

## **Annual Report and Accounts 2018**



Kids in Kathmandu Nepal supports orphaned and underprivileged children and young people in Kathmandu by providing facilities and activities that assist in advancing their education to improve their life chances

# KIDS IN KATHMANDU NEPAL LTD (A company limited by guarantee) REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 01 JANUARY 2018 TO 31 DECEMBER 2018

**Company Registration Number: 07517465** 

**Charity Registration Number: 1142150** 

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Cover photo shows a child who begs in the street before and after school. She is from Ishwor School, which we have supported since 2017.

## KIDS IN KATHMANDU NEPAL LTD REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

## **Trustees/Directors:**

Lai See Chew Founder/Chief Officer

- John Crowe
- Janet Davies Chair
- Marjorie Jackson, OBE
- Kate Pottinger
- Stephen Smith

## **Company Registration Number**

07517465

## **Charity Registration Number**

1142150

## **Registered Office**

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## **Bankers**

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### TRUSTEES' REPORT

The Trustees, who are also Directors of the charitable company for the purpose of the Companies Act 2006, submit their annual report and the financial accounts for Kids in Kathmandu Nepal Ltd (KIKN) for the year ended 31 December 2018.

The Trustees confirm that the annual report and financial accounts comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the company's governing documents and the provisions of the Charities Commission Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) FRS 102.

### STRUCTURE AND GOVERNANCE

## **Organisational Structure**

Kids in Kathmandu Nepal Ltd was incorporated as a company limited by guarantee on 02 February 2011 (company number 7517465) and registered as a charity with the Charity Commission on 27 May 2011 (charity number 1142150). The charity is governed by its Articles of Association. Legal responsibility for the management of the charity is vested in the Board of Trustees.

The charity has no members, other than the Trustees. It has no ties with any other organisation. The Board of Trustees makes all strategic decisions.

Mrs Janet Davies is the Chair.

Ms Lai See Chew acts as the Chief Officer of the charity and co-ordinates activities, including providing agendas and minutes of meetings, reporting to sponsors on the children they support and liaising with the orphanage and schools that we support in Nepal.

The Save Lives Foundation Orphanage is the hub of the charity's work in Kathmandu. Mrs Uma Mathema, House Mother, is our key contact in Nepal. She liaises with the schools, Parapokar Orphanage and with parents or families of sponsored children who live in their family homes, monitors operational projects and brings to our attention any matter she considers the charity needs to know. She assists the Chief Officer to identify and prioritise potential new projects. During the year, on our behalf, she purchases authorised goods for the children or schools from our Nepal bank account. Mrs Mathema receives no salary from Kids in Kathmandu Nepal Ltd.

We do not give any money directly to the sponsored children, their families or the schools. We pay fees and pay for the goods and services directly to the providers, so we have control over how the money is spent.

Bank transfers of funds from our UK bank account to Nepal require the authorisation of the Chief Officer, the Chair or Mr Stephen Smith, after approval by Trustees. We have a dedicated bank account in Nepal, operated by Mrs Mathema, and we receive copies of the bank statements, so that we are able to monitor expenditure.

The Charity's Annual General Meeting, in accordance with the Articles of Association, was held on 28 July 2018, when children's sponsors, friends and donors to the charity were invited to attend a 'thank you' lunch.

## **Chief Officer Annual Visit to Nepal**

Each September, the Chief Officer, visits Nepal, at her own expense, staying at the orphanage in Kathmandu, visiting the schools and meeting all sponsored children, to ensure that the transferred funds have been utilised as directed. She is also able to identify any matters of which the Trustees should be made aware, including new children to be sponsored or additional requirements for funding at the orphanage or schools.

Prior to the Chief Officer's annual visit, the Trustees agree a budget for spends and projects, including a contingency, and on her return a detailed report on expenditure is provided to Trustees. Sponsored children's new clothing is purchased and distributed at the annual KIKN Open Day, during this visit.

The annual visits are usually for at least one month's duration, but due to a family medical emergency in the UK, this year's visit was for less time. Nevertheless, all the requisite visits to school projects, meetings with sponsored children and their families or carers, and the purchase of goods were successfully undertaken.

The Chief Officer writes a blog and regularly updates the KIKN Facebook site whilst in Nepal, and on her return sends out a newsletter to sponsors and donors on the charity's work in Kathmandu. The main aim is to keep the on-going interest and commitment of sponsors and donors by sharing with them news and events in the children's lives. We also send out e-newsletters and provide photographic displays and videos at the Annual General Meeting.

In November 2018, Ms Kate Pottinger, Trustee, together with a KIKN sponsor, also visited Kathmandu and was able to visit the Saves Lives Foundation Orphanage and some of the schools' projects that we support.

### **Staff**

Kids in Kathmandu Nepal charity does not employ any staff and has no premises costs. All its administrative duties and fund-raising efforts are carried out voluntarily by the Trustees and by supporters of the charity.

## **Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees**

The Articles of Association provide that Trustees (Directors) are appointed for a period of four years, when they must retire, but can be re-appointed in accordance with the rules outlined in clause 31 of the Articles of Association. The minimum number of Trustees is three, with no maximum number stated. Trustees can be appointed at any general meeting, under the terms of the Articles of Association.

All current Trustees are sponsors of children supported by KIKN, or donors to the charity. We ask that all potential new Trustees attend a Board meeting and meet with the other Trustees, before consideration of appointment.

The Board of Trustees holds quarterly Trustees' meetings. The Chief Officer, Chair or other Trustees meet at least monthly, to oversee the administrative duties of the charity, to deal with financial matters and to plan activities, such as fund-raising events and publicity.

Induction and Training of Trustees: New Trustees are provided with detailed information about Trustee responsibilities, and provided with Trustee guidance material sourced from the Charity Commission. We refer to this guidance and to our Articles of Association, particularly when new Trustees are appointed.

As the charity provides for the needs of children, albeit in Nepal, we have a Child Protection (now known as Safe Guarding) Policy which is given to Trustees and all sponsors of individual children.

## **OBJECTS AND ACTIVITIES**

### **Summary of Objects**

The charity's Objects are as follows:

- To relieve the poverty of orphaned and underprivileged children and young people up to the age
  of twenty-four (24) years in Kathmandu Nepal by the provision of clothing, equipment and other
  goods for daily living; and
- To advance in life and relieve the needs of orphaned and underprivileged children and young
  people up to the age of twenty-four (24) years in Kathmandu Nepal by providing support, facilities
  and activities which assist in advancing their education and developing their skills, capacities and
  capabilities to enable them to participate in society as mature and responsible individuals.

