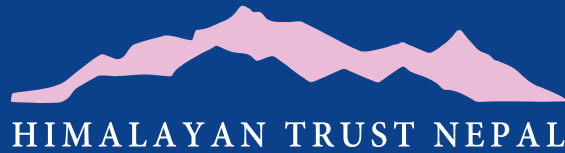


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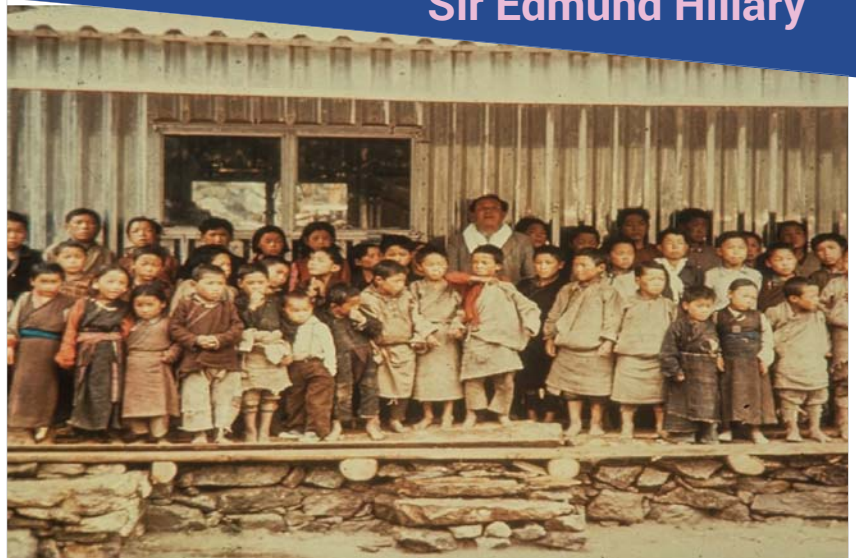
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→ First batch of students of Khumjung School with their first teacher Tem Dorji Sherpa.

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Mr. Justin von Etdorf Visited Nepal

Mr. Justin von Etdorf, a board member of the Sir Edmund Hillary Foundation, Canada visited HTN on 8 October 2023. Justin met HTN CEO and his team members and took stock of HTN and its progresses. His visit was also targeted for visiting Khunde hospital and leave Zeke's ashes in his memorial chorten at the Khunde hospital.



→ Justin von Etdorf along with Ms. Yangji Doma Sherpa during their visit to HTN.

Primary Eye Care Training

Ms. Ang Dawa Sherpa, CMA of Phortse Clinic and Ms. Chandani Khaling Rai, one of the many Sir Edmund Hillary Stiftung (SEHS), Germany supported students participated in a three-month training on "Primary Eye Care" at the Tilganga Institute of Ophthalmology from 6 July 2023 to 5 October 2023. The cost for the training was supported by Eyes4Everest in collaboration with Himalayan Trust Nepal. Additionally, they are receiving an extra three months of refractive error correction training from Everest Eye Care in Lalitpur.

The aim of the training was to strengthen the capacity of the primary-level healthcare workers to identify common eye-related problems, manage them at the community level, refer them in case of complications and, recognize refractive errors and perform conjunctival foreign body removal.



→ Ms. Ang Dawa Sherpa (CMA)



→ Ms. Chandani Khaling Rai (HA)

Khunde Hospital Facility and Service Audit

Khunde Hospital has been providing medical services to the local people and trekkers visiting the Everest region. Considering the current need of the people in the region, facilities and services of the hospital was felt necessary to audit. Dr. Tshering Wangdi Sherpa who specialized in gastroenterology and hematology was hired as a consultant to conduct the audit, to identify the potential areas for improvement; and prepare an improvement plan in consultation with different stakeholders. Dr. Sherpa was accompanied by CEO Dr. Mingma Norbu Sherpa, Project Engineer, Mr. Bijay Shrestha and Programme Manager, Mr. Lhakpa Tenji Lama. The team visited Khunde hospital in September/October 2023 and consulted with locals, the medical team of Khunde Hospital and other healthcare service providers of the Khumbu region.

LPAC Meetings and Social Audit

The Local Project Advisory Committee (LPAC) meetings of Namche Dental Clinic and Khunde Hospital including a Social Audit of Khunde Hospital were conducted on 1st and 2nd October respectively. LPAC and Social Audit are the formal process requirements of the Social Welfare Council. Representatives from the local government, buffer zone, youth club, monastery management committee and women group, police, army and health post staffs attended the meetings at Namche and Khunde.



