

FINAL UPDATE

**SIR EDMUND
HILLARY MUSEUM
AND ELDERLY
CARE CENTER IN
BUNG**



THE PARTNERS NEPAL

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MESSAGE FROM CHAIRPERSON OF MAHAKULUNG



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Province 1, Nepal



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MESSAGE FROM CHAIRPERSON

“On behalf of Mahakulung Rural Municipality, Solukhumbu, I express great appreciation to The Partners Nepal and the Sir Edmund Hillary Memorial Museum and Elderly Care Centre Management Committee for the establishment of this senior citizen facility at the Sir Edmund Hillary Memorial Museum and Elderly Care Centre in Bung. The Mahakulung Municipality-1, Bung Solukhumbu, Nepal is fortunate to receive substantial support from international donors such as Sir Edmund Hillary Stiftung Deutschland, NepalHilfe Tirol, Engage Nepal, Light Educational Development (LED), Omotani Caring Foundation, and The Partners Nepal. Their contributions facilitated the establishment of the Sir Edmund Hillary Memorial Museum, Elder Care Centre, and Health Clinic, commemorating Sir Edmund Hillary's significant role in founding the first health clinic in Bung in 1989, at a time when the region lacked healthcare facilities.

This clinic would not have appeared without the initiative of the late Uttar Kubir Rai, who requested Sir Edmund Hillary's assistance during his school construction endeavours in Solukhumbu in the early 1980s. The conservation and maintenance of significant structures, particularly in distant villages such as Bung, have become increasingly crucial due to their isolation and the limited financial opportunities from the Government of Nepal. We are obligated to preserve this facility designated for the elderly people of Mahakulung Municipality-1, Bung of Solukhumbu, who need carers. We sincerely thank all our friends and benefactors who have generously supported the Sir Edmund Hillary Memorial Museum and Elder Care Centre in Bung”.


Suma Bahadur Rai
Chairperson
Mahakulung Rural Municipality
Bung, Solukhumbu



MESSAGE FROM CHAIRMAN



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SIR EDMUND HILLARY MEMORIAL MUSEUM & ELDER CARE CENTER

MAHAKULUNG - 1 BUNG, SOLUKHUMBU

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“My lifelong desire of preserving the health facility established by Sir Edmund Hillary in 1989 was fulfilled via the assistance of my long-time friend Mr. Ang Rita Sherpa, former Chairman of the Himalayan Trust Nepal and current Chairman of The Partners Nepal. His support enabled the restoration and repurposing of the building.

This ambition has been accomplished through The Partners Nepal, with significant financial support from Sir Edmund Hillary Stiftung Deutschland, NepalHilfe Tirol, Soarway Foundation (Engage Nepal), Light Educational Development (LED), Omotani Caring Foundation (OCF), and The Partners Nepal. Therefore, we may continue to provide aid to older individuals facing difficulties due to inadequate familial support.

Since 2016, we have supported eight elderly individuals, several of whom have passed away due to advanced age. Currently, we are providing care for nine elderly individuals who have choose to reside at the Sir Edmund Hillary Memorial Museum and Elderly Care Centre in Bung. We expect the continued support of our respected donors to sustain the aged care centre for senior citizens in Bung”.

Thank you

Shree Dhwoj Rai

**CHAIRMAN
SIR EDMUND HILLARY MEMORIAL MUSEUM & ELDER CARE CENTRE**

LIFE STYLE OF BUNG PEOPLE IN SOLUKHUMBU



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THE PARTNERS NEPAL



The Partners Nepal (TPN), established in 2012, is a non-profit organisation committed to assisting mountain communities via conservation, environmental restoration, cultural heritage preservation, and enhancements in the health sector. TPN's primary project areas are located in Solukhumbu District, concentrating on the conservation and restoration of alpine ecosystems and cultural heritage in Khumjung (Pasanglhamu Rural Municipality-4) and health sector enhancement in Bung (Mahakulung Rural Municipality-1). Although TPN's constitution permits projects throughout Nepal, the organisation prioritises Solukhumbu due to its project emphasis. Since 2015, TPN's office has been situated in Salleri, the district headquarters.

OUR VISION IS:

To create a platform for mountain communities focused on conserving mountain ecosystems, restoring natural and cultural heritage, and enhancing sustainable livelihoods.