## Summary of the Main Activities Undertaken in Relation to these Objects

## **Sponsored Children**

Nepal is one of the poorest countries in the world. Not all the children we support are orphans, but those who are not orphans are from destitute families, who would be unlikely to access educational opportunities without our support, particularly the ability to attend years 11 and 12 (sixth form in Nepal), further education or university.

All children put forward for sponsorship are carefully considered by the Chief Officer and the orphanage House Mother. Only children who come from truly destitute families can be considered, as they are the ones least able to access education.

For sponsored children, the funding ensures that they have adequate summer and winter clothing, school uniforms and essential equipment for schooling, and pays for any school fees. For children who live with their families, we also provide a table and a large solar rechargeable battery lamp to enable them to do their homework in homes that do not have an electricity supply.

The majority of the sponsored children whom we support are girls. The Trustees have agreed that any further children we sponsor should preferably (but not exclusively) be female. Nepali girls from poor families are sometimes 'sold' and trafficked. They generally have less opportunity to access education. We consider that by supporting girls and young women, they will have greater opportunities to gain life skills for future employment and are less likely to be seen as a burden to their families.

However, we now have several sponsored children in sixth form and others who are coming up to sixth form age, many of whom hope to go on to university where tuition fees are much higher than school fees. Therefore, Trustees have agreed that when a currently sponsored young person completes their education at school or university (whichever is the highest they achieve), we will not take on a new child, but ask the child's sponsor to join together with another sponsor to co-fund sixth form or higher education for one young person. We currently have two sixth form young people who are co-sponsored. Therefore, we retain the same number of sponsors, even though there are fewer sponsored children and young people.

See Case Study on 6<sup>th</sup> formers and higher education on pages 25-28.

The majority of sponsors for individual children are friends, acquaintances, or contacts of the Trustees, and others have come via fund-raising events and publicity. Sponsors agree to provide regular funding for a named child. The sponsors receive reports on their sponsored child's progress at school. In accordance with our Child Protection Policy, any communication from a sponsor to a child must be vetted by the Chief Officer.

## Institutions

In addition to our sponsored children, we also continue to provide support to the Save Lives Foundation Orphanage, the Shree Neel Barahi Higher Secondary School, Jana Sudhar Lower Secondary School, Lubhoo Secondary School and Ishwor Primary School.

Following the Chief Officer's visit to Kathmandu in September 2018, the Trustees agreed to adopt a further under resourced school, Saraswoti Secondary School, situated in Thechow district in Patan, primarily with a view to setting up a breakfast club in 2019. Research and experience have shown that school breakfast clubs are an incentive for destitute families to send their children to school and for the children to be able to learn better when they have eaten adequate food.

The schools are very appreciative of the support we have provided and each year, when the Chief Officer visits, they go to great lengths to put on wonderful welcome events to thank Kids in Kathmandu Nepal.

#### Other Activities

Lai See Chew, Chief Officer received an invitation from the Ambassador of Nepal to attend the Nepal Republic Day celebration on 29 May 2018, at the Nepal Embassy in Kensington Palace Gardens, London. Subsequent to Ms Chew's attendance, in June 2018, Trustees agreed that KIKN would join the British-Nepal Association. Useful contacts have been made. We have since been sent information about all charities currently working in Nepal. There are good opportunities to raise KIKN's profile and for us to fund raise by applying for grants.

### **MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS DURING 2018**

## **Sponsored Children and Young People**

In December 2018 the charity was sponsoring a total of 39 children and young people. Eight sponsored children are cared for at the Save Lives Foundation Orphanage, six girls and one boy live in Paropakar Orphanages (said to be the oldest orphanages in Kathmandu). and the other children and young people live with their families and attend Shree Neel Barahi School, Jana Sudhar School, Lubhoo School, and other local schools, or are studying at universities or teacher training colleges.

We have one graduate, Asmita, who completed her business studies degree in 2017. Sangita is part way through a Chartered Accountancy degree and Aspsarah will complete her teacher training course in 2019. Laxmi, a severely physically disabled young woman, commenced teacher training in October 2018. We fund physiotherapy for Laxmi, although it has been agreed that this will cease after April 2019.

Two sixth form sponsored students, who live at the Save Lives Orphanage, volunteer at Neel Barahi School, which is nearby to where they live. Another sponsored young person, who was living with her father, step-mother and two younger siblings in one over-crowded room, moved into the Save Lives Orphanage in 2017, and helps with chores before and after school. Living at the orphanage enables her to study more easily, but she continues to have contact with her family, who live close by.

Each year, when the Chief Officer travels to Nepal, she visits all the sponsored children and takes a personal greeting from each sponsor to their sponsored child. She returns with letters from the children to their sponsors. The children at Save Lives Orphanage have good English language skills, and they often help those children who are less able to write English to compose their sponsors' letters.

### **Save Lives Foundation Orphanage**

Our Chief Officer stays at the Orphanage whilst visiting Kathmandu each year. All eight children in the orphanage are supported by KIKN. The orphanage is in Bafal, an impoverished area of Kathmandu. We make a contribution to the rent and utilities for the Save Lives Foundation Orphanage. In Previous years we have funded:

- the installation of solar panels, to have less reliance on the generator and its costly fuel, and;
- a water filtration system, following the 2015 earthquake, in view of the badly contaminated water supply
- the increase of solar panels from three to five (again after the 2015 earthquake) to enable continuous use of the fridge and the water pump

We fund Nepali dancing, karate classes and maths tuition for the orphanage children.

In 2018, during the Chief Officer's visit, wardrobes for the teenage orphanage girls were purchased.

During the Chief Officer's annual visit to Kathmandu, the Charity funds an Open Day at the orphanage for all sponsored children. The mothers (and occasionally fathers) of those children who live with (or have contact with) their families come together for the Open Day. In 2018, the open Day was the largest and best attended to date, with some children travelling long distances with their families to reach the orphanage.

The sponsored children receive their new winter clothing (jackets, track suits, mufflers, vests, etc.) at the Open Day. The event is great fun and much food is consumed, as though they have not eaten so whole-heartedly for a long time.

