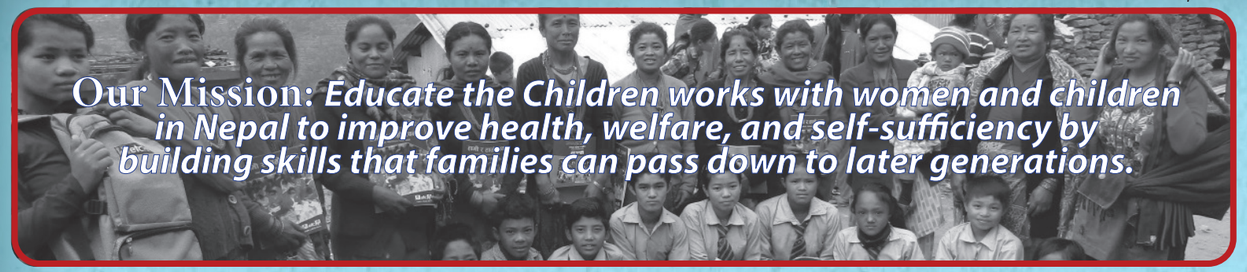

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The Extraordinary Value of "Extras"!

During the last year, ETC sponsored a variety of fun and enriching extracurricular activities at the schools we currently support. Among these academic and physical inter-school competitions were a quiz contest, a mathematics "race," a spelling bee, tug-of-war contest, and a girls volleyball competition. Over 800 children from nearly a dozen different schools were excited to participate in these contests and win prizes for their schools. Extracurricular activities are not commonly available at schools in rural Nepal, which is why ETC is so pleased to offer these important opportunities to enhance and deepen learning. They are greatly enjoyed and appreciated by students and teachers alike!

For more information about other "extra" (though certainly not superfluous!) programs that ETC supports in the schools, please visit *https://tinyurl.com/notjustextra.*

Quiz Contest at Balambu Basic School in Lapilang

ETC's success is made possible by the generosity of friends like you. ETC works side-by-side with the poorest people in Nepal to help transform their lives through education, credit, agriculture, and health programs. Your tax-deductible gift ensures the opportunity for thousands more women in Nepal to improve their lives and feed and educate their families.

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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.

EDUCATE THE CHILDREN NEPAL

Winter 2019-20
Newsletter & FY 2018-2019 Annual Report

Founder: Pamela Carson

Message from the Directors:

Once again, we find ourselves in the enviable situation of having too many accomplishments we'd like to share with you and not enough space in which to do it! Perhaps the best introduction to this annual report, therefore, is to update you on one specific and especially important activity.

As you know, July 2018 through June 2019 was the penultimate year of our current program cycle in Lapilang, Lamidanda, and Babare Village Development Committees of Dolakha District. Arguably the most essential milestone that we always seek to achieve by this point during any program cycle is the establishment of the women's cooperatives. These are the legally recognized entities, formed by combining our women's groups geographically, which are the foundation of women's ongoing activities in microcredit fund management, skills training, and other activities that benefit their own development and their communities as a whole.

Registering these cooperatives was especially challenging this time, because the 2017 top-to-bottom government overhaul in Nepal left doubt as to which agency had the authority and responsibility to approve the registration of these cooperatives. It required considerable and diligent effort on the part of our Nepal staff, particularly our Women's Empowerment Program Officer Anjoo Lata Singh, to repeatedly follow up with multiple agencies in order to achieve the desired outcome. The first in the nation to be successfully registered under the modified system, our new ETC-sponsored women's cooperatives are:

Higher study scholarship distribution at Shree Shabda Uddeshya Women Saving and Credit Cooperative Ltd.

- Shree Aadiba Women Saving and Credit Cooperative Ltd. in Lapilang, with 541 shareholders (members) and $68,151 in managed funds as of 6/30/19. It was the first to be registered, on October 4, 2018.
- Shree Shabda Uddeshya Women Saving and Credit Cooperative Ltd. in Lamidanda, with 140 shareholders and $15,790 in managed funds as of 6/30/19.
- Niko Uni Chalauni Women Saving and Credit Cooperative Ltd. in Babare, with 273 shareholders and $32,321 in managed funds as of 6/30/19.