→ LPAC of Namche Dental Clinic conducted on 1 October 2023.



→ LPAC and Social Audit meeting of Khunde Hospital conducted on 2 October 2023.

Bachelor Level Scholarship Awarded

HTN announced a notice about the scholarship opportunity to the students of the KPLRM for pursuing bachelor level studies in Nepal. The scholarship is a joint initiative of Khumbu Pasanglhamu Rural Municipality (KPLRM) and Himalayan Trust. Four applications were received for the call. Only two female students from Phortse met the eligibility criteria (Table 1).

Table 1: KPLRM and Himalayan Trust Bachelor Level Scholarship

S.N.	Name of student	Gender	Permanent address	Subjects
1	Pasang Kanchi Sherpa	Female	KPLRM-04, Phortse	Bachelor (Mountaineering Studies)
2	Ngima Doka Sherpa	Female	KPLRM-04, Phortse	B. Ed. (Social Studies)

Khunde Hospital – Outreach Clinic Visit

On 16 October 2023, Dr. Mingma Kanchi Sherpa and Nurse Fura Doma Sherpa visited Tengboche Monastery and examined a total of 32 monks including the monastery staff. The majority of the cases observed were related to cough and cold symptoms. On 17 October 2023, they examined 30 patients at the Pangboche clinic, with 25 females and 5 males. On the following day, 18 October 2023, they examined 40 patients at the Phortse clinic, including 25 females and 15 males. The medical team from Khunde Hospital regularly visits outreach clinics and villages to provide medical services.

EduTech Nepal Team Visits HTN

On 1st November 2023, the founders of EduTech Nepal, Mr. Mike Chisholm and Mrs. Sheryl Chisholm accompanied by CEO, Mr. Ashok Dalli visited HTN. Mr. Dalli delivered a PowerPoint presentation on the seven new schools and a monastery school planned to install computer labs for the year. The discussion also focused on exploring new innovations and opportunities to enhance the delivery of digital education to schools and teachers.



→ The EduTech Nepal team visited HTN office on 1st November 2023.

BCF Annual Picnic Programme

The annual picnic programme for students, supported by the Benoit Chamoux Foundation (BCF) was organized at Chhahari Retreat in Budhanilkantha on 4th November 2023. Ms. Fabienne Clauss, the founder and Mr. Christian Clauss, a trustee member of the foundation attended the picnic and interacted with the students and parents. The foundation has been providing scholarships for the education of those children who have lost their fathers in mountaineering expeditions both at the school and college levels. The foundation has supported over 40 students to date.



→ Glimpses of the BCF Annual Picnic Programme.

Tripartite MOUs for Computer Labs

Himalayan Trust Nepal, EduTech Nepal and eight schools (seven schools from Solukhumbu and one school from Khotang districts) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to collaborate on the establishment of computer labs at the following schools:

1. Chandrodaya Basic School, Mapya Dudhkoshi, ward no. 2, Thulodhunga, Solukhumbu
2. Dudhkoshi Basic School, Mapya Dudhkoshi, ward no. 1, Bumburi, Solukhumbu
3. Jivan Jyoti Secondary School, Thulung Dudhkoshi, ward no. 2, Kangel, Solukhumbu
4. BP Sanskrit Secondary School, Nechasalyan, ward no. 2, Keureeni, Solukhumbu
5. Bhimsenthan Secondary School, Solududhkunda, ward no. 11, Mude, Solukhumbu
6. Thame Basic School, Khumbu Pasanglhamu, ward no. 5, Thame, Solukhumbu
7. Thame Monastery School, Khumbu Pasanglhamu, ward no. 5, Thame, Solukhumbu
8. Chasmitar Secondary School, Haleshi Tuwachung, ward no. 3, Khotang



→ The respective SMC chair, computer teacher and headmaster of the eight schools visited HTN office for future collaboration and effective implementation of the computer labs.



→ Orientation on computer lab, its proper usage and maintenance provided to the respective computer teacher, headmaster and SMC chair of the eight schools in EduTech Nepal.



→ A tripartite MoU Signed between HTN, EduTech Nepal and the eight schools.

Equipment Support to Namche Dental Clinic

A wall heater, refrigerator and chair were purchased and transported to Namche Dental Clinic in November 2023. The funding for the procurement of these materials was received from the American Himalayan Foundation.



→ Wall heater, refrigerator and chair supported to Namche Dental Clinic.



Dr. John and Sue Heydon Visited HTN

On 10 November 2023, Dr. John and Sue Heydon, along with their family members visited HTN office. Dr. John and Sue Heydon previously served as doctors at Khunde hospital from June 1996 to October 1998.