In view of all the unpaid work that Uma undertakes in Kathmandu on behalf of KIKN, the Trustees identify a small sum of money in the budget of the Chief Officer's annual visit as a thank you gift for Uma Mathema. KIKN could not function without her goodwill.

## **Shree Neel Barahi Higher Secondary School**

Shree Neel Barahi Secondary School is in Tankeshwor, near the Kalimati market, a short distance from the Save Lives Orphanage, and another impoverished neighbourhood in Kathmandu where many of the families live below subsistence level.

The school takes children from nursery school age to sixth form. The school had some 700 pupils, when Kids in Kathmandu first began providing support in 2011, but the school has increased in size substantially since that time, very much in part due to the equipment and infrastructure that KIKN has funded over the years. In 2011, there were only 8 students in the sixth form, and now there are more than 200, with a total school population of around 1,300 pupils in 2018.

In past years, in addition to refurbishment & equipment projects, we have provided the school with:

- 35 desktop computers and computer desks,
- photocopier
- solar panels.
- Set up a new Science lab
- Invertor (mini generator)
- Nepali dance costumes

Many of the school's computers provided by KIKN have fallen into disrepair, over the years, and the Trustees agreed to fund their repair in 2018.

We fund 50% of the salary of a computer/science teacher, to enable the school to recruit and retain a suitable candidate.

Since January 2013 we have funded a breakfast club for nursery children and now 100 young children receive a daily nutritious breakfast. The school has reported that the children have benefited greatly from a regular meal at the start of the school day. In October 2018, Trustees have agreed to increase the funding to support an additional 50 children to be able to receive breakfast from 2019.

During 2018, we continued to fund a member of staff to care for children who become unwell at school, but as the school is now better resourced by the Government, particularly due to its larger school roll, the Chief Officer agreed with the headteacher, that this funding would cease in April 2019, with the resources being made available to other KIKN projects.

For several years we have funded extra-curricular karate classes and traditional Nepali dancing classes at Neel Barahi School, but Trustees have agreed that the funding for the dance teacher will also cease in 2019, to be reinvested in other KIKN projects. Trustees did have concerns that the dancing teacher would be unemployed if we ceased the funding. However, the dance teacher is an accomplished choreographer and dancer who has been able to undertake a degree course whilst also giving Nepali dance classes at Neel Barahi School. She has now been invited to perform in Japan. We feel happy that we have been able to contribute in some way to her education and career. We trust that the school will be able to use its own resources to fund future dance classes.

We did also consider ceasing the funding for the karate classes, but we are continuing to fund them as the classes are open to all pupils attending the school, and karate provides an extra-curricular activity in which the less academic pupils can take part.

Nine KIKN sponsored young people attend Neel Barahi School.

### Jana Sudhar Lower Secondary School

Jana Sudhar Secondary School is in Kimdole district, close to the revered Swayambhu Temple (often known as the Monkey Temple, due to the large number of monkeys living in the vicinity). Kimdole is another very poor neighbourhood in Kathmandu, and we started to support the school in 2013. There are around 400 pupils from nursery to fifth form age. Its school population is also expanding, again partly due to facilities KIKN has been able to provide.

Since 2013 we have funded:

- the provision of flooring, tables and cushions for the nursery classrooms
- furnishings for the school library
- setting up a new Science lab
- a music centre
- a water purification plant after the 2015 earthquake
- 20 computers and associated desks and chairs
- the installation of solar panels
- the purchase of a PA system
- the making of 8 long classroom desks and benches
- purchase of a trophy cabinet
- erection of sports facilities such as outdoor table tennis table and basketball posts

We fund 50% towards the salary of a computer /science teacher's salary.

We have previously funded the school's annual supply of exercise books for the pupils, but this was not required in 2018 (in 2017 we diverted the resource to another Jana Sudhar School project), so it was agreed to cease this funding and reinvest it at another school.

In early 2014 we commenced a breakfast club for 80 nursery class children, although the school stretched the money to feed 100 children every school day, and in 2015, after the earthquake, we increased the funding to provide breakfast for an additional 100 children. The school reported much improved attendance since the breakfast club was set up. During 2017, we increased the breakfast club funding to fully cover the full cost for 200 children per day.

However, the school now has other charities providing resources, and the school building has been extended with their support. It is common in Nepal for schools to be supported by several charities. This being the case, the Chief Officer agreed with the headteacher that in April 2019 the breakfast club funding should be reduced back to 150 pupils (from 200), with the freed-up resources being used to fund the additional 50 breakfast club places at Shree Neel Bahari Secondary School.

KIKN sponsors one child who attends Jana Sudhar School.

## **Lubhoo Secondary School**

KIKN has supported Lubhoo School since 2016. Lubhoo is a poor Newar village in the Lalitpur district of the Kathmandu Valley, east of Kathmandu, some 7 kilometres from the capital city (but 13 kilometres via potholed roads). It is a small school with around 300 pupils.

During the Chief Officer's 2018 visit, she met with the new school headteacher, who has secured government funding to complete the extended school building works, that have been under construction for several years. The school is expected to become a vocational school in technology and IT.

At Lubhoo School we have previously been able to fund:

- 20 computers, desks and chairs
- furnishings for the nursery classroom
- play equipment for the playground (swings, slide and two see-saws)
- two basketball poles and layout of a badminton court
- a PA system

In 2016, we also commenced funding a much-needed breakfast club for 100 children at the school.

During 2018, we have funded the purchase of science laboratory equipment and classroom furniture for Lubhoo School. The school's major needs in the near future will be funding for a reference library, required to upgrade the school's educational status. KIKN Trustees have agreed to assist with the reference library funding in 2019, from the grant funding made by Futures for Kids.

We sponsor nine children who attend Lubhoo School.

## **Ishwor Adharbhot Primary School**

Ishwor Adharbhot Primary School is a very small school in Swayambhu, near to Jana Sudhar School. In September 2017, when the Chief Officer was first introduced to this school, there were only 50 pupils. The school population now fluctuates from 85 to 90 pupils. The school is very poorly furnished in a small compound serving an extremely poor community, where there are many beggar children. No school fees are payable.

To date we have:

- provided a computer, printer, a photocopier, table and chair for the school
- funded food for the families of the 30 beggar children in 2017 and all 85 children in 2018 (during the Chief Officer's visit)
- provided flooring and equipment for the beggar children's classroom

From September 2017, we have funded a breakfast club for 50 children, and this was increased to 80 pupils in January 2018.

