

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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Toilet Talk! Families Thrilled to Acquire Household Toilets as Awareness of Sanitation Implications Increases



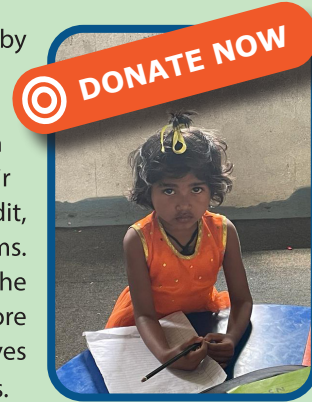
Most of us take for granted that our homes will have functional toilets and are relatively aware of the potential consequences if these important facilities aren't used or available. Among the disadvantaged families in rural Nepal who lack both funds and education, these assumptions can't be made, and many community members suffer from the effects of disease, water contamination, and/or environmental pollution as a result of poor sanitation.

Last year, ETC and Save the Earth worked in partnership with local governments and recipient families to build 45 toilets and provide training in their proper long-term maintenance. During this first half of calendar 2024, we are scaling up to build 200 or more household toilets! This increase is possible because of what we all learned from our successful project last year – and from building hundreds of toilets for a long time now in various project areas, including more than 500 in our previous project area - and it's necessary because so many residents of the villages we serve lack toilets at their homes. Now the recipient families are much happier using toilets and teaching proper use of toilets to their kids. They were also trained in toilet construction during the building period. Awareness campaigns and training have been critical in bringing attention to the public health implications of inadequate sanitation facilities or flawed hygiene practices.



Keep an eye on our Photos and Publications page (etc-nepal.org/photos-and-publications) for updates about the progress of this important project!

ETC's success is made possible by the generosity of friends like you. ETC works side-by-side with disadvantaged 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 - Intentional Giving**
- Named for ETC's founder, the Pamela Carson Society honors those who remember Educate the Children in their estate planning. Pamela set an example for thoughtful financial generosity with the organization she founded, both in life and in planning beyond it, which has served as a model for others.
- Over the past decade and a half, ETC has received **over \$485,000 in planned giving/bequests**. Legacy gifts ensure 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 leave a voice message at 607-272-1176.

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NEPAL**

Founder: Pamela Carson



**Winter 2023-24
Newsletter &
FY 2022 -2023
Annual Report**



LEFT: Mira and Laxmi at retirement party; RIGHT: Neela Malla

Messages from ETC's Directors:

ETC's 2022/23 year was noteworthy in many ways.

As usual, we accomplished a great deal of useful and much-appreciated program work, which you can read about in Neela's letter and on the inside pages of this document.

However, it was also a time of transition in Nepal.

Our Nepal Director, Mira Rana, took her well-earned retirement at the end of June 2023. Mira joined ETC in 1994 as the Women's Empowerment Officer and was promoted to Nepal Director in 1997. She oversaw ETC-Nepal's work through many changes and challenges, including worldwide economic fluctuations, major earthquakes in Nepal, and of course the COVID-19 pandemic. Her deep knowledge of best practices in community development, commitment to empowering communities in need, and consistent good humor and work ethic ensured the success ETC had. She has now joined the ETC-Nepal board of directors, so the organization will continue to benefit from her involvement!

Meanwhile, we're delighted to welcome Neela Malla to her role as Nepal Director. She joined ETC in 2011 as the Women's Empowerment Officer and transitioned to become the Administration and Finance Officer in 2013. She was a natural choice for Nepal Director, given her years of experience with and knowledge of ETC's work, and we are sure that ETC will continue to thrive with her at the helm.

We are also very pleased that Laxmi Bhakta Basukala, who retired from his long-time position of Education Director at the end of June as well, is remaining with ETC-Nepal as

an education consultant and board member. His many decades of experience working in the education field, with ETC (since 1999) and previously, and the fact that he seems to know everyone (!) will remain invaluable to ETC.

All three of these individuals have been instrumental in keeping ETC vibrant and effective for decades. The fact remains that we could not have done any of our important work without **you**, our friends and supporters. As ever, we thank you!

Regards,

Lisa Lyons, U.S. Director



LEFT: children walking to school
RIGHT: Women's Group members collecting dues

During our third full year working in Ramdhuni Municipality, Sunsari, ETC – with local program partner Save The Earth Foundation (STE) and in close collaboration with local government entities – we achieved the following targets:

- We supported 12 public schools and 6 community-based Early Childhood Development centers, improving the quality of education for 2,129 students (slightly more female than male). During the year, 37 students transferred to these improved public schools from private schools.
- Sixty-six teachers received useful training to enhance the capacity of students on the teaching methodologies and techniques.
- The members of our 44 women's groups managed US\$37,700 in their savings and credit funds, of which 97% was invested in group members' income-generating activities

(on-farm and off-farm). Eleven out of 44 WGs doubled their members' regular monthly contributions, from US\$0.80 to US\$1.60, indicating that the women can now earn enough to contribute more. The municipality also contributed US\$700 to twelve women's groups' funds.