→ Dr. John and Sue Heydon along with their family members during their visit to HTN.

Inauguration of Khunde Eye Clinic

On 16 November 2023, Khunde Hospital extended its services by establishing a new eye clinic, under the management of HTN and financially supported by Eyes4Everest, Australia. On the same day, the eye clinic provided services to approximately a hundred patients through the organization of an eye camp. Eye camps were organized at Khunde Hospital and Pangboche Health Post on November 17 and 21, 2023. The eye camps at Khunde and Pangboche examined the eyes of 75 males and 200 females and provided glasses.



→ Highlights of the eye clinic opening in Khunde Hospital



Board Members of Light for Kid's Nepal Visit

Board of Directors of Light for Kids, Germany Mr. Manfred Salcher and Mr. Peter Meckler visited HTN office on 27 November. The Light for Kids team accompanied by Chairman of HTN Mr. Pasang Dawa Sherpa monitored the project areas in Kharikhola and Amdungkharka (Hill) before their visit to HTN.



During their visit, they observed the progress of the school building construction project in Kharikhola and interacted with the students and teachers. Light for Kids is providing financial support for the construction of a four-room RCC classroom building in Kharikhola.



Additionally, the team visited Saraswati Basic School in Hill where they supported the renovation of classrooms. Currently, they are providing support for an English teacher's salary, school uniform and the lunch programme benefiting 20 children and 6 teachers at the school.



→ Highlights of Light for Kids team's Nepal visit.

Kharikhola School Building Construction Project

The new school building construction project in Kharikhola is progressing satisfactorily. The school building has reached the completion of the RCC frame structure and the construction of the brickwork is currently underway. This project has been funded by the Light for Kids e.V. Germany. The project is targeted to be completed by the end of April 2024.



→ Kharikhola school building construction project.

Diploma in Mountain Medicine Course Training

Dr. Mingma Kanchi Sherpa of Kunde Hospital participated in the Diploma in Mountain Medicine (DiMM) course, which took place from 5 November to 4 December, 2023. The course basically

covered both theoretical and practical training on medical conditions occurring at high altitudes, as well as basic climbing and rescue skills in rocky and icy environments. It is an approved training course by UIAA/IKAR/ISMM (International Climbing and Mountaineering Federation/ International Society for Mountain Medicine).



→ Dr. Mingma Kanchi Sherpa participated in the DiMM course training.

Annual Review Meeting with CEHRD

An annual review meeting was organized at the CEHRD Office in Sano Thimi, Bhaktapur, on 27 November 2023. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Deepak Sharma, the Director General of CEHRD. In attendance were Mr. Chandra Kanta Bhusal, the Director General of the Education Review Office, Mr. Basanta Prasad Koirala, the Deputy Director General, directors, section officers, and other staff of the CEHRD.

Dr. Mingma Norbu Sherpa, Chief Executive Officer of HTN, and Mr. Lhakpa Tenji Lama (Sherpa), Programme Manager, presented the progress of the Quality Education Programme in Solukhumbu (QEPS) during the meeting. The PowerPoint presentation covered the QEPS progress from 17 July 2022 to 16 July 2023. HTN's Education Advisor, Mr. Mahendra Kathet, and Education Training Officer, Mr. Ujwol Bhomi, also attended the meeting.



→ Annual review meeting held at the CEHRD office in Sano Thimi, Bhaktapur.

“ New Recruitment

HTN appointed a new teacher trainer to implement School Based Teacher Training Programme. Ms. Deepa Niraula has been hired as an English Teacher Training Officer effective from 1st December 2023. She holds a Master's degree in Education and has served three years at the Mahendra Jyoti High School, Chaurikharka Solukhumbu.

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Louise and Belinda Hillary Memorial Scholarship Awarded

Ms. Pratima Magar has been awarded the **Louise and Belinda Hillary Memorial Scholarship** to pursue a four-year Bachelor's in Computer Application course in Kathmandu. The grant for the scholarship has been supported by Sir Edmund Hillary Stiftung (SEHS), Germany. Ms. Magar previously received support from the foundation to complete her high school education in Computer Science over the last two years.

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→ Ms. Pratima Magar, BCA

Literacy through Integrated Learning (LIL)

The LIL team conducted field visits from 26th November to 30th December 2023. The team visited 11 schools in Mapya Dudhkoshi, 5 schools in Sotang and 5 schools in Mahakulung Rural Municipalities. During their visit, the team provided support to teachers in the effective implementation of the integrated curriculum (G1-G3), ongoing evaluation system, literacy activities, home reading log books and behavioral education.

