



## Project Ujyalo Bhabisyā—July 2010 Update

### Development **NEPAL**

Alongside the ongoing project activity, the focus of Development Nepal's (DN) work since our last update has been on planning for the expansion of Project Ujyalo Bhabisyā (UB) into more communities in Sunsari over the next five years. In order to ensure that this planned expansion is a success, we are focusing on building up the capacity of our local delivery partner, UCHEP, to manage the project as it expands. We have also been exploring new fundraising avenues, to ensure that DN is able to cover the inevitable increase in costs that comes with running a larger project.

#### News from Nepal

We are delighted to report that together with a small organisation called Nepal Development Initiative (NEDI) we will be working to strengthen UCHEP's skills in a number of key areas between July and October of this year. These include Project Cycle Management, Monitoring & Evaluation, Organisational Management and Training & Facilitation. This is a key investment in UCHEP's institutional capacity and should help to strengthen them as an organisation, enabling them to successfully deliver our larger 2010-2014 Project UB cycle.



Supplementary class for children.

#### In brief

- We are continuing to work with our 2008 and 2009 communities and there are currently daily Adult and Child Educational classes being held with over 400 participants in 10 communities taking part on a daily basis.
- UCHEP are visiting potential communities for the 2010-2014 cycle and hope to have identified an additional 10 communities we will work with by early August.
- After the success of the first community house, the DN trustees have given the go-ahead for the construction of a second house in Prakashpur 7, Uranw Tole.



A training course at the Community House, Prakashpur 7 Gaderi Tole

#### Project UB Community Facilitator Internship Programme, Nepal

In June 2010, Project UB engaged the first two participants in a new internship programme in Nepal. The internship programme is designed to give the community facilitators the opportunity to build up experience in practical project management, administrative and strategic skills. This is not only a significant personal development opportunity for the participants but also a good opportunity for the project to gain valuable insight at managerial level from those closest to the communities we work with. It also underlines Project UB's commitment to sustainability, and developing and retaining experience and skills.

The positions, first advertised in May, attracted applications from most of the current community facilitators. After a robust recruitment process, we are pleased to announce that Kabita Rai (Prakashpur 3, Chaudhari Tole) and Umesh Lal Uranw (Prakashpur 7, Unranw Tole) were selected as this year's interns. The internships will commence in July 2010, and will run for twelve weeks.



Project UB participants

## Development Nepal Summer Student Interns, UK

This summer sees the launch of the DN Summer Student Internship Programme, aimed at undergraduate or postgraduate students currently in their penultimate or final year of study who are looking to pursue a career in the field of charity, fundraising and/or international development.

We hope to provide our interns with the right skills and exposure to the charity and international development sectors, in order to strengthen the range of career options available to them upon graduation.

We received an overwhelming number of applications, and in an ideal world we would have given a position to all who applied. We were struck by their enthusiasm, and would have loved to make the most of it for DN and Project UB - we firmly believe such enthusiasm shouldn't be wasted! The successful applicants were Tom Lee, Rachael Stokes, Jonathan Godwin and Hannah Wright.

The four interns will take the position of Fundraising Officers for two to four weeks between July and September and will provide invaluable support to DN's fundraising team. They are tasked with specifically targeting institutional donors such as trusts, foundations, corporate donors and the public sector. We are incredibly excited about the programme, and will look forward to reporting back to you in the next newsletter.

## Fundraising Ball

Development Nepal is very pleased to announce that we will be hosting our first fundraising ball in early April 2011! The ball will take place in central London, and the evening's entertainment will include a sumptuous dinner, live music and prizes. We are looking forward to bringing together DN's supporters from across the UK for what we hope will be an unforgettable night. Tickets are now available - please contact [roland@developmentnepal.org](mailto:roland@developmentnepal.org) for details.

## Support Us

In order to work with our communities to improve their access to education, health services and income-generating activities, Development Nepal relies on the generous support of individuals and organisations from across the globe. We are grateful to all of our donors and we thank them for their continued support.

To give you an indication of how valuable your gift is to our work on the ground:

- **£30 a month** will provide a monthly salary for one of our community facilitators. Our facilitators are the key implementers of our education programmes for adults and children.
- **£12 a month** will provide a community with a range of training in personal hygiene, sanitation, nutrition, rights, gender and sexual reproductive health.
- **£5 a month** will provide training for kitchen gardening for one community. This is a key factor in improving nutrition levels of families in Project UB communities, as well as providing income-generating opportunities.



Savings Group meeting, Prakashpur 7, Gaderi Tole

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