In October 2018, we commenced funding a contribution to the nursery teacher's salary at Ishwor School, to enable the school to pay and retain a suitably qualified person.

When the Chief Officer visited the school in 2018, she discovered that there was no electric wiring, and it was agreed to fund wiring to five classrooms, so that each room would benefit from an electric fluorescent light and a fan. We also provided 1,500 exercise books, skipping ropes, jigsaws, board games and a supply of colouring pencils and books.

## BENEFITS TO THE WIDER COMMUNITY IN KATHMANDU

Almost all the goods and services we fund in Nepal are locally sourced in Kathmandu. The children's school uniforms and other clothing are tailored or purchased in the neighbourhood. Most tables, desks, cushions or any other furniture we purchase, are made by local carpenters and craftspeople.

The dancing and karate teachers have had a regular source of income, as have the massage therapist and the Save Lives Foundation Orphanage maths teacher. In addition, the breakfast clubs at the four schools provide employment for the cooks, and all the raw food ingredients are sourced locally.

The computer teachers at Shree Neel Barahi Secondary School and at Jana Sudhar Secondary School have secure employment due to our funding.

The Chief Officer buys craft goods whilst in Nepal to sell in the UK to raise more funds.

We are pleased to report that the funds we raise in the UK not only enriches the lives of impoverished children in Kathmandu, but also benefits the wider economy through the provision of employment for local people and by supporting local businesses.

For sponsored children and young people whom we support, their educational opportunities assist them to go onto higher education or obtain employment, so that they are better able to support their own and their extended families, in the future.

We have asked those young people whom we support and are already in further education, that when they eventually have employment (and a suitable income) to consider supporting a young person still at school, so that the circle of educational opportunity continues.

#### CURRENT POLITICAL AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC SITUATION IN NEPAL

Nepal has been politically unstable for many years, with little investment in the country's infrastructure. However, following the adoption of the Constitution of Nepal in September 2015, the coalition government is now looking to improve facilities.

The regular load-shedding in Kathmandu (no access to electricity supplies for certain periods each day) has largely ceased, as more sustainable power supplies have been established.

Another recent improvement is that water pipes are being laid in the Kathmandu Valley to enable everyone to have access to clean and free piped water. The majority of people in the lower socio-economic groups currently have to rely on the collection from and use of water at local wells in their vicinity for all water supplies. Only people who can afford to pay have been able to buy fresh water transported by tankers.

The government is also starting to supply computers to some schools. The indication is that, over an estimated 3-4 year period, all schools will be resourced with computers and computer science teachers

Prior to the adoption of the constitution, Nepal was divided into 14 administrative zones and these have now been reorganised to form 7 provinces, each with its own headquarters, chief minister and administrative staff. There has been a commensurate increase in excise duty on cars, motorcycles, beverages, cigarette and chewing tobacco (the latter two as a health hazard tax) and a property tax rise (amongst other tax rises – there has even been speculation that bicycles will be taxed). The Nepali press has reported that many people have expressed concern that the tax rises will not improve services or infrastructure as they consider that elected officials have a tendency to misuse the revenue that the government receives.

It remains to be seen whether the Nepali government will achieve its ambition to improve the lives of its citizens over the coming years.

## KIDS IN KATHMANDU NEPAL LTD TRUSTEES' REPORT

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

### **FUNDRAISING**

We have had another successful fundraising year.

All the children we sponsor are funded by individual sponsors, who donate a regular monthly or annual sum of money to the charity. We have also attracted more regular donors, who donate monthly or annually, but do not sponsor a named child. The sponsors and other regular donors are the backbone of our fundraising, and we are pleased that the number has increased during the year.

We are particularly thankful for the grant funding and support that we have received from Futures for Kids (since 2011) and from the John Horseman Trust (since 2015). In 2018, Futures for Kids granted us £8,000, which we will use to purchase equipment for schools. The John Horseman Trust gave us a grant of £5,000, which helped fund our breakfast clubs.

We also receive some smaller regular donations, and some sizable one-off donations, from friends and supporters of the charity.

Sadly, during 2018, Peter and Jane Downes, husband and wife who have been long-term KIKN sponsors and fund raisers, passed away within months of each other. Their friends and relatives donated generously to KIKN, in their memory.

Since June 2016, the exchange rate has fluctuated greatly, but during 2018, we saw a gradual rise in Nepali Rupees against the GB pound, so that funding of our ongoing projects has been less at risk than during the previous year. Fortunately, we have also continued to attract more sponsors, increased sponsor donations, and more regular donors and donations. Thus, we have been able to sustain all our ongoing sponsorships and projects.

During 2018 the Trustees and friends have organised several fundraising events. At some of the events we have sold the Nepali goods brought back from Nepal by the Chief Officer. The key fundraising events undertaken were as follows:

- Chinese New Year Celebration February 2018. The Chief Officer held a Chinese New Year food event
- Supporters' Summer Lunch & Annual General Meeting July 2018. Sponsors and donors were invited to a lunch provided by the Chief Officer to thank them for their continued support. We held our Annual General Meeting at this event. Attendees often make a donation or buy Nepali goods, even though it is a 'thank you' event
- Charity Cricket Match June 2018. Bromley Town Cricket Club hosted our annual charity cricket
  match against the Weekenders Cricket Club and we raised funds from raffle tickets, tombola, and
  cake sales
- Cake & Craft Sales June 2018 & November 2018. Homemade cake & Nepali craft sales were held at Lower Marsh, an NHS headquarters building in SE London
- Quiz Nights February & November 2018. We held two very successful quiz nights and raised funds from the sale of entrance tickets, raffle tickets and craft sales

Other events where funds have been raised are:

- Big Half London Marathon March 2018. Trustee Kate Pottinger took part to raise funds for KIKN
- Delicious Sounds Choir Concert March 2018. Collection held at choir concert held at Southampton Art Gallery
- Mount Pleasant Junior School, Southampton Clothes Collection for KIKN May 2018. Surplus clothes and other goods sold at Boot Fair organised by Sally Hawthorne & Lisa Beavis

 Cake Sale & Raffle – December 2018. Lewisham Social Care & Health, organised by Trustee Kate Pottinger

We would like to take this opportunity to give our sincere and grateful thanks to all our sponsors, friends, donors, and organisations who have contributed to our successful fund-raising activities during the year.

