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.

Message from the Directors:
A little more than a year ago, we were beginning to wrap up our six-year program cycle in Lapilang, Babare, and Lamidanda VDCs of Dolakha District. (You may recall that this was originally intended as a five-year cycle, but the spring 2015 earthquakes gave rise to new needs and conditions, thus adding a year.) The plan for the summer of 2020 was to phase out of Dolakha and begin phasing into a new, larger, and more populous geographic area in Ramthuni Municipality of Sunsari District. In this new area, we’ll work as usual with the most highly disadvantaged women and families. We have a great local partner lined up — Save the Earth, which has been in the area for more than two decades and is eager to begin working with us — and we began forming strong relationships with local government personnel, school headmasters, and other people of influence in these villages.

And then, as we know, the COVID-19 pandemic took center stage. While the effects were not as immediately apparent in Nepal as elsewhere, we know that it was only a matter of time before they would be. The federal government imposed a series of moderately strict to very strict lockdowns, the longest of which ran from March to June. Even during the periods when no official lockdown has been in place, such logistically important activities as transportation and supply sourcing have often been more challenging than usual.

Since then, we have nearly wrapped up in Dolakha. Our local partner there (Panchayat Social Services), along with our women’s groups and cooperatives, remain. In past project areas, these entities will ensure that the work of the past several years will be sustainable indefinitely.

Although it wasn’t yet possible to start our regular work in Ramthuni in July as planned, we were able to complete a COVID-specific project in conjunction with Save the Earth. We purchased and distributed washable masks and a three-month supply of antihelminthic soap for 1,500 Ramthuni families. We also provided instruction on proper hand-washing.

In January 2021, it became possible to start some of our regular activities in Ramthuni – always with the health of our staff and the target population clearly in mind, and taking into account that some of the priorities have changed or intensified since we did our baseline study in January 2020. For example, food security among the marginalized people of these villages was already a big problem, and it has become worse since many families have seen their already scanty incomes diminished. Quick-impact agricultural activities will therefore be important both immediately and in the months and years to come, to improve the availability of nutritious food as well as to provide women with a way to earn extra income where possible.

As of mid-February 2021, we have:
- Formed 12 new women’s groups with 532 members
- Begun to supply the women’s group members with resources for their kitchen gardens
- Started working with the teachers and headmasters of 13 schools

By the time summer is over, we’ll be working with more schools, have formed more women’s groups, and be offering more agriculture activities (resources/training).

As always, we thank you for your continued support, especially during these extra-challenging times. We truly could not do any of this useful and important work without you.

Mira Rana, Director, ETC Nepal
Lisa Lyons, U.S. Director
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ETC Financial Summary 2019-20

Net Assets (6/30/20) - $232,631
Revenue** - $271,824
- Unrestricted - $183,122
- Restricted/grant revenue - $88,702
- Program/U.S. - $18,026
- Management/general - $11,032
- Fundraising - $32,554

Expenses** - $279,786
- Transferred to Nepal - $213,174
- Salary/payroll taxes ($5,634)

1 An estimated 500 or more individuals, foundations, corporations, civic/religious organizations, and other donors contributed to ETC’s revenue for FY 2020. 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/Internet, telephone, national donations, 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.

973 women’s group members received seeds and kitchen garden materials.
90 of those members were given additional training in high value crops. 2,518
kiwi saplings were supplied to 135 women farmers, 325 women raising livestock
generated $30,336 from goats and seed money provided by ETC, and 16
women’s groups cultivated 2,187 pounds of mushrooms just in December 2019.
In these times, the 191,551 pounds of produce generated by ETC women’s
group members exemplifies that the skills learned and supplied used are now
more important than ever to foster sustainable income and food independence
for women and their communities.

80 students were sponsored under ETC’s Community Scholarship Program,
giving them an opportunity to do well in their studies by providing school
uniforms and school bags containing copies of learning materials, paper,
books, pencils, erasers, sharpeners, etc. 73 students were awarded Higher Study
Scholarships and 9 selected for Technical Scholarships. 2,000+ parents took part
in pre-primary education meetings covering a wide range of topics. Teachers
from 47 schools participated in refresher training in math, science, and English.
More than 4,000 Dolakha school children are now able to envision a brighter
horizon by prioritizing their studies and realizing their potential.

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life-transforming catalyst in Nepal. To discuss a bequest to ETC, please contact us at infotc-nepal.org or 607-272-1176.

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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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