1. INTRODUCTION

In April 2015, local inhabitants and a former healthcare worker solicited TPN's aid in fundraising to safeguard the clinic, which was jeopardised by inadequate maintenance. The clinic was successfully refurbished with funds from Sir Edmund Hillary Stiftung Deutschland and Wolfgang Nairz of NepalHilfe Tirol, Austria, alongside technical support from TPN and execution by the Hill Development Conservation Group.

The project sought to conserve and rejuvenate the original clinic established by Sir Edmund Hillary in 1989. Currently recognised as the Sir Edmund Hillary Memorial Museum and Elder Care Centre, it persists in delivering vital health services to the Rai villages of Solukhumbu. The clinic provides services to Bung, Cheskam, Gudel, Sotang, and Pawai VDCs in lower Solukhumbu, areas that lacked governmental health assistance when Sir Edmund Hillary and the Himalayan Trust initially founded the clinic.

2. PROJECT LOCATION

Bung is a rural area in the Solukhumbu district, situated in Mahakulung Rural Municipality-1, at an altitude of 1200-2400 meters in the Sagarmatha Zone of northeastern Nepal. The population of Bung is dispersed, with around 4,500 individuals residing in 900 houses throughout 1 to 9 wards.



3. ABOUT THE SIR EDMUND HILLARY AND THE BUNG CLINIC

Sir Edmund Hillary established the clinic in Bung in 1989 at the request of the local populace, referred to as the late Uttar Kubir. The clinic was established in the isolated village of Bung to deliver health care to families in need, where such services were previously limited. Sir Ed's affinity for this village persisted despite his absence since the initial ascent of Mount Everest during the 1953 British Everest Expedition. As a result, Sir Edmund Hillary and the Himalayan Trust Nepal established the Bung clinic in 1989.



4. THE SIR EDMUND HILLARY AND THE BUNG CLINIC IN 1989 CONTINUE



5. WHAT IS SIR EDMUND HILLARY MEMORIAL MUSEUM AND ELDERLY CARE CENTER?



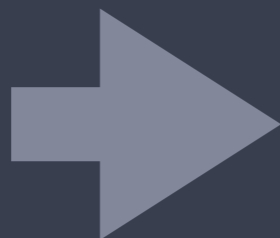
The Sir Edmund Hillary Memorial Museum and Elderly Care Centre in Bung, Solukhumbu, commemorates the legacy of Sir Edmund Hillary. Hillary, alongside Tenzing Norgay, was among the inaugural climbers to attain the summit of Mount Everest in 1953. This centre serves as a museum honouring his accomplishments in the region and as a facility for elderly care within the local community. The centre, situated in the Solukhumbu district, is closely associated with Hillary's humanitarian efforts and exemplifies his enduring dedication to enhancing the lives of the diverse local people via healthcare, education, and cultural preservation.

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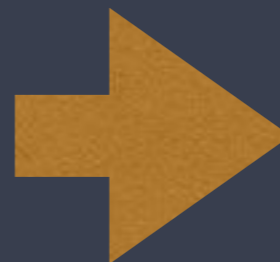
To honour Sir Edmund Hillary and his contributions to health and education in the Bung area, as well as to preserve the original clinic he established with the cooperation of Sherpas, it will be transformed into the Sir Edmund Hillary Memorial Museum and Elder Care Centre for the region.

"The local people requested that the building be preserved as a platform to honor Sir Edmund Hillary, as they did not want to see it demolished, knowing he built the clinic with his own hands. They believe this clinic can continue to provide basic health services to those who are unable or reluctant to make the one-hour journey to the government-built facility." — Shree Dhoj Rai, 2015

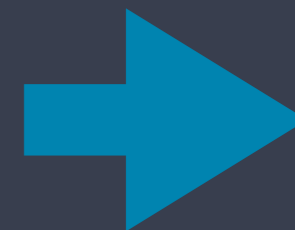
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Proposed Sir Edmund Hillary
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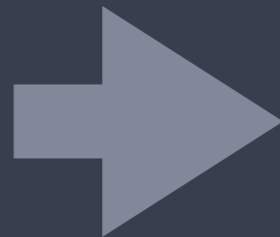