We especially thank the following individuals and organisations who have contributed to our fundraising:

- Futures for Kids Charity
- The John Horseman Trust
- Lyn & Sarah Noyes
- Lewisham Council Social Care & Health Department
- Lower Marsh NHS Staff, London SE1
- Delicious Sounds Choir, Southampton
- Yoon Eng Pam (Malaysia)
- Bromley Town Cricket Club
- Weekenders Cricket Club

## **PUBLICITY**

## Website, e-Newsletter and other Technology

Trustee Stephen Smith regularly updates the KIKN website (<a href="www.kidsinkathmandu.com">www.kidsinkathmandu.com</a>) which is very user-friendly, publicizes our projects in Nepal, and provides a background to the charity and our Trustees.

During the year Mr Smith investigated the most appropriate means by which we could host, back-up and secure the website. Trustees agreed to pay an annual fee of £150/annum to ensure adequate back-up and security for the website, which is hosted by GoDaddy.

During the past year our Chief Officer has continued to make regular postings on our Facebook page to further publicise events and to inform all of our followers about how we are spending their sponsorship monies and donations in Kathmandu. We have found this a powerful medium, especially the ability to quickly upload photographs from Nepal with the narrative.

Both the website and Facebook page have links to our Big Give charity fundraising web-page, and we find that we receive a regular stream of small and larger donations via that route.

We send out quarterly e-newsletters, which greatly enhances our ability to reach a wide audience and to keep our regular supporters aware of the progress of KIKN projects and of fund-raising events.

We send out hard copies of our Annual Report to our major donors and email it to other supporters, together with posting it on our website.

As a thank you, annual calendars showing photographs of children and young people whom we support in Kathmandu are sent to every long-standing supporters, sponsors and donors.

We also publicise our work and events on Twitter, but it remains unclear how effective this is.

The use of our card reader at cake and craft sales and other events has greatly enhanced KIKN's ability to sell goods. We have significantly increased our sales at fund-raising events, where potential buyers may not have enough cash, but have credit/debit cards available.

## **General Data Protection Legislation (GDPR)**

This legislation became law in the UK on 25 May 2018, with the purpose of protecting and improving the privacy of the personal information of individuals. As we maintain a database of all our contacts which we use to send our quarterly e-newsletters, Trustee Stephen Smith undertook a piece of work to ensure that KIKN complied with the new legislation by the time it came into force. The Trustees approved a new Privacy of Information Policy to comply with the new legislation. All the people on our list were provided with a copy of the new policy and asked for their permission for the charity to continue sending them our e-newsletters. We received an affirmative response from 136 of our previous 212 contacts, which we consider to be a positive outcome. As a result of this action the percentage of readers of our e-newsletters has increased considerably.

## **RISK MANAGEMENT & KIKN POLICIES**

Trustees regularly review and update our Risk Management Plan and our policies.

In addition, Marjorie Jackson, Trustee, reviews Charity Commission updates, and reports back to Trustees on any matters that are relevant to KIKN, to ensure that Trustees are aware of and act upon such matters, as appropriate.

## **Risk Management**

The KIKN Risk Management plan was reviewed in May 2018 and changes approved by Trustees in July 2018. In October 2018 further amendments were approved. We added action plans around risks to data protection and to potential website damage or hacking.

### **Conflicts of Interest**

Ms Jackson advised KIKN Trustees that the Charity Commission had issued guidance on Conflicts of Interest. In October 2018, Trustees agreed that 'Conflicts of Interest' would be a standing item on every agenda and a draft Conflicts of Interest Policy, based on Charity Commission guidelines was considered by Trustees.

### **Our Policies**

We have the following policies, all of which are posted on our website:

Child Protection (Revised January 2017)

Privacy Information Policy (Approved April 2018, Revised June 2018)

Banking Information and Scheme of Delegation (Revised October 2017)

Reserves (Revised July 2017)

Investment Policy (Revised June 2018)

Conflicts of Interest (draft October 2018)

### **OBJECTIVES AND PLANNED ACTIVITIES**

### **Objectives and Planned Activities for 2019**

We aim to undertake the following activities in 2019 to meet our charitable objectives:

- 1. *Trustees* to maintain the current number of Trustees and to identify any potential new Trustees who would be willing to contribute to the work of the charity.
- 2. *Sponsors* to maintain or increase the current number of sponsors, to enable sponsored children and young people to remain in education until at least school leaving age.
- 3. Regular Donors to increase the number of donors, to assist with funding on-going projects.
- Extra-Curricular Classes to continue funding Nepali traditional dancing and karate classes at Neel Barahi School and Save Lives Foundation Orphanage, until April 2019, after which some resources will be reallocated.
- 5. Saraswoti School to commence a breakfast club at the school and assist with the purchase of some vital educational equipment.
- On-going Support to Current Projects to raise sufficient funds to continue support of on-going projects (e.g. breakfast clubs for nursery children at the five schools, plus funding salaries of computer teachers. To cease funding of school health assistant, dance teacher and massage therapist after April 2019.
- 7. Continuing & New Projects to review ongoing projects and to prioritise any newly identified projects with regards to available funding.
- 8. *Higher Education* to fund university and higher education courses for our sponsored children, as required and if affordable.
- 9. *Higher Education/University Funding* to work with Uma Mathema to identify funding and/or course opportunities for sponsored young people seeking to enter higher education.
- 10. *Higher Education Reserve Fund* to continue holding some funds in reserve to assist sponsored young people with course funding.
- 11. Exchange Rate to maintain our projects within the restraints on funds due to the fluctuations in exchange rates between GB Pound and Nepali Rupee.
- 12. *Nepal Bank Account* to regularly review funds held in the Nepal bank account, and utilise any accrued resources according to Trustees' agreed priorities for the charity.
- 13. *Local Resources* to continue sourcing goods that we purchase in Kathmandu from local suppliers and crafts people to contribute to the local economy.
- 14. Futures for Kids & the John Horseman Trust keep both organisations fully informed about the projects we fund from their grants.
- 15. Other Grant-making Organisations to identify other funding bodies, and, as appropriate, make applications to increase the funds available for ongoing or new projects.
- 16. Fundraising activities to organise fundraising activities to raise additional funds and to engage friends, supporters, and local communities in the work of the charity.
- 17. Publicity and Technology to regularly update our website and Facebook page, to send out regular e-newsletters, to ensure that as many ongoing supporters and others are aware of fundraising events, know how to make donations to the charity, and receive updates on our work and projects in Nepal.
- 18. *Policies* to review (and update, as required) KIKN's policies and Risk Management plan. This is particularly relevant to any new guidelines issued by the Charity Commission.