- We supported 450 children of women's group members to support and motivate them in their studies, minimize the families' financial burden, and control absenteeism in the school.
- We supported the construction of 45 toilets at families' homes, to promote better public health. Ramdhuni Municipality and ETC each provided funds for construction materials, and the Municipality's engineer provided technical assistance with design, drawing, costing, and work supervision.
- Our livestock insurance program reduces risk of loss for our women's group members who raise goats and pigs. A total of 385 livestock were insured, and their owners can receive 90% of the animals' value in case of death. Two pigs and 8 goats died due to viral diseases in 2022/23, and their owners received a total of US\$875 in compensation.
- Agricultural activities are important both for families' own food supplies and for earning money:

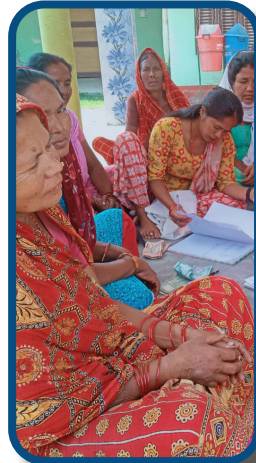
- ETC supported the purchase of 313 piglets, 2,600 ducklings, 3,340 chicks, and 295 goats.
- The Municipality supported our livestock program by providing vaccinations and medications for 613 animals.
- Women's group members produced 14,751 kg (32,520 lb) of vegetables and sold them in the local market for US\$3,300.
- And 77 goats and pigs were sold by 55 WG members for a total of US\$4,800.

On behalf of all of us at ETC-Nepal and Save the Earth, thank you very much for your support.

Neela Malla, ETC-Nepal Director

It doesn't take ETC's Financial Literacy training to compute these numbers...

the 22-23 fiscal year in ETC's project area – 4 high-needs wards of Ramdhuni Municipality in Sunsari District – was off-the-charts impressive!



528 monthly meetings were held among the **44 women's groups**, with regular discussion items including: savings, loan distributions, income generation, group actions and social work, and problems/challenges.

40+ average number of participants in trainings such as Leadership Development/Refresher, Gender and Legal Awareness, Financial Literacy, Business Planning, Health and Sanitation, Menstrual Hygiene Management, and Maternal Health Care.

Every women's group took part in a **16-day Violence Against Women Awareness Campaign**, to raise awareness of the prevalence of violence against women, empower them with knowledge about state and national laws/regulations, and reduce violence against women. Participation prizes were rewarded to **12 groups**.



936 women's group members received training in kitchen garden development and management.

All 1010 members of 44 women's groups were given a wide assortment of vegetable seeds: tomato, okra, cauliflower, cabbage, pumpkin, cucumber, chili, radish, coriander, mustard, cowpeas, beans and more!



ETC's 4 kitchen garden demo farms total nearly 1400 sq meters among 26 plots. Three farms produced 3,209 kg vegetables with a net profit of \$303 for the year (one farm was uncultivated due to very ill farmer).

Production from all vegetable farming sources among ETC's women's group members totaled **14,751 kg vegetables** and **\$3,145 earned**.



18 Early Childhood Development Centers (ECDs) within the 4 ETC-supported wards – 12 based in schools and 6 community-based – **received much-needed classroom resources and educational materials**, including puzzles, crafting supplies, indoor and outdoor games, and musical instruments. These highly impactful provisions reduced classroom absenteeism, fostered a more joyful and motivating environment for children, and increased parental satisfaction with the teaching/learning activities and their outcomes.

Additionally, ETC continued to support **70 students** from marginalized families with children's education scholarships, again awarded **10 recipients** with tech school scholarships, and provided another **450 children** of women's group members with backpacks filled with stationery items.



ETC Financial Summary 2022-2023

Net Assets (6/30/23)

\$493,064

Revenue^{1,3} • \$577,213

Unrestricted • \$483,834

Restricted/grant revenue • \$93,379

Expenses² • \$358,046

Transferred to Nepal³ • \$278,483

Program/U.S. • \$21,476

(salary/payroll taxes \$15,052, other \$6,424)

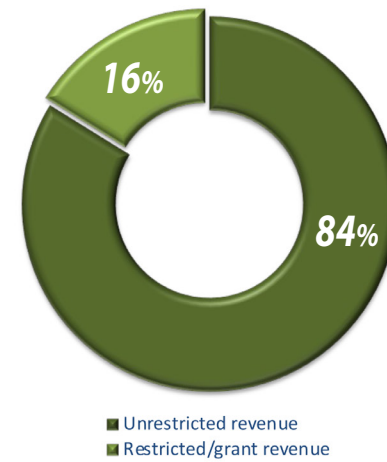
Management/general • \$13,199

(salary/payroll taxes \$9,843, other \$3,356)

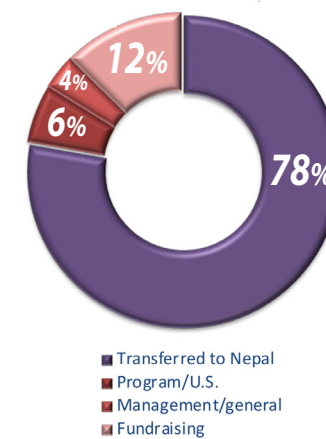
Fundraising • \$44,888

(salary/payroll taxes \$33,001, other \$11,887)

Revenue



Expenses



Nepal



¹ An estimated 500 or more individuals, foundations, corporations, civic/religious organizations, and other donors contributed to ETC's revenue for FY22/23. 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 Figures include include funds pledged in FY22/23 that were not received before the end of that year, as well as 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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