Additionally, the team organized SMC, PTA and parents' meetings to enhance parents awareness, aiming to create a child-friendly learning environment both in the school and at home. They also observed the computer labs, conducted data collection and distributed prizes to the competition winners on National Children's Day. This initiative is an integral part of the Quality Education Programme in Solukhumbu supported by New Zealand International Development Cooperation and Himalayan Trust New Zealand.



→ LIL Field Officer, Ms. Srijana Thapa facilitating an ECED class on learning through building blocks.



→ Word wall formation in Grade One in Janasudhar Basic School.



→ Grade 3 students of Chomolungma Basci School singing rhymes with LIL Field Officer, Ms. Neelam Kumari Chand.



→ Children's Day prize distribution in Pipalbot Basic School.



→ LIL Field Officer, Ms. Rashmi Gurung making materials with teachers in Basuki Basic School, Pawai.



→ LIL Education Coordinator, Mr. Chandra Dev Bhatt facilitating a class on learning phonics through card games at Narkel Basic School.

School Based Teacher Training Programme (SBTTP)

The HTN teacher trainers visited 17 schools in Khumbu Pasanglhamu Rural Municipality, covering all five wards from 26th November till 30th December 2023 as part of their role in monitoring and supporting the schools under SBTTP.



→ Mahendra Jyoti Secondary School, Chaurikharka



→ Yuba Barsa Basic School, Monjo

The main purpose of their visits were to provide support for teaching and learning activities within schools, organize teachers' meetings, explore ways to improve the quality of teaching and learning through the implementation of the evaluation system (Grade 1-8), monitor the utilization of computer labs supported by HTN in partnership with EduTech Nepal, identify the need for subject-wise content for centre-based teacher training and conduct a need assessment survey for the stationery support for the academic year 2081.



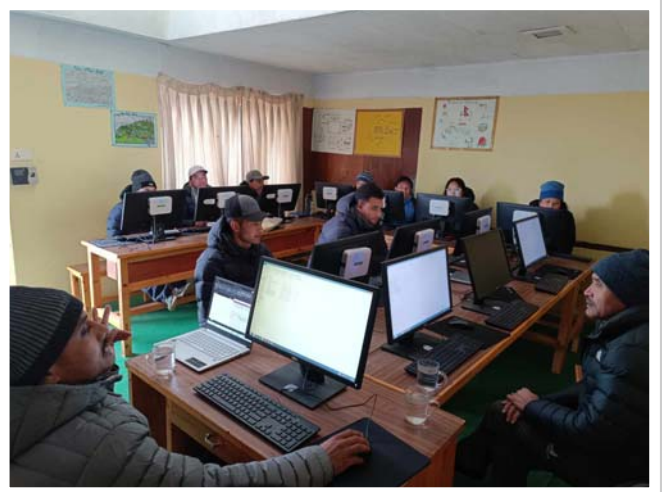
→ Khumjung Secondary School



→ Parents' meeting at Janasewa Basic School, Sano Gumela



→ Thame Basic School



→ Himalaya Basic School, Namche



Drugs Dispatched to Patle Clinic

HTN procured and delivered essential medicines for Patle Clinic. The funding for the procurement of the medicine has been made by the Forgotten Sherpas of Nepal Trust, New Zealand.





Zero TB in Kids and Family

The HTN health team conducted screening for Latent TB among 1665 monks, nuns and students residing in the monasteries and schools of Budhanilkantha Municipality, Kathmandu. Out of the total screened participants, 960 were males, 705 were females, and 707 were children. Currently, the team is diligently following up with individuals who tested positive for Latent TB regarding their medication. Data entry and filing is being carried out rigorously at the office.

This initiative is part of the “Zero TB in Kids and Family in Nepal Project” funded by Johns Hopkins University and implemented by the Himalayan Trust Nepal.



Thame Hostel Roof Reconstruction Project

The much-awaited Thame school hostel roof reconstruction project has been successfully completed. After a strong windstorm in February blew off the school hostel roof, the commencement of the reconstruction project was delayed due to stranding 1000 kilogram of odd-sized iron truss at Taksindu. The iron truss was subsequently transported to Phaplu and then airlifted to Lukla, from where porters carried them to Thame. HTN completed the reconstruction project with the funding support of American Himalayan Foundation in December 2023.



→ HTN's Project Coordinator Engineer Bijay Shrestha and Sub-engineer Dipu Sherpa with carpenters working at the Thame hostel reconstruction project site.



→ Thame hostel roof reconstruction project is complete.





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