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Educate the Children is a 501(c) (3) organization with nearly three decades of experience in providing effective development programs for impoverished and marginalized people in Nepal. Our mission is to work with women and children in Nepal to improve health, welfare, and self-sufficiency by building skills that families can pass down to later generations. ETC works intensively in a predefined geographic area for a period of several years, providing training and resources and helping residents develop skills and confidence. Our holistic approach is based on our time-tested Integrated Community Development model, which consists of three mutually supportive program areas: *Children's Education*, *Women's Empowerment*, and *Sustainable Agriculture*. With one year left in a program cycle, ETC begins to phase out our involvement; by the end of the final year, the activities are fully managed and supported locally.

ETC is currently engaged in the research and planning process for our next program cycle. Our target area is four high-needs wards of Ramdhuni Municipality in Sunsari District, with a total population of 20,178. Activities are slated to begin in mid-2020 and run through mid-2025, and will include, as appropriate:

- *Children's Education* – supporting 28 schools through teacher training, physical/structural improvements, classroom supplies/furniture, scholarship/supplies support for children, and extracurricular activities
- *Women's Empowerment* – serving more than 1,000 marginalized women through women's group/cooperative formation and support, literacy and numeracy training, entrepreneurial training, health training and support (including sanitary toilet construction)
- *Sustainable Agriculture* – enabling more than 1,000 marginalized women and their families establish thriving kitchen gardens, and providing hands-on horticultural and livestock training and resources for aspiring women farmers (for food security and income generation)

As always, the program beneficiaries will be closely involved throughout – from program planning to implementation and evaluation – and the exact activities will be determined and undertaken based on their specific needs and the conditions of life in their villages (e.g., soil quality, physical condition of schools, women's pre-existing literacy skills, weather/climate patterns, etc.).

Because the target area is geographically larger and more populous than our previous areas, the cost of providing services will be higher. At this early stage in the planning process, we estimate that the Nepal staff and program

expenses for the July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021 program year will be \$200,000, allowing us to serve many thousands of people both directly and indirectly. We therefore seek single- or multi-year funding commitments to enable these disadvantaged villagers to build better lives for themselves and their families.

