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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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New ETC Program Area ...coming soon!

Stay tuned in the coming months for information about where we will launch our **sixth multi-year program cycle** in Summer 2026!

During FY 2024–25, 170 toilets were constructed under a 50–50 cost-sharing partnership between ETC and the local government – bringing the total number of toilets constructed in the past three years to 315! As a result, the entire community has shown visible improvements in sanitation and hygiene practices, with community members now maintaining clean surroundings and contributing to a healthier living environment.



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 lives through education, credit, agriculture, and health programs. Your tax-deductible gift can give even more women in Nepal the opportunity 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 years, ETC has received many qualified charitable distributions from IRAs, bequests, and other planned gifts to ensure that our important work remains a life-transforming catalyst in Nepal. To discuss a planned gift to ETC, please contact us at info@etc-nepal.org, or leave a message at 607-272-1176.

..... **ETC 2024-25 Review and Report**

Message from ETC's Directors:

As we start wrapping up our time in Wards 2, 4, 8, and 9 of Ramdhuni Municipality in Sunsari District, we'd like to focus on a key long-term outcome of our work: **women's cooperatives.**



Cooperative inauguration in Ward 8

Everywhere we've worked, we've combined the dozens of women's groups formed in the preceding few years into legally registered cooperatives. These are both immediately impactful and sustainable for years to come. Cooperatives we established more than two decades ago are still going strong today, serving as important financial, social, and educational resources for thousands of women.

How do we know that the cooperatives matter so much? Because of countless testimonials such as these:

- *Maya Devi Neupane, chairwoman of Samyukta Cooperative (est. 2001), emphasized that their members learned to focus on their shared goals rather than their differences. This unity has strengthened their collective voice and influence within their communities. She also credits ETC with helping her develop the confidence to run for (and win!) a local government position.*
- *Shanti Pahari, vice chairwoman of Chandol Cooperative (est. 2009), transformed her side activity of making useful household objects from bamboo*

into a registered and profitable small business. She attributes this success to her cooperative membership. "I never had that confidence to start a business. Gradually I built self-confidence... and [had] access to finances through Chandol Cooperative," she reported.

- *Tara Maya Thami, chairwoman of Niko Uni Chilaune Cooperative (est. 2019), recalled that after a local male-led cooperative had ceased operation, some people wondered aloud how women-led Niko Uni could possibly survive if men couldn't run a cooperative. When it not only survived but thrived, previous doubters started to encourage their wives to become members!*



Learning by observing best practices of established cooperatives

During 2024-25, the time was right to form **four new cooperatives** in Ramdhuni:

- We combined the memberships of 44 existing women's groups, assisted with the cumbersome legal registration process, helped them choose officers from among themselves, provided three months' worth of office rent until the cooperatives could get properly up and running, and provided furniture and office supplies.
- We offered practical multi-day workshops:
 - *Cooperative management training* to clarify roles and responsibilities and support ongoing general administration,

- *Accounting training* to support management and oversight of the cooperatives' overall finances, and
- *Loan committee training* to support the ongoing management of the cooperatives' microcredit funds.

- We led a field trip! Forty-three newly elected cooperative executive members, along with some of our staff members and local government representatives, made a three-day visit to observe other successful cooperatives.

These four new cooperatives already had **more than US\$54,000 in microcredit fund assets** as of June 2025. That amount has grown steadily since, and the cooperatives are well on their way to years of success.

We are, as always, very grateful to our friends and supporters who make these cooperatives and all the rest of our important work possible. We truly couldn't do it without you. *Thank you!*

Sincerely,


Neela Malla, ETC-Nepal Director


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On the road! Field trip to visit other successful cooperatives

Educate the Children: 2024-25 Review & Report

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During FY 2024-25 ETC-Nepal highlighted the value of community ownership, women's leadership, and strong institutional cooperation to drive continued progress in our current project area in rural Nepal. Directly and indirectly, ETC-Nepal and local program partner Save the Earth have strengthened education and supported livelihoods for many thousands of disadvantaged people throughout the community.



Across 44 women's groups, 528 group/16 chairperson meetings engaged more than 1,000 members in collective action, and over 425 members benefited from trainings in cooperative management, account keeping, business planning, and nutrition. 512 members participated in a 16-day campaign to raise awareness about and help prevent gender-based violence and provide constructive information.



Collective savings had reached over US\$92,000 by end of year, with more than US\$38,000 providing loans for agriculture, livestock, and small-scale businesses and the balance deposited into the 4 new cooperatives, laying the groundwork for stronger financial and organizational systems.



450 children of women's group members and 70 sponsored students received scholarships, and 10 technical scholarships were awarded to students in fields such as engineering, medicine, and agriculture. Several schools completed important physical improvements, and all 12 project schools and 6 community ECD centers were equipped with sports and music equipment. A girls' volleyball competition was organized among all schools, as were additional activities such as memory and math games, speech contests, balloon races, and musical chairs. Students learned teamwork and techniques through play and became more motivated, confident, and disciplined in these extracurricular learning spaces.