6. WHAT HAPPENED WITH THE HILLARY BUILT ORIGINAL CLINIC?

A new government health post was constructed in Bung, roughly a 50-minute uphill hike from the first clinic established by Sir Edmund Hillary. All services were relocated to the new building, rendering the original clinic vacant. The earthquakes in April and May 2015 rendered the new structure uninhabitable due to damage sustained. Local citizens, especially the elderly, solicited the former health assistant, with the backing of the Himalayan Trust Nepal, to aid with the reconstruction of the old clinic and to designate it as the Sir Edmund Hillary Memorial Museum and Elder Care Centre. The original clinic remains a vital hub for patients from Cheskam, Gudel, and Pawai, who persist in seeking services there despite the existence of a government-supported clinic. Residents have indicated that relocating the health post has resulted in challenges, as the new facility's distance and steep topography hinder access for elderly and unwell locals. Numerous individuals choose the original location, where a local health practitioner manages a private clinic after hours, notwithstanding the supplementary expenses. The structure is in satisfactory shape and might be rejuvenated with few modifications, thereby benefiting the community once more instead of becoming derelict.



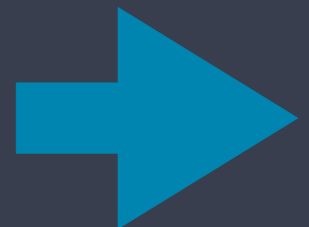
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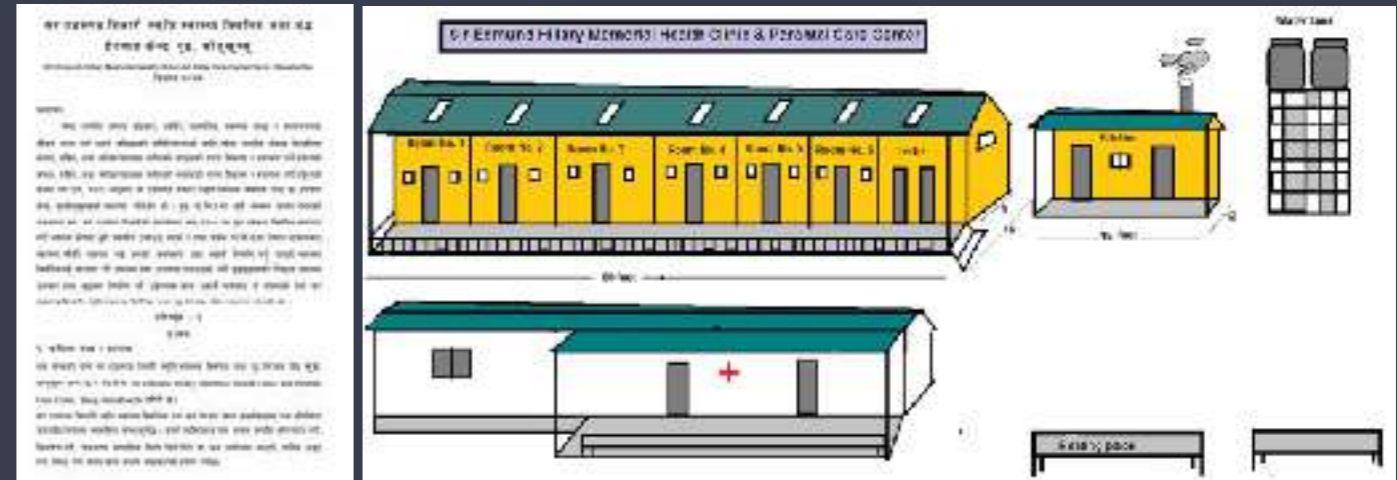


Proposed Sir Edmund
Hillary Memorial Museum
and Elder Home Care
Center in 2016



7. BUILDING PROCESS BEGINS

The building originally built by Sir Edmund Hillary in Bung sustained significant damage during the 2015 earthquake. With the substantial assistance of Sir Edmund Hillary Stiftung Deutschland and Nepal Hilfe-Tirol, The Partners Nepal successfully reconstructed the clinic utilising indigenous materials. The reconstruction was finalised in June 2017 and executed by the Sir Edmund Hillary Memorial Museum and Elderly Care Centre Management Committee.







