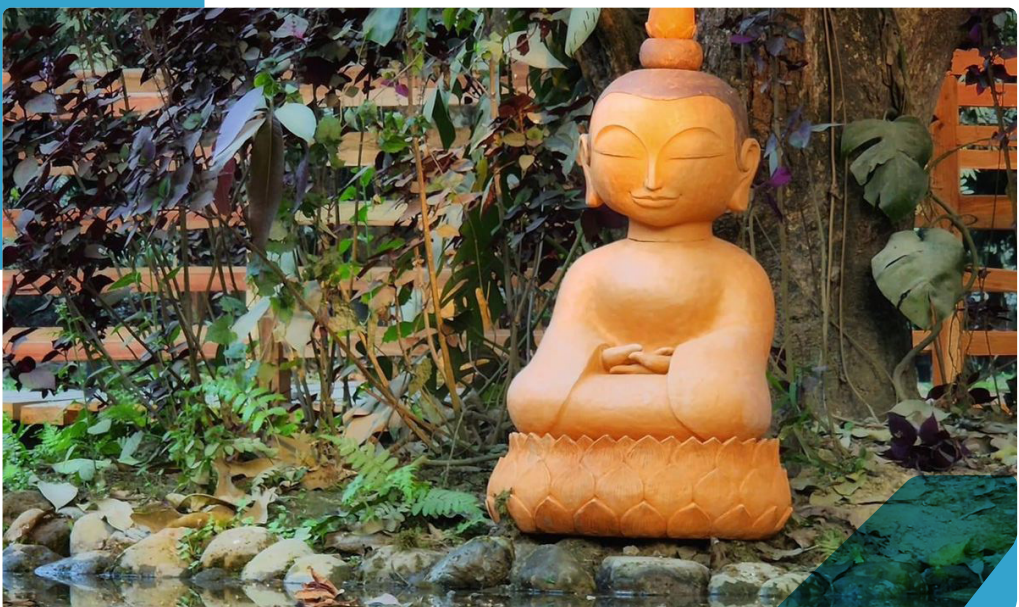
At the start, I had a hard time shaping the product. Fire glazing was also very difficult for me. Although it was difficult at first, I tried to be consistent and now, I have finally excelled in making ceramic goods from the initial stage to the final finished good.

What changes or growth have you observed in yourself and how has UCV contributed to this?

I have been very fortunate to be part of the training which is going to remain with me forever. It has supported me a lot. These days, people are astonished to see my work and they commend me for such work at a young age. UCV has revealed my hidden passion and has made me more confident.

What suggestion would you like to give to improve and enhance the project in better ways?

The initiative taken by UCV is very relevant in today's context to preserve handicrafts which are an identity of Nepalese culture.



However, I would like to suggest UCV to keep an expert on the ground in order to understand the marketplace in the current scenario. The products should be promoted on a huge scale so that the people involved in this project can actually generate revenue to improve quality of life and also value add to the products.

What are your plans for the next few years?

I want to pursue a Master's Degree in ceramic arts so that I can polish my skills. I want to get hands-on experience on advanced

fundamentals of ceramic arts and foster it more smoothly and efficiently in the near future.

What message would you like to give to aspiring craft designers?

Firstly, I would like to thank the UCV team for giving me the opportunity to share my experience. I would like to pinpoint that consistency is the key to success. We may face thousands of hurdles but our hard work and perseverance will make us successful.



HERITAGE AND SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

Chaudhary Foundation believes that preserving culture and heritage brings inner peace and tranquility to the people. The program is designed to promote and preserve the diverse cultural and spiritual heritage of Nepal.

Shashwat Dham

Shashwatdham in Devchuli, Nawalpur is a place where one could find spiritual strength, be exposed to the eternal wisdom that had been passed down through the ages by saints and sages from the Vedic era, and discover the true nature of their inner selves, which is love and joy. The dham is comprised of a museum, gurukul, and a Shiva mandir where visitors can learn and participate in evening aartis. The gurukul has been providing students from the marginalized community with free education and a residence to learn about moral values and life skills under the guidance of the dham's gurus.



GURUKUL SIKSHYA

Destination towards spirituality, culture and peace.



Bishnu Prasad Ghimire

Shashwat Dham Gurukul

Can you give us a background of the Gurukul?

The concept of Gurukul was sketched in the preliminary stage of the making of Shashwat Dham. The renowned guru from India Swami Shankar Acharya requested Chairman Mr. Binod Chaudhary to build a Shiva Temple and Gurukul to preserve and expand the horizon of culture and spirituality in Nepal.

How would you describe Shashwat Dham?

Shashwat Dham is a beautiful space created to showcase Nepalese culture and preserve faith in the religion. It includes a Shiva temple, Ashram, Gurukul, cultural museum, and a place to perform funeral rites. Among all, the most fascinating and effective place is the Gurukul where more than 150 students have received cultural awakening which was on the verge of extinction.

