"An investment in knowledge pays the best interest" - Benjamin Franklin

| Literacy rates, 2018 | Women | Men | Total |
|---|-------|-------|-------|
| Ages 15-24 (born ca. 1994-2003) | 90.9% | 94% | 92.4% |
| Ages 65+ (born ca. 1953 and earlier) | 8.7% | 41.5% | 23.6% |



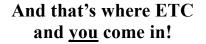
(Source: UNESCO Institute for Statistics, uis.unesco.org)

During the past few decades, great strides have been made in education in Nepal. Today's young people are much more likely to be literate than their grandparents, and the literacy gap between men and women has almost completely closed. The figures above clearly reflect that boys and girls alike have become much more likely over time both to have access to formal education and to remain enrolled for longer.



Literacy is obviously crucial to any 21st-century child's development and future employment prospects. This progress is a wonderful positive trend,

but there are still many factors that affect the overall quality and efficacy of education. This is especially so in rural areas, where inadequate classroom supplies and furniture and lack of professional development for teachers are among the common challenges.





YES! I want to support children's education in Nepal!

You can make a secure online credit card gift via PayPal at www.etc-nepal.org/donate/
If you prefer to write a check or to have us process your credit card gift, please fill out the following:

| Name: | |
|------------------|---|
| Address: | |
| Phone: | E-mail: |
| Amount: □ \$2,00 | 0 □ \$1,000 □ \$500 □ \$250 □ \$100 □ \$50 □ \$30 □ Other (in U.S. dollars) |
| | enclosed OR □ Charge my credit card: □ Visa □ MC □ Amex □ Discover |
| Card #: | Exp. date: 3-digit code on back (req'd): |
| | Clip and mail this form to ETC P.O. Rox 414 Ithaca, NY 14851-0414 |

Below, left to right: Primary-level English teachers participating in a Sept. 2022 four-day professional development workshop; backpacks filled with useful school supplies are distributed to hundreds of children annually; some of the classroom materials

distributed during the current school year







ETC is currently working with twelve schools (covering grades pre-k through 12) and eleven additional early education centers, with a current combined student enrollment of 2,541 and 130 teachers. We provide:

- *Tangible resources* (classroom supplies, educational materials, furniture, recreational equipment)
- *Intangible resources* (best-practice-based teacher training, a variety of extracurricular opportunities)
- *Physical and structural improvements* (drinking water, toilet construction or renovation, fencing, wall plastering and painting, etc.)

We will work with these schools and classrooms until 2026, thereby ensuring a better educational experience for thousands of children. Your gift makes it all possible! Will you please renew your support today?

If you would like to help ETC earn a share of \$1.2 million in incentive funds, please consider making an online gift to our GlobalGiving project on Giving Tuesday (November 29th) between 12:01 a.m. and 11:59 p.m. Eastern U.S. time.

Visit **tinyurl.com/ETC-strong-foundations** to read about the project and make a gift.

All eligible gifts *made on Giving Tuesday* will help ETC earn a portion of the \$1.2 million in incentive funds!



