

Our Mission: Educate the Children works with women and children in Nepal to improve health, welfare, and self-sufficiency by building skills that families can pass down to later generations.



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Women's Groups: Flooding and Recovery

An unforeseen challenge came in October 2021, when several days of post-monsoon-season heavy rains caused unprecedented and intense flooding in some parts of our project area (particularly those along the river that forms part of the western boundary of the region). Long-time residents told our staff that they had never experienced anything like it. Homes and other



buildings sitting some 25 feet above river level were flooded. The rice crop was diminished, and that which could be harvested then had to be washed several times over. Members of two of our women's groups -- which are organized geographically -- saw their kitchen gardens destroyed, but we did supply additional seeds to the affected women so that they could re-plant. Their kitchen gardens have therefore been a bit behind everyone else's, but it wasn't too late for them to start growing winter crops. Their resilient recovery from this setback over the past few months has been impressive.

At this point, all women's groups members have received training and resources for their kitchen gardens. Each group has established three plant nurseries where seeds can be cultivated into seedlings and then distributed to women's group members. Ducklings or chicks were distributed to nearly 100 women; combined with previous livestock activities, well over 200 women's group members are raising some variety of livestock with ETC's support. Three demonstration farm plots were selected and prepared (fenced, mulched, etc.). 48 women received three days of training and the necessary resources (vegetable/spice seeds, poles, plastic sheets, tools, etc.) to begin market gardening. These entrepreneurial women have now begun to harvest their crops, and some began to sell excess kitchen garden produce. Every extra dollar earned makes a real difference in these families!



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Founder: Pamela Carson



Winter 2021-22

Newsletter &
FY 2020 -2021
Annual Report

Message from the Directors:

ETC is now more than 30 years old! Despite some enormous challenges during those three decades -- including earthquakes, political instability, and most recently COVID-19 -- every year we continue to help thousands of people in rural Nepal make better lives for themselves and their families.

Because of COVID, we were not able to begin working intensively in Ramdhuni as soon as we had intended. However, once we started, we really hit the ground running and the results have been both quick and impressive! Here are just a few highlights:

- Hundreds of women enthusiastically participated in our newly established women's groups. Each group has its own micro-savings fund, which we help them learn to manage. The average fund size per group was \$240 as of the end of June 2021, and has grown significantly since then.
- Already in 2021, members were able to begin borrowing small amounts from their

funds to start income-generating activities -- an affordable \$40-50 loan can indeed launch a market gardening or poultry-raising enterprise that will help a woman and her family live better for years to come. Some women already began selling excess produce and small livestock in spring 2021, earning an average of \$17 after just a few months of benefiting from ETC's training and support. This amount doesn't sound like much to most of us, but it makes a real difference in rural Nepal!

- Students at all thirteen schools with which we have been working received notebooks, pencils/pens, and other standard supplies. Lack of such basic articles as these sometimes inhibits children's regular attendance at school, so we are glad to provide such an easy solution.
- Each school also received cleaning supplies to help prevent the spread of COVID, recreational materials such as rubber balls and arts and craft supplies, and classroom resources such as cushions and shelving units.

There's much more to report, but we will let the photos speak for themselves. As always,

you can find many photos of our work on our website, at:

www.etc-nepal.org/photos-and-publications/

And if you haven't done so already, please visit our YouTube channel and take a look at our four short (less than 2 minutes each) videos about our many accomplishments during calendar year 2021:

tinyurl.com/ETC2021videos

None of this useful and important work would have been possible without YOU, our loyal friends and supporters. We are very grateful to you and hope that you enjoy reading this annual report. Please feel free to write to Lisa at director@etc-nepal.org if you have questions or comments.

Sincerely,

Mira Rana
Mira Rana,
Director, ETC-Nepal

Lisa Lyons
Lisa Lyons,
U.S. Director



Teacher visiting a home for small group instruction



Women's group loan distribution (top);
women's group receiving seedlings (bottom)



WG member showing her kitchen garden

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ETC Financial Summary 2020-2021

