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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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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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 mathematically “fun” 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 “extras” through certainly not superfluously) programs that ETC supports in the schools, please visit https://www.etc-nepal.org/ourprojects.

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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 so! 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 Lalitpur, Lamidanda, and Sabare 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 circulating 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 year, because the 2017 top-to-bottom government overthrow 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 Arjona 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:

- Shree Aadhina Women Saving and Credit Cooperative Ltd, 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 Shabha Uddeshya Women Saving and Credit Cooperative Ltd, in Lamidanda, with 140 shareholders and $13,780 in managed funds as of 6/30/19.
- Niko Uni Chaluani Women Saving and Credit Cooperative Ltd, in Baizare, with 273 shareholders and $32,321 in managed funds as of 6/30/19.

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

These cooperatives, with combined assets totaling a very impressive $116,682, 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 Chaluani 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
L.S. Lynn,
U.S. Director

First Annual General Meeting of Niko Uni Chaluani 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
Revenuea - $271,824
Unrestricted - $185,122
Restricted/grant revenue - $86,702
Expenses\(^b\) - $290,605
Program/Transferred to Nepal\(^c\) - $241,503
(Net $51,915, salary/payroll $38,012)
Management/general - $11,090
(salary/payroll $8,349, other $2,741)
Fundraising - $38,012
(salary/payroll $12,174, other $8,439)

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 Advocasy for Human Rights and transferred to Nepal, per the terms of our Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with that organization.

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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:

$121,814

Shareholder funds raised for saving-credit program in the three women's cooperatives and small group fund; over 55% of revolving funds used for income generation activities:

4,015

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

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

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

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:

$35,892

We've set our sights on 2020 and beyond!
As of July 2020, ETC will begin working in Ramshati 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 15,000 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://myurl.com/ramshati for more information.