The six Trustees volunteer their time, personal skills and resources to ensure that the charity continues to thrive and achieves its objectives. We aim to maintain our income streams from sponsors, other donors and fundraising events so that we can continue to meet our commitment to

support and benefit the children at the Save Lives Foundation Orphanage, Shree Neel Barahi School, Jana Sudhar School, Lubhoo School and Ishwor School, and other children and young people whom we support through individual sponsorship.

The Chief Officer will return to Nepal in September/October 2019, staying at the orphanage and undertaking business on behalf of the charity relating to the orphanage, schools and sponsored children and young people. She will identify any new project requests for Trustees to consider on her return. It is expected that other Trustees will also travel to Kathmandu in September 2019.

## KIDS IN KATHMANDU NEPAL LTD TRUSTEES' REPORT

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

Our total expenditure for the period was £46,717 and with an income of £60,019 we have net incoming resources of £13,302. Together with funds carried forward from the previous year, there is a total sum of £56,639 at year end on 31 December 2018.

It should be noted that the sum carried forward includes a sum of £20,898 of accrued monies and interest in our Nepal bank account. In view of the widely fluctuating exchange rate for the Nepali Rupee since the 2015 earthquake, we have tended to pay more into the Nepal account, to compensate for any drop in the exchange rate. The Trustees will decide how to best manage and utilise the sums held in Nepal account during 2019.

The funds carried forward also include a sum of £5,300 Gift Aid to be reclaimed for 2018, but not yet received, and a scheduled quarterly payment of £11,137 to Nepal due to be transferred in January 2019. In addition, some projects in Nepal are yet to be paid for from the Nepal account at 31 December 2018 (e.g. quarterly breakfast club funding due in the first quarter 2019).

Furthermore, the funds carried forward include £15,083 capital and interest held in our Redwood Bank 95-day Notice account, for funding future university tuition fees for our sponsored young people. This account was opened in 2018.

The Balance Sheet shows current assets as £56,639, when the Gift Aid reclaim of £5,300 due from HMRC is taken into account.

Funding for all activities is raised by donations, from friends of the charity, from fundraising events or from grants. Sponsors of individual children make payments of regular donations to support a named child.

## **Policy on Reserves**

Trustees have agreed that the reserve should remain at £5,000.

The rationale for the reserve is so that if we lose any sponsors or regular donors, we have sufficient funds in reserve to cover a shortfall.

### **Funds Materially in Deficit**

We have no funds in deficit.

#### **Funds held as Custodian Trustee**

We hold no funds as Custodian Trustee.

## Trustees' Responsibilities in Relation to the Financial Statements

The Trustees (Directors) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure of the charitable company for the year. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;

- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis, unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation; and to
- appoint an Independent Examiner to examine the accounts and to provide an Independent Examiner's Report.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

As a smaller company, under the terms of the Companies Act 2006, the Trustees have not required the accounts to be audited, but we are required by the Charity Commission to have the accounts independently examined.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 15 April 2019 and signed on their behalf by:

**Janet Davies** 

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Lai See Chew

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Director

**Director** 

## KIDS IN KATHMANDU NEPAL LTD STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

## **Statement of Financial Activities**

	Notes		
		2018	2017
Incoming Resources		Unrestricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds
Donations and grants	2	52,599	53,258
Fund-Raising Income	3	7,420	6,306
Other income	4	0	0
Total incoming resources		60,019	59,564
Resources Expended			
Charitable activities: supporting sponsored children, an orphanage and four schools in Kathmandu	5	42,195	36,241
Ex gratia payment	6	400	0
Purchase of Nepali Goods		647	684
Fees	7	530	263
Governance Costs	8	655	2,406
Administration Costs	9	285	188
Fundraising Costs	10	2,005	1,191
Total Resources Expended		46,717	40,973
Net Incoming Resources		13,302	18,591
Other Gains and Losses		0	0
Cash at bank & in hand at start of year		43,337	29,546
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		56,639	48,137

The notes found on pages 21-23 form part of this Statement of Financial Activities and the Balance Sheet on page 20.

The Independent Examiner's Report can be found on page 24.

## KIDS IN KATHMANDU NEPAL LTD

## **BALANCE SHEET**

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

### **Balance Sheet**

		£	£
		2018	2017
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets		0	0
Investments		0	0
Total Fixed Assets		0	0
Current Assets			
Stock and work in progress		0	0
Debtors	11	5,300	4,800
Cash at bank and in hand at year end	12	50,642	43,214
Interest	13	697	123
Total Current Assets		56,639	48,137
Creditors: amounts due within a year		0	0
Liabilities and charges		0	0
Net Assets		56,639	48,137
Funds of the Charitable Company			
Unrestricted funds	14	51,639	43,137
Designated Reserve Fund - unrestricted		5,000	5,000
TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS		56,639	48,137

## Audit Exemption Statement

For the year ending 31 December 2018 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to smaller companies.

## Directors' responsibilities:

- The Trustees have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006
- The Directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts,
- These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with FRS 102 SORP.

**Janet Davies, Director** 

J. Davies

Lai See Chew, Director

## KIDS IN KATHMANDU NEPAL LTD NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

## 1. Accounting Policies

### 1.1 Basis of preparation

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historic cost convention in accordance with:

- the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014, to be used for accounts commencing on or after 01 January 2016.
- and with the Charities Act 2011.

## 1.2 Changes to previous accounts

The 2017 accounts now include accrued funds and interest held in our bank account in Nepal, to which we transfer funds for payment of all our projects and education fees in Kathmandu. As we are based in the UK, we are unable to hold an account in Nepal, and the Bank of Kathmandu Ltd account is held in the name of Uma Mathema, who administers the account on our behalf.

## 1.4 Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources
- the Trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations and Grants are only included in the SOFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Gift Aid Tax reclaims are included to the value expected to be reclaimed from HMRC with regards to eligible donations received since registration with the Charity Commission on 27 May 2011.

The charity has no investments.

