A Strong Foundation for the Youngest Learners

Early childhood education (ECE, which many of us know as pre-school and kindergarten), once relatively rare in Nepal, is increasingly common.

ECE was, for the first time, explicitly included in the nation's educational framework via the 8th Amendment of the 2016 Education Act.

The results were immediately noticeable: Only 33% of children entering grade 1 in 2007 had attended ECE, but in 2017 that percentage had doubled to 66%!



We know that ECE is valuable in providing young children with the foundation that will help them succeed through their school years and beyond. Becoming familiar with *basic math and literacy concepts*, developing *social skills*, and forming *regular attendance habits* are among the many advantages of ECE



Yet not all children are benefiting equally.

Especially in rural areas and among disadvantaged families, access to ECE is more difficult, and the quality of available ECE may be uneven at best.

Classrooms may be crowded or poorly equipped.

ECE teachers also face challenges. They typically have little or no opportunity to enhance their own skills, and many feel isolated and unmotivated.

YES! I want to support ECE in Nepal!

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ETC and program partner Save the Earth improve access to and quality of ECE!



We hold *parent meetings* — 18 during the 2022/23 year alone — to encourage parents to enroll their children in ECE and to become and remain involved in their children's educations.



We offer training and networking opportunities for ECE teachers, through which they enhance their skills and support each other by sharing challenges, successes, and ideas.



We provide *classroom materials and furniture* that make the learning environment more comfortable and enriching.

During the current school year alone, 324 young students are benefiting from a better ECE experience — and the benefits will accrue to new groups of students in years to come.

Will you please renew your support today, to help ensure a better tomorrow for hundreds of Nepal's youngest learners?

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 28th) 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 to this project *made on Giving Tuesday* will help ETC earn a portion of the \$1.2 million in incentive funds!

We've recently uploaded a new, short ECE-themed video to our YouTube channel.

Please give it a watch!

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