Net Assets (6/30/21) • \$272,006

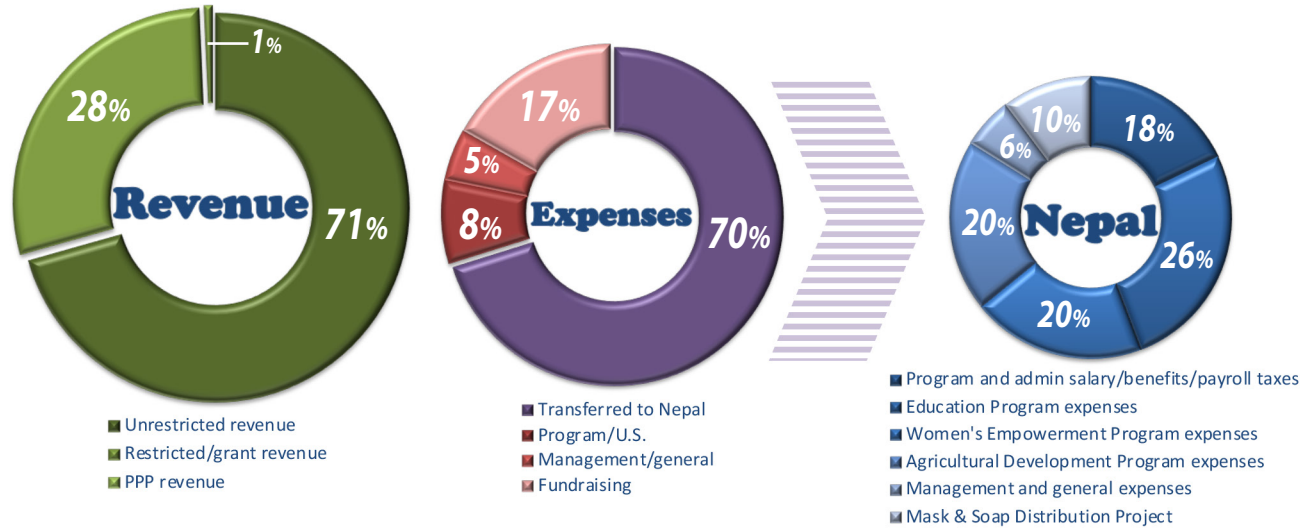
Revenue^{1,3} • \$270,794

Unrestricted • \$191,265
Restricted/grant revenue • \$77,642
PPP • \$1,887

Expenses² • \$231,419

Transferred to Nepal^{3,4} • \$162,386
Program/U.S. • \$18,609
(salary/payroll taxes \$13,441, other \$5,168)
Management/general • \$11,463
(salary/payroll taxes \$10,144, other \$1,319)
Fundraising • \$38,961
(salary/payroll taxes \$29,466, other \$9,495)

¹ An estimated 500 or more individuals, foundations, corporations, civic/religious organizations, and other donors contributed to ETC's revenue for FY20/21. As some donors give anonymously via workplace giving programs and other means, this is a conservative estimate.
² "Other" includes postage, printing, credit card transaction and bank fees, phone/communications, pledge write-offs, public relations, auditing and bookkeeping fees, program and office supplies, and miscellaneous expenses.
³ Figures include funds received via the Advocates for Human Rights and transferred to Nepal, per the terms of our Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with that organization.
⁴ This amount is less than we would otherwise have sent, as we were initially unable to do all the programs we had planned due to public health and safety reasons from the pandemic.



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Pamela Carson Society
Named for ETC's founder, the Pamela Carson Society honors those who remember Educate the Children in their will or estate plan. Legacy gifts insure that our important work remains a life-transforming catalyst in Nepal. To discuss a bequest to ETC, please contact us at info@etc-nepal.org or 607-272-1176.

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After a delayed and slow start to our work due to COVID, we have quickly made immense progress in our new project area – **four high-needs wards of Ramdhuni Municipality in Sunsari District**



1,500 families provided with health and sanitation training and supplies in ETC's new project area. Each participant received enough materials (masks and soap) to help protect their family for **three months**. This support proved extremely helpful in preventing infection for these families. **The community did not have a single death from COVID last year even while coming together to form women's groups, provide training, and other initial program efforts.**

21 women's groups formed in early 2021 and held 131 meetings during the year. In late summer, the number of women's groups grew to **44** with a combined membership of **1,032**. ETC's program discussions focused on savings collections and loans, COVID information, and social awareness and women's empowerment. **Several members from 9 of the groups have already begun to earn income from surplus kitchen garden vegetables and poultry and livestock goods.**



2,264 students (1141 girls and 1123 boys) and 13 schools were supported within ETC's project area – **one ECD center, 8 primary schools, and 4 secondary schools**. A Headmaster's Network Committee was formed to develop educational activities for the entire program and help tap local resources for the schools. **Every school was also provided with sanitization materials, games and equipment, and basic school supplies for each student.**