These cooperatives, with combined assets totaling a very impressive $116,262, are led by the women themselves. Each has an executive committee of four officers and five members at large, elected by the shareholders. They have received intensive training in best practices in cooperative management/ administration and accounting. Each cooperative has held its first annual general meeting, and even planned and carried out International Women's Day celebrations in their localities, boasting a combined attendance of about 1,160 people.

Executive meeting of Niko Uni Chalauni Women Saving and Credit Cooperative Ltd.

The women's cooperatives we established in each of our previous three project areas are still going strong, offering practical support, leadership prospects, and civic engagement opportunities for thousands of women. We have no doubt that these newest cooperatives will enjoy the same success!

As always, we thank you very much for your continued interest and support. We truly could not do it without you. Please feel free to write to Lisa at *director@etc-nepal.org* if you have questions or comments about this annual report.

Sincerely,

Mira Rana,
Director , ETC-Nepal

Lisa Lyons,
U.S. Director

First Annual General Meeting of Niko Uni Chalauni Women Saving and Credit Cooperative Ltd.

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ETC Financial Summary 2018-19 (FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019)

Net Assets (6/30/19) • $210,986

Revenue[1,4] • $271,824
- Unrestricted • $185,122
- Restricted/grant revenue • $86,702

Expenses[2,3] • $290,605
- Program/transferred to Nepal[4] • $241,503
  (Nepal $222,865, salary/taxes $13,307, other $5,331)
- Management/general • $11,090
  (salary/payroll taxes $8,701, other $2,389)
- Fundraising • $38,012
  (salary/payroll taxes $29,174, other $8,838)

[1] *An estimated 500 or more individuals, foundations, corporations, civic/religious organizations, and other donors contributed to ETC's revenue for FY18/19. 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] *The gap between fiscal year 2018/19 revenue and expenses was covered by funds raised in previous years.*

[4] *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.*

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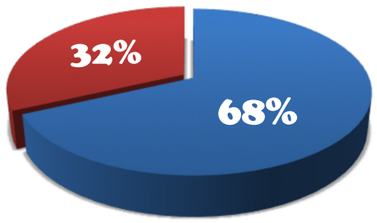

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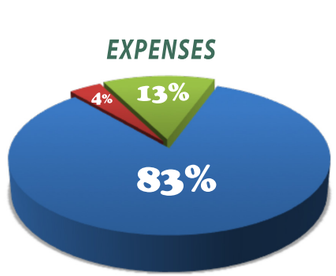

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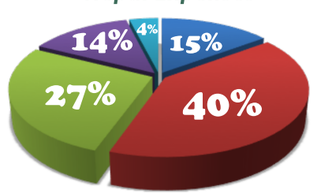

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Women participants **in activist programs**
about Gender Equality and Violence Against Women, to increase awareness of gender-based issues; included members from 46 WGs

Shareholder funds **raised for saving-credit**
program in the three women's cooperatives and small group fund; over 95% of revolving funds used for income generation activities

Young students **in pre-primary classrooms**
enjoyed early learning opportunities in ETC's areas; reflects nearly 100% enrollment of pre-school children, including girls

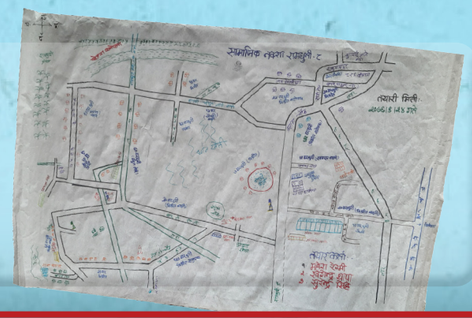
Children **received educational support**
directly and indirectly from various ETC programs including 833 scholarship awards, as did 216 teachers and 29 schools

Teachers **had professional development**
training in Materials Development and/or Mathematics, providing enhanced methods, practices, materials and other teaching aids

Income **from livestock management program**
earned by 380 women's group members since the beginning of the project cycle; 125 members are involved with small goat farming

We've set our sights on 2020 and beyond!

As of July 2020, ETC will begin working in Ramdhuni Municipality of Sunsari District, in southeastern Nepal. The residents are eager to welcome ETC and benefit from our programs. Total population of the four targeted wards is over 20,000 (compared to about 13,000 now), and the geographic area is also larger. We'd be very grateful for increased support for these marginalized but hard-working villagers! Please visit *https://tinyurl.com/ramdhuni* for more information.



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