A Back-to-School Math Problem: $(1,025 \times 3) + 18 + 1,800 + 4 = ?$

Here in the US, students have recently begun their new school year. In the spirit of solidarity, let's solve a math problem together!

1,025: Women's group members in our current project area in Ramdhuni Municipality.

Kitchen gardens being cultivated year-round with technical and resource support.

Families who now eat healthier and live better since their wives and mothers learned to grow more food and earn more money.

18: Entire schools and affiliated early childhood education classrooms improved through teacher professional development, new classroom materials and furniture, repaired roofs, new or renovated toilets, and more.

1,800:

Students in pre-kindergarten through technical college currently benefiting from the improved schools and from direct assistance in the form of supplies, uniforms, and scholarships.

4: Women-led, legally recognized cooperatives in Ramdhuni that support their members financially, entrepreneurially, and socially.



Janechata Women's Group member Gita sells her excess produce at a local market.

One of many classrooms supported by ETC and local program partner Save the Earth.



YES! I want to support women, children, and families in Nepal!

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The answer to the math problem is: ∞ !

...wait, how can that be?

The benefits gained through ETC's programs do not wear out or expire – they last indefinitely!

- Children complete more years of school and are less likely to marry young.
- Women gain in skills, confidence, and status.
- Families avoid food insecurity and the high-interest cyclical debt trap.

In these and more ways, families make better lives for themselves immediately AND for years — even generations — to come. There is, simply put, no upper limit!

And it's due in large part to *you*, our kind friends and supporters, who have made ETC's important work in rural Nepal possible.

Will you please renew your support today?

Below left: ETC and local program partner Save the Earth distributing school supplies at Shivnagar Secondary School.

Below right: Shibalaya Women's Group member Kamala learned to prepare mineral blocks for her goats through an ETC/

STE training opportunity.