Since you have mentioned the Gurukul, can you give us more information?

Gurukul is a very fascinating place to acquire knowledge and skills as per the Sanatan Dharma. It is a residential program; where all the teachers and students stay in the same place. It runs like a fusion of cultural and contemporary school.



It includes 7 subjects with the total of 700 full marks and we have taken permission from the Ministry of Education as well and it runs in accordance its curriculum. We teach subjects like "Samajik Gyan", "Karma Kanda", "Vedh", "Sanskrit", English, Math, and Nepali.

How is the flow of students and tell us about the infrastructures, accommodation and how has Chaudhary Foundation supported it?

Currently, there are 40 students, each of them have a separate room and their own belongings that are completely managed by Chaudhary Foundation. Besides that, the students and teachers are provided with three-time meals. Other necessary toolkit related to health and hygiene are also

provided by the Foundation. Chaudhary Foundation has given utmost priority to the Gurukul in order to preserve the culture and spiritual aspect of Nepal so it makes sure all the required facilities are met.

How has the establishment of Gurukul proven to be impactful in the society?

Nepal has always been culturally rich and it is our duty to preserve those culture. The Gurukul has been giving training to the upcoming generation, it is their duty to preserve it in the long run. Also, there is no such thing as immediate impact it will gradually show in the coming decade and it will pass on to the future generations as well.

How have the students benefitted from the Gurukul?

In this fast-paced world, the students are learning the oldest language that is Sanskrit and they are studying "Vedh" that includes preaching's of God that will be the guideline to receive salvation which is the ultimate goal of every human being. The

students here are already learning about the universe at such a small age that will make them advanced while competing in the real world. Besides, they have cultivated the habit of self-discipline which will increase their will power to do better in life which will ultimately help them prosper in future.

Are there any Extra Curriculum Activities (ECA) in the Gurukul for the students?

There were some extra activities but COVID-19 pandemic has made it very difficult to continue them. Unfortunately, we also lack sufficient funds to organize extra activities for the students as it was carried out by the revenue generated by Shashwat Dham and COVID-19 crisis has made it very difficult. I hope we will be able to rise from this and conduct effective extra curriculum activities in the near future in collaboration with Chaudhary Foundation.

In what ways the Gurukul can be further improved?

In the competitive world, bookish knowledge is not enough, the students have to compete



in the real world in terms of various aspects. So, I humbly request Chaudhary Foundation to provide support for extra-curricular activities like music, public speaking training, and computer training. We are currently confined in theory. We hope the Foundation will acknowledge the issue and help the students in the best way possible.

Would you like to give a message to people reading this?

Culture is the niche power of Nepal, so I would like to thank Chaudhary Foundation for taking up the initiative to preserve our culture. I hope Chaudhary Foundation will introduce such initiatives in each province in the future.



DISASTER RISK REDUCTION TRAINING

Chaudhary foundation since its establishment have been working on providing long term humanitarian response to the community. Also, it has been mentoring and coaching the community people on how to prepare ourself for the disasters through different Disaster Reduction Management trainings and workshop in different provinces of Nepal. Assessing the need of health emergency during Disaster, Chaudhary foundation is also training community people along with local stakeholders and civil society. The main focused of this Disaster Risk Reduction Training is to make public awareness and stakeholder more committable towards their role and responsibility during Disaster. This training was organized in Kanchanpur, Biratnagar, Birgunj, Bharatpur, Nepalgunj and SiddharthaNagar covering each province.



PREPARING TODAY FOR BETTER TOMORROW

 **Rajkumar Sunar**
Nepal National Social
Welfare Association (NNSWA)

Can you briefly tell us about the training you received?

The training taught us how to conduct proper management at times of disaster. It was focused on how we can work together with the government at the local level and with other CSOs.

How have you benefitted from this project/training?

This training has been helpful in making policy based on the existing local structure in response to any kind of disaster like COVID-19, earthquake, etc. Moreover, we have learned how to work on any kind of DRR locally on our own.

What are the major changes you have noticed after this project/training?

We have been working on Disaster Risk Management for a long time. But this training has been successful in sensitizing how we can collectively work on making plans and programs. Another, major change that I particularly noticed is government-private partnerships and their collaboration.

What do you think is the major impact of this project?

The major impact is that the local government has been allocating a budget for DRR and collaborating with other



private CSOs to implement it. This program has been successful in reaching out the collaboration with other civic societies.

Would you like to give any message to the people reading this?

I would like to stress that private sector involvement is imperative in any kind of risk management with collaboration with government bodies locally or nationally for sustainability.

DOING GOOD INDEX 2022

The Doing Good Index is a unique and systematic body of evidence that aims to unleash the enormous potential of Asian Philanthropy and private social investment. Philanthropists, corporations and social delivery organizations address the region's unmet social needs. It comprises of 35 indicators under four sub-indices.

