



Progress Report

CONSTRUCTION OF CHILD COVID EMERGENCY UNIT
Kathmandu Institute of Child Health – DAMAK CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL
Jhapa, Nepal

11th April 2022

Report Form

Title of the Project : CONSTRUCTION OF ROTARY CHILD COVID EMERGENCY UNIT

Supported by

: Rotary Clubs of Australia

: The Rotary Club of Kathmandu

Total Budget : Nrs. 1493,700 (approx US\$ 12658)

Local Coordination : Rotary Club of Kathmandu, RID 3292, Nepal

Supervised by : Rotary Club of Kathmandu, RID 3292, Nepal

Date : 25th NOV 2021 – 1st April, 2022

Venue : Damak, Jhapa

Objectives : To construct Child COVID Emergency Unit and to provide basic health facilities to the children's of eastern part of Nepal.

Expected Results at the end of the Project:

- **A robust health facility for children.**
- **Develop the public image of and relationship with Rotary in the community.**
- **Improve the infrastructure of the community and create a go-to safety hub.**
- **Save lives and empower women, children and their families.**

Direct Beneficiaries : Thousands of children

Indirect Beneficiaries : Community members from different villages of the surroundings

Total Beneficiaries Approximately: 1000/year +

Summary of the Program:

Nepal is one of the world's poorest countries with 45% of the population living below the poverty line. Up to 50% of children under the age of 3 suffer from stunted growth. The country is highly susceptible to natural disasters such as recurrent floods, landslides and earthquakes. No hospital or health care facilities in the country completely meet earthquake resistant standards and many are lost to natural disasters. Most of Nepal's health care facilities are concentrated in urban areas and there are numerous gaps in health service delivery country wide. Variable and rugged mountain ranges make seeking health care for rural citizens often a long trek to a road head, as

much of rural Nepal is located in hilly or mountainous regions with no roads. In many villages, the only mode of transportation is by foot. This results in a delay of treatment, which can be detrimental to patients in need of immediate medical attention. Rural health facilities invariably lack adequate support and funding.

ABOUT KIOCH - DAMAK:

With an almost 12 million child population, there is an urgent need for concentrated efforts in making high-quality child healthcare available, accessible, and affordable in Nepal. **Kathmandu Institute of Child Health (KIOCH)** aims to be the leading institution for delivery of healthcare for children in Nepal and set an example of child centered care. KIOCH puts forward a new approach of coordinated care to maximize child health outcomes and quality of life. This project is an investment in the future health of our country, the children of Nepal.

KIOCH is a not for-profit organization established in 2017. It aims to deliver integrated multispecialty high-quality child healthcare that is affordable, accessible, and available to all, thus advancing Quality of Life of Children in Nepal. KIOCH focuses on providing solutions to ever rising healthcare needs and consistent poor health outcomes for millions of children in Nepal. It believes on timely adaptation of scientific medical advances, technologies and valued people-centered care that are of international standards.

Its aim is to provide quality health care to the children of Nepal in accessible and affordable way. All children irrespective of the economic condition will be able to avail the services. It will use cross-subsidy model; It will arrange to have the services of poor children paid by different means that include national social health insurance, vertical schemes of the government and Corporate Social Responsibility by the enterprises and financial institutions.

KIOCH plans to make a network of specialized hospitals for Children in Nepal in Hub-Spoke mode. It envisions to establish a multi-specialty care center for children at Kathmandu as the Hub Hospital and one satellite hospital in each remaining province of Nepal. We plan to implement the whole project in phase-wise manner – Hub Hospital in Kathmandu – add specialty and services – establish provincial hospitals. Land is obtained in Kathmandu and the design and drawings and other preparatory works are in final stage before the commencement of construction of the hospital building.

PROVINCE 1 PROJECT: KIOCH- Damak Children's Hospital:

According to the 2078 census, there are around 4.9 million people in province 1, with a population density of 175.6 per square kilometer. Damak is one of the important cities of Jhapa District. The current population of Jhapa is 994,090 (census 2078). Jhapa adjoins two other big districts of Nepal, namely Morang and Ilam. It also serves as the gateway for Pachthar and Taplejung, two

northern districts of province One. The total direct catchment population for the Damak Children's Hospital is around 2 million population with approximately 1,988,808 children of Eastern Nepal.

Services from KIOCH-Damak Children Hospital:

A hospital ready building is obtained at Damak Municipality and is working to open the doors for service in near future. The hospital is seeking support for establishment of Neonatal and pediatric intensive care at KIOCH-Damak Children's Hospital, Jhapa of province 1. All general pediatric care, pediatric emergencies, neonatal critical care, pediatric critical care, and selected sub-specialty pediatric care will be provided by this hospital. The hospital will have basic laboratory and radiological diagnostic services. The hospital will also serve as focal point for preventive and community pediatric services in Province One.

Following facilities will be established at the KIOCH Damak Children's Hospital:



CURRENT NEED FOR DAMAK

The existing building is built as per the building code of Nepal. However, it needs finishing work and internal partitioning in some wards. The blood bank is functioning well and laboratory equipment is already available now. Finishing works of other wards, Emergency, Outpatient services and diagnostic services are underway. It has a team of competent and committed pediatricians, general doctors and other health care workers and thereby ensure quality care for children of Province 1.

ROTARY CONTRIBUTION:

Rotary Club of Kathmandu, the first club of Nepal in cooperation with Rotary Clubs from Australia donated Nrs. 1493,700 (approx US\$ 12658) to KIOCH [Kathmandu Institute of Child Health] – DAMAK CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, Jhapa for the establishment of Rotary Emergency Child COVID Unit.



The Cheque was handed over to KIOCH Chairman Dr. Bhagwan Koirala by President 2021-22 Rtn. Suresh Man Singh at the program organized at Rotary Hall, Thapathali on 25 Nov, 2021.

Similarly, the team including President Suresh Man Singh, PE Achut Babu Ojha, PP Narayan Krishna Kharel, Club Admin Chair Ashish Jajodia and Service Project Chair Rajendra Gautam visited the KIOCH-Damak on 1 April, 2020 to monitor the project.

Currently the partition work at the hospital is going on to establish Rotary Emergency Child COVID Unit. This unit will also be used as an emergency unit for children in the future.

THE PICTORAL REPORT of MONITORING:



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