## 1.5 Expenditure and liabilities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities for its beneficiaries.

Fund-raising costs are those costs incurred in setting-up events to attract income.

The charity has no fixed assets.

There are no liabilities or charges due.

## 2. Donations and Grants

Donations and grants are from the following sources:

	£
Sponsor & Other Donations	29,435
Grants from Futures for Kids	8,000
Grants from John Horseman Trust	5,000
Gift Aid Reclaim 2017	4,864
Gift Aid Reclaim 2018 (Estimated)	5,300
Total	52,599

## KIDS IN KATHMANDU NEPAL LTD NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

## 3. Fund-raising Income

Fund-raising income includes income from and donations towards all events held during the accounting period. It also includes the sale of Nepali goods at these events.

## 4. Other Income

No other income has been received.

## 5. Resources Expended on Charitable Activities

Expenditure is broken down for sponsored children, Saves Lives Foundation Orphanage and projects at four schools

	£
Sponsored children (including school fees, educational equipment & clothing)	6,239
Tuition fees for x11 year 11 pupils	3,500
Tuition fee for x3 year 12 pupils	1,814
University fees and subsistence allowance for two students	784
Open Days for children & families at Save Lives Foundation	427
Karate & dancing class teachers at Shree Neel Barahi School	1,120
Breakfast Club for 100 nursery children at Shree Neel Barahi School	3,830
Computer repairs at Shree Neel Barahi School	900
Salary 0.5 computer/science teacher at Shree Neel Barahi School	1,200
Health care assistant at Shree Neel Barahi School	1,200
Breakfast Club for 200 nursery children at Jana Sudhar School	7,660
Salary 0.5 computer/science teacher at Jana Sudhar School	1,200
Sports equipment for Jana Sudhar School	300
Breakfast club for 100 nursery children at Lubhoo School	3,830
Science lab improvements for Lubhoo School	750
Classroom furniture for Lubhoo School	500
Breakfast club for 80 children at Ishwor School	3,068
Wiring in classrooms for lights & fans, plus exercise books for Ishwor School	356
Contribution to nursery teacher salary for Ishwor School (Started Oct 18)	174
Food for children's families at Ishwor School	628
Contribution to rent & utilities at Save Lives Foundation Orphanage	1,800
Wardrobes for sponsored young people at Save Lives Foundation Orphanage	350
Therapist for Laxmi, disabled sponsored young person	348
Taxi fares to visit sponsored children and projects in Nepal	137
Miscellaneous small goods for sponsored children	80
Total	42,195

## KIDS IN KATHMANDU NEPAL LTD NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

### 6. Ex Gratia Payment

In line with the charity's Conflicts of Interest policy, we report an ex gratia payment of £400 to Uma Mathema, House Mother at Saves Lives Orphanage, without whom we would be unable to carry out our work in Kathmandu. She receives no other remuneration from Kids in Kathmandu Nepal charity.

#### 7. Fees

Fees are for web-site hosting, bank charges for transferring monies to Nepal, and filing at Companies House. It also includes a parking penalty whilst at a fundraising event, and charges for a stolen bank card.

#### 8. Governance Costs

Governance costs include costs for the Annual General Meeting and printing the Annual Report.

### 9. Administration Costs

These costs include postage, printing and stationery.

#### 10. Fundraising Costs

This includes room hire for the quiz nights, and food and refreshments at fundraising events.

#### 11. Debtors

The sum of £5,300 is the amount the charity expects to receive from HMRC from the Gift Aid reclaim for 2018.

#### 12. Cash at Bank and In Hand

On 31 December 2018, there was a sum of £15,418 cash in our HSBC bank account, £15,000 is held in our Redwood 95-day Notice account and we have a £100 cash float. The £5,000 reserve is included in these sums. In addition, there was an accrued sum of £20,224 in the Bank of Kathmandu account.

#### 13. Interest

In 2018, we opened a Redwood Bank 95-day Notice account. The accounts for 2018 include interest received of £614 on the Bank of Kathmandu account and £83 on the Redwood Bank account.

### 14. Unrestricted Funds

There are no restrictions on any of the expenditure of the donations and grants received, provided such expenditure complies with the Objects of the charity. The Reserve Fund of £5,000 is identified separately as an unrestricted Designated Fund.

### 15. Company Status and Corporation Tax

The company is limited by guarantee and does not have a share capital. The liability of the members, in the event of winding up, is limited to £10 each.

## 16. Corporation Tax

The Charitable Company submits a Corporation Tax return to HMRC, as and when requested. To date, as a registered charity, we have been exempted from any charges.

## KIDS IN KATHMANDU NEPAL LTD INDEPENDENT EXAMINER REPORT FOR THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

## Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Kids in Kathmandu Nepal Ltd

I report on the accounts of the Kids in Kathmandu Nepal Ltd (Charity no 1142150), which are set out on pages 19-23, for the period ended 31 December 2018.

## Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Charity's trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

## Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

## Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or the
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name: Tracy Richardson

**Relevant professional qualification or body:** ACMA (Associate Member of Chartered Institute of Management Accountants)

Address: 85 Norman Road, Leytonstone, E11 4PY

Signature:

Date: 31 March 2019

The Sixth Formers and Students in Higher Education/University.

## Progress towards the achievement of KIKN'S guiding principle: A Better Life Through Education

It has been 9 years since KIKN was set up and seven years since registration as a charitable company. KIKN started its sponsorship programme in 2009 with 8 children from the Save Lives Foundation Orphanage. KIKN's motto – 'A better life through education' has been the guiding principle throughout the whole process. The number of sponsorships has increased year on year until 3 years ago when, after undertaking a financial review, trustees decided to limit the numbers to no more than 40, in addition to helping three, and (in 2018) four schools in the Kathmandu valley.



The sponsored children come from 2 orphanages and from unstable homes, all with high levels of social deprivation and poverty. The age range is from 10 to 22 years, spanning primary to university education. Girls are in the majority with only 6 boys among them. The charity's view was, and still is, that we will support the child to the completion of their degree, if he/she is

able and passes all the examinations, at the key stages in school. So far, we have had 2 drop outs. Interestingly they were both boys, one at year 10 (Lower 6) and the other in the second year of University education. They were both replaced by younger girls, who are achieving good grades.