The Doing Good Index is carried out to determine the factors that enable the flow of private resources to do good. It basically portrays how the government chooses to partner with nonprofit organizations, and philanthropists to tackle day-to-day challenges. Besides that, it provides us a statistical divining rod, for the social sector. It identifies how united Asia is to address the problems and work towards improving the community for every individual. Thus, Doing Good Index is evidence that can help to bring out the best practices and the country's economy upfront.

It offers information to help philanthropists, policymakers, researchers, social delivery organizations (SDOs), and engaged citizens understand what levers can be pulled to best increase and enhance philanthropic giving in their economies. It provides insights and examines the institutional infrastructure and regulatory bodies that enables or encourages private resources towards doing good.

The Doing Good Index 2022 is done along four indices: Regulations, Tax, Fiscal Policy,

Ecosystem and Procurement. It has given evidence-based findings and has been derived from survey data collected from 2,239 SDOs and 126 expert interviews across 17 economies. The index categorized the economies into four clusters: Doing Well, Doing Better, Doing Okay and Not Doing Enough. In this index questions on the impact of the pandemic have also been included as it has been universally experienced and it has a profound level of influence on how societies are reacting and evolving as a result.

The index is based on 17 economies, however, in this report we will be focusing on the data of Nepal.

This training was organized in Kanchanpur, Biratnagar, Birgunj, Bharatpur, Nepalgunj and SiddharthaNagar covering each province.

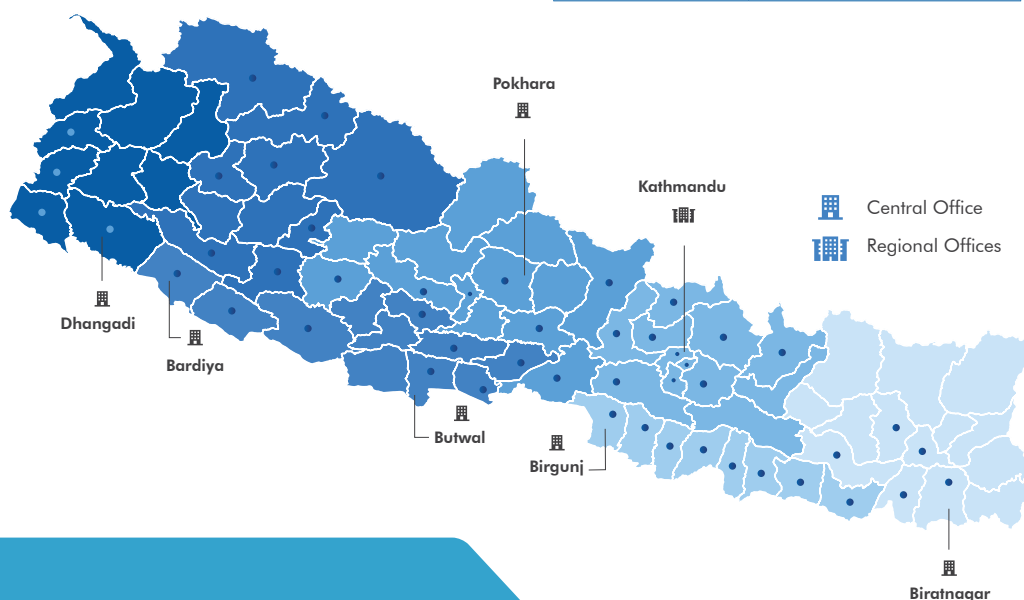


PROJECT REACH

CHAUDHARY FOUNDATION PROVINCIAL OFFICES

PROVINCE HEAD OFFICE

Koshi	Biratnagar
Madhesh	Birgunj
Bagmati	Kathmandu
Gandaki	Pokhara
Lumbini	Butwal
Karnali	Managed by Bardiya
Sudurpaschim	Dhangadi



Chaudhary Foundation has expanded its reach to all seven provinces and has already established provincial headquarters.

In addition, Chaudhary Foundation India, the regional extension of Chaudhary Foundation was also launched in 2020.

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We would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to everyone who has helped Chaudhary Foundation to reach greater heights throughout these years. This report is dedicated to our board members, partners, donors, beneficiaries, and everyone who has supported and guided us directly or indirectly.

Chaudhary Foundation has come a long way with its commendable work to society since its establishment. Every endeavor that we planned throughout this year has made a huge impact on the lives of our beneficiaries. All of our current programs and initiatives are guided by our determination

to build social impacts by leveraging our strengths from the corporate world.

Also, we are grateful to our wonderful team who have worked hard to make our dreams a reality. Chaudhary Foundation is all about team work and determination.

Finally, We would like to acknowledge our partners contributions and beliefs toward us. Our partners have been an integral part of our success. Their support and assistance have helped us to make our project more impactful. They have helped us reach where we are today. We look forward for similar and continued collaboration and support from all our partners.



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