24 teachers visited schools modeling innovative teaching environments and participated in various trainings, such as music therapy, that encourage interactive/holistic approaches to improve classroom engagement and learning outcomes. 18 pre-primary teachers received materials development training and 36 attended two child development networking meetings.



1,009 women's group members were provided with seeds and backpack sprayers/fruit sapling assistance (as needed) to support 600 kitchen gardens, 409 alternative kitchen gardens, and 50 fruit tree endeavors. Despite so many lacking sufficient land for even a small kitchen garden, alternative garden supplies enabled every woman to grow food for her family.

Vegetable production generated US\$3,210 in sales, 86 goats sold for approximately US\$4,600, and 106 pigs sold for almost US\$8,700 – emblematic of a significant increase overall in agricultural production and livestock from FY 2023-24.



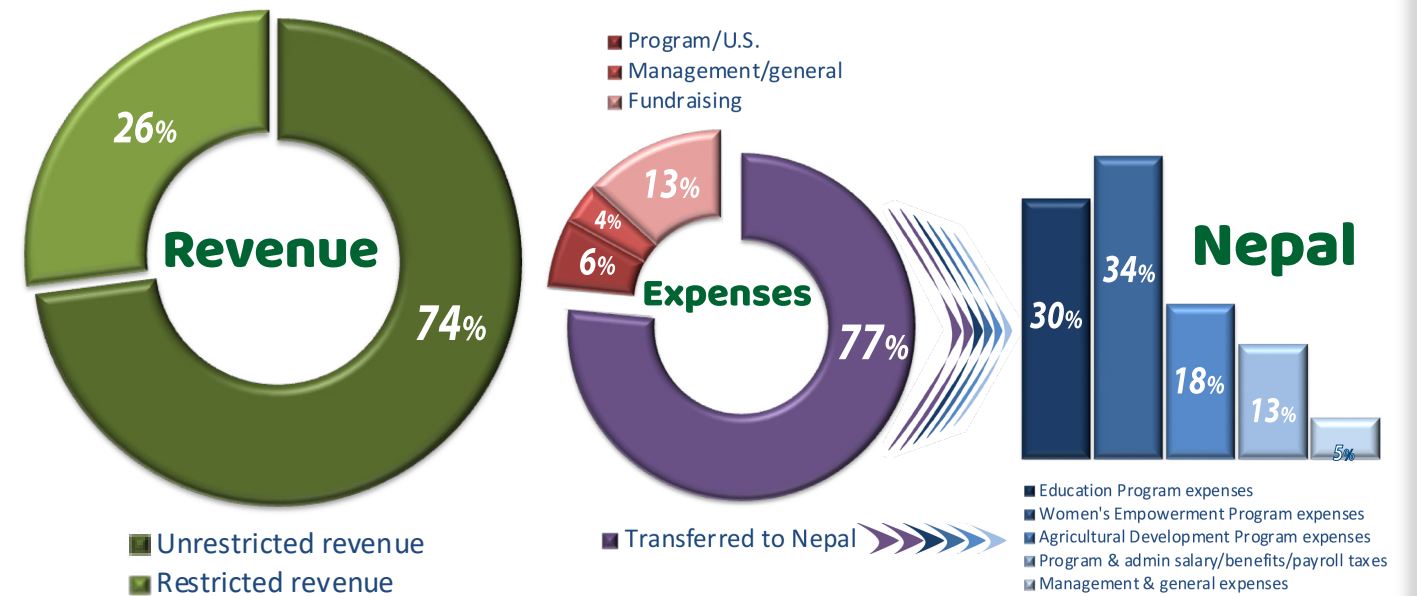
ETC Financial Summary: FY 2024-25

Net Assets (6/30/25)
\$599,084

Revenue^{1,3} • \$417,870
Unrestricted • \$309,072
Restricted revenue • \$108,798

Expenses² • \$377,744
Transferred to ETC-Nepal³ • \$288,892
Program/U.S. • \$24,136
(salary/payroll taxes \$16,674, other \$7,462)
Management/general • \$14,673
(salary/payroll taxes \$10,903, other \$3,770)
Fundraising • \$50,043
(salary/payroll taxes \$36,556, other \$13,487)

(all figures in US\$)



¹ Hundreds of individuals, foundations, corporations, civic/religious organizations, and other donors contributed to ETC's revenue for FY24/25. Some donors give anonymously and/or collectively through third-party platforms.

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 may include funds pledged in FY24/25 that were not received before the end of that year; restricted revenue includes funds received via our Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Advocates for Human Rights and transferred to Nepal for distribution per the terms of that organization.



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