In KIKN's first year as a registered charity, the Chief Officer had a meeting with the then Nepali



Ambassador. He stressed the importance of prioritising girls over boys in KIKN's sponsorship programme, against the background of girls being trafficked into prostitution in the country. There are several well-supported rescue organisations in Kathmandu, which provide aftercare for rescued girls namely 'Maiti Nepal' with CNN funding and 'Nepal ABC' by the Danish government, and other smaller organisations. This explains KIKN's bias towards education for the girls.

We have always prided ourselves in providing motivation and inspiration to the children we sponsor. We passionately believe that education is the primary way for children born into poverty to improve their life chances. Although we would like to support more children, we accept that KIKN is a small charity with limited funds and we must be realistic for our aspirations to be effective.

6th form students from Save Lives Orphanage – left & above

We had our first University graduate, Asmita, in business studies in 2017, Aspsarah completes her teacher training in 2019, and Sangita has a further two years at university to complete her Chartered Accountancy degree. Laxmi commenced a teacher training course in October 2018.



We expect that there will be three more under graduates commencing degrees in 2019, should Mamata, Rajesh and Rasmila successfully pass their 6th form examinations.

We are excited that the majority of the sponsored children intend to enter into higher education, through their hard work and dedication. We had estimated that 70-80% of the sponsored children would go on to higher

education, and not 100%. How wrong we were! To date, every one of our eligible sponsored children has gained satisfactory grades to move into the 6<sup>th</sup> form – by April 2019 all 15 of them will be eligible!



In 2017 we became aware of the potential bottleneck for higher education in the 2019-2025 period. Plans were made, and additional funding has been secured for the 2019 academic year. In April 2019, we expect to have fifteen (15) 6<sup>th</sup> formers, 3 entering University, and 3 graduates. We now urgently need to explore new funding streams to enable the sponsored children to continue their journey to reach their educational potential in life.

Therefore, we have advised some of our brightest young people that studying Medicine (£9,000/annum for 5 years) or Engineering ((£6,000/annum for 5 years) is unfundable in full by the charity. They will need to apply for scholarships either abroad or at local colleges where they will be considered for a grant of 50% reduction in fees. Options are being explored for one young person post-April 2019. We are able (funding permitted) to support studies in Hotel Management, Journalism, Multimedia Communication, Teaching, Nursing, Law, Business Administration and other similar courses to which the majority of the children aspire.

The photographs show our graduate and undergraduate students. Laxmi is with Lai See Chew, Chief Officer.



6<sup>th</sup> form students from Paropakar Orphanage reading letters from their sponsors

## The table below demonstrates KIKN's position in the next 7 years

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Lower 6	8	2	1	4	1	4	3
Upper 6	7	8	2	1	4	1	4
1 <sup>st</sup> year Uni	3	7	8	2	1	4	1
2 <sup>nd</sup> year Uni	1	3	7	8	2	1	4
3 <sup>rd</sup> year Uni	1	1	3	7	8	2	1
4 <sup>th</sup> year Uni	1		1	3	7	8	2
Total in 6 <sup>th</sup> form & Higher Education	21	21	22	25	23	20	15
Indicative cost	£13,800	£14,800	£17,000	£19,000	£17,400	£15,000	£10,600

The cost is based on the current fees of £600 per year for the 6<sup>th</sup> formers, and £800 for the University entrants. The numbers are fluid and the costs will rise in the coming years. This is only an indicative cost. It is recognised that personal and family circumstances do change over time. However, we will plan accordingly to ensure we do not fail the children.

It has been said by one of KIKN's major donors that we are victims of our own success. It is indeed humbling to see our sponsored children, who are inspired and motivated, striving to reach their potential. They are fulfilling their part of the process. It is imperative that we keep our promise, of supporting them through their higher education, wherever possible.

The future is bright for the children. We are very proud of KIKN's achievements to date. The trustees are realistic enough to accept that we may have to review KIKN's priorities from time to time. It may mean either ceasing some of our current commitments to the schools, or withdrawing our support for the University education, should we fail to secure the additional funding. However, we remain optimistic, that we will be able to source sufficient funding each year, based our experience in previous years.

We give a big 'thank you' to all the KIKN sponsors and donors, past and present, for raising enough funds to enable our children and young people to reach this stage. Long may it continue.

## Some of KIKN's Sponsored Children and Schools

## **Lubhoo School**



Eight of KIKN's 9 sponsored girls from Lubhoo School

Lubhoo Breakfast Club – 100 children receive food every school day, funded by KIKN





## **Ishwor School**

Pupils in hats donated by KIKN.

KIKN funded wiring and provision of lights & wall fans for the 5 classrooms.







Ishwor School families collecting food donated by KIKN, for the Dashain Festival in early October.

KIKN funds a breakfast club for 80 children every school day at Ishwor School

## **Neel Barahi School**



Jana Sanuka, Principal/Headteacher at Neel Barahi School.

Neel Barahi is the first school that KIKN began to support in 2011. It has grown in size to 1,300 pupils and become a Beacon School, much due to KIKN's investment in the school's computer, science and extracurricular activities.

Neel Barahi School building.



We fund a breakfast club for 100 children every school day at Neel Barahi school.

## Jana Sudhar School

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Large welcome boards at entrance to Jana Sudhar school, where KIKN features in the bottom right corner of photograph. This school is supported by several other charities, as well as KIKN.



Outdoor table tennis table at Jana Sudhar School, funded by KIKN – it's pretty sturdy!!

KIKN funds a breakfast club for 200 children at Jana Sudhar School every school day.

Save Lives Foundation Orphanage – karate classes funded by KIKN.



Sunita and Surika – sisters sponsored by KIKN.



**Deepak** - a sponsored boy from Paropakar Boy's Orphanage.



The sisters come from a poor family – father, step-mother (their own mother died) & half-brother live in one small room without electricity or running water. Sunita has lived at the Save Lives Orphanage for the past two years. She helps out with chores in exchange for her accommodation. Both sisters attend Neel Barahi Secondary School.

KIKN Open Day for Sponsored Children and their Families At Save Lives Foundation Orphanage – September 2018.



The eight young people from Save Lives Foundation Orphanage with KIKN Chief Officer, Lai See Chew & Uma Mathema, House Mother. All the orphanage children are sponsored by KIKN.

Food being collected by children and parents attending Open Day.

Sunita enjoying KIKN's Open Day with other sponsored children and young people and their families.



Sponsored children receiving their new clothes at KIKN's Open Day.

