# SUSTAINABILITY

**Sustainability is key** to all of our work. We believe that in order to effect real change over time consideration should be given at every turn to the **long term impact** of projects.

There is no point in cleaning the river if people will easily throw new rubbish into it, there's little value in giving a child an education for just one year.

Development is about identifying priorities then implementing plans that remove the issues in such a way as to **create a better future...**in the long-run. Here's some of the ways we ensure sustainability:

- Our solutions are culturally appropriate ensuring that solutions are not imposed on a society not willing or able to work with them
- Community involvement is at the heart of our work – both in consultation and implementation.
- Our projects are mindful to develop people involved to have the skills and just as importantly, the values, to protect their environment and communities
- Our projects are **environmentally friendly** maximizing potential and minimizing damage
- Waste materials removed are wherever possible sent down one of three routes to avoid dumping.

For all these options we work with community partners

- 1. Recycled and used for community arts
- 2. Recycled and used for community produced products e.g. beds and pipes
- 3. General recycling
- We have a continual **program of research** to ensure that our projects are well informed and up to date. This serves to justify and verify the need for the work we do
- We also know the value of monitoring and evaluating our work to prove its value, ensure it is meeting aims, learn important lessons and so we can celebrate our successes – internally and with our supporters
- We take **case studies** of our projects, ensuring that we discuss with the people involved to see what they think

Testimonial: "I am confident that the project works are properly planned and executed and the available funds are well and efficient used. The beautiful Education initiative is especially interesting to me and I particularly recommend the Health Camps to supporters and sponsors. I am very happy to know about such local non-profit organizations project initiatives managed by locals for locals." Dr. JuergLichtenegger, Switzerland.

#### **OUR PROJECTS - VOLUNTEERING PROGRAMS**

HOMES Nepal has on-going programs of volunteering covering a wide range of activities. If you are interested to be involved please send us an e-mail.

#### CEO's Statement

"HOMES Nepal has been operating as an NGO in Nepal since 2007. We primarily operate in Environmental, Educational and Health based projects and we do a lot of work with volunteers. We launched the Bishnumati River Cleaning Campaign in 2011 and our various projects also support orphans, women, the disabled, people of lower castes and other marginalized groups.

Our main goal is to effect positive change in Nepal through sustainable development. Those of us interested in working towards a better future should join hands and work together for the people and the country we love.

We give thanks to all our co-workers, volunteers, donors and supporters as well as the other agencies we work with. We will achieve our goals through hard work, discipline, honesty and cooperation.

Thank you

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**HOMES NEPAL** 



### WE BELIEVE

Nepal is one of the most beautiful places in the world. We aim to ensure that the socio-economic issues of our times do not cast a permanent shadow over the people and environment of the Nepal we love.

Our organization deliberately pushes the boundaries of development work (anywhere in the world) and our ambitious goals, strong work ethic and innovative solutions drive what we do. **We have a real passion for positive development** and welcome anyone of a like mind (or any level of interest) with open arms.

Testimonial: "HOMES Nepal has done great work on identifying the needs of the community and developing sustainable solutions which show cultural sensitivity as well as ambition and focus." Andrew Jackson – Consultant Volunteer, UK

### WE ARE

A Non-Governmental Organization registered in 2007.

All of our officers and members are Nepali nationals. In addition we are proud to work with a number of specialists, consultants and volunteers from around the world. For information we should



make it clear that we no-longer work on housing projects – our name was just too much of an asset to change.

# WHERE WE WORK

Nepal is a third world country, a nation previously divided by civil war and a land made impotent by political infighting. The result has left the environment **damaged and many people marginalized and living below the poverty line**.

Our work focusses on Kathmandu and the Kathmandu Valley, rural Gorkha and rural Dhading.

**Testimonial:** "HOMES Nepal is working the cleaning campaign to restore the natural state of the Bishnumati River which flows in the heart of the Newar Community and tied to the organic growth of the valley. It is also holy-river. Cleaning and preserving it is a great service to the community." HisilaYami – Politician & Former First-Lady of Nepal

## OUR PROJECTS INCLUDE

- 1. Bishnumati River
  - Solid Waste Removal
  - Comprehensive Survey
  - Water Treatment
- 2. Educational Support
- 3. Health Projects
- 4. Volunteering Programs

### OUR PROJECTS – BISHNUMATI RIVER SOLID WASTE REMOVAL, COMPREHENSIVE SURVEY & WATER TREATMENT

We are cleaning up the river for everyone to enjoy. The Program Includes:

- Collection of all solid waste from 18.4km of the Bishnumati River:
- Programs of public education
- Community Clusters to **monitor areas** and **issue fines & rewards**.
- Establishment of a **Green Belt** for water filtration, providing crops and looking beautiful
- Distribution of waste bins to households and businesses
- On-going waste collection
- Recycling to **make community products** e.g.mattresses/ pipes
- Recycling for community arts for all to enjoy

#### Take Note !

Our program reinvests over 48% of the total budget and 88% of the staff budget in different community groups and roles

THE FUTURE: After this project we will move on to <u>water treatment</u> making the river clean and safe for use. We have completed a basic survey and will be undertaking a <u>comprehensive survey</u> of the area to inform water treatment planning.



clean-up

Before a previous HOMES Nepal clean-up

# **OUR PROJECTS – EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT**

We support children to get the education they deserve

The Program Includes:

- **Identifying students** from deprived areas who show talent or have extra disadvantages
- Providing equipment such as uniform, bag, books and stationary
- Providing fees for tuition, examinations and school meals
- Regular **progress updates** with students and teachers to see how they are doing

### Take Note !

We are extremely proud of the success rate of

the program. Since 2008 when our student support started **100% of students involved have completed their studies** either being promoted to higher level classes or successfully completing their education.



## **OUR PROJECTS – HEALTH PROJECTS**

We give free of charge health services to some of the poorest communities in Nepal

The Program Includes:

- Providing doctors, nurses, pharmacists and volunteers
- · Providing medicines and medical equipment
- Locating the poorest communities including low castes, income and life opportunities

#### Take Note !

We often perform minor surgeries amongst many other treatments