8. RECEIVED SUPPORT FROM SIR EDMUND HILLARY STIFTUNG DEUSTCHLAND AND NEPAL

HILFE-TIROL

Sir Edmund Hillary Stiftung Deutschland accepted the financial request submitted by The Partners Nepal in October 2015. Wolfgang from Nepal Hilfe Tirol, Austria, subsequently offered equivalent assistance. The clinic reconstruction project, collaboratively executed by TPN and Hill Development Conservation Group (HDCG), was finalised in October 2017 with financial support from both entities. The Sir Edmund Hillary Memorial Museum and Elder Care Centre was inaugurated on October 16, 2017, under the direction of Professor Wolfgang Nairz, chairman of Nepal Hilfe Tirol. Subsequent to the opening, the centre was officially registered with the District Development Committee, and a nine-member management committee was constituted.





9. WHY SUPPORT TO SIR EDMUND HILLARY MEMORIAL MUSEUM AND ELDERLY CARE CENTER?

The elderly care centre in Bung, Solukhumbu, is essential for the local senior population, offering vital services including medical care, nutritious meals, and a safe living environment. It fosters community solidarity and preserves cultural heritage through social projects, providing vital support in a remote area with limited healthcare access. Recognising their significance and necessity, The Partners Nepal (TPN) has been supporting the Elderly Care Project in Bung, Solukhumbu, since 2016, providing essential healthcare, nutritious meals, and safe living conditions for vulnerable elders in a location with limited medical resources. The initiative, backed by foreign finance, offers routine examinations, chronic illness care, and malnutrition prevention. TPN has enhanced the center's infrastructure and involves the local community to ensure sustainability and the conservation of cultural heritage. The campaign promotes dignified ageing for the elderly, fostering respect and improving their quality of life.











10. COMMUNITY BUILDING SUPPORT

The Partners Nepal has helped to build a community building for the elderly so that they can have their daily meal, watching tv when they are free, entertain, interaction among the members and meet with outsiders. The local also bring goodies to the elderlies during one of those happy birthday. The local brings cakes, fruits and other fruits to celebrate the happy birthday and also celebrate senior citizens.



COMMUNITY BUILDING SUPPORT (continue)



11. SUPPORT FROM INDIVIDUAL DONORS

The centre received assistance from multiple entities and individuals, including Sherpa Great Adventures of Kathmandu, which contributed 12 woollen blankets and hats, along with donations from the late Mrs. Berty Eiseline of Winterthur, Switzerland, to supply warm jackets for the elderly in Bung. Moreover, minor contributions were provided by trekking guides, local community members, and The Partners Nepal team.



12. SOLAR WATER AND SOLAR HEATING SYSTEM SUPPORT FROM THE PARTNERS NEPAL

The senior citizens of the Bung clinic requested a solar water heating and solar energy system due to the significant energy demands for heating water for culinary use and temperature control. TPN successfully implemented solar water and solar energy systems at the Elderly Care Centre in Bung, with financial assistance from NepalHilfe Tirol, Austria, and Engage Nepal. This system will provide hot water for bathing, laundry, and sanitation and also lighting purpose. The project was conducted in close collaboration with the local community and the management committee of the Sir Edmund Hillary Memorial Museum and Elderly Care Centre.



13. HANDICRAFTS PREPARED BY ELDERLY PEOPLE

The senior citizens of Bung were motivated to create bamboo handicrafts, manufacturing baskets of differing dimensions for sale at the Saturday market in Bung village. This effort offers three advantages: it creates revenue, maintains engagement in activities undertaken during youth, and aids in the preservation of traditional basket-weaving techniques for practical application and cultural continuity.



14. HEALTH CHECK UP FOR ELDERLY PEOPLE

The Sir Edmund Hillary Memorial Museum and Elderly Care Centre Management Committee organised an excursion for the elderly to Sotang Health Post, which provides superior medical facilities. The journey from Bung takes one hour, and the elderly underwent comprehensive health examinations throughout the visit. The group asserts that routine examinations beyond Bung will enhance their comprehension of health concerns and foster overall well-being. The adjacent clinic in Bung offers fundamental health services, facilitated by Sir Edmund Hillary Stiftung Deutschland in collaboration with the Himalayan Trust Nepal.



15. FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SIR EDMUND HILLARY MEMORIAL MUSEUM AND ELDERLY CARE MANAGEMENT

The Management Committee of the Sir Edmund Hillary Memorial Museum and Elder Care Centre had its inaugural Annual General Meeting (AGM) at the aged care facility in Bung. The attendees comprised elderly people, the mayor of Mahakulung Rural Municipality, village representatives, and committee members. The AGM concentrated on the center's future viability, prospective donors and financial backing, changing the constitution to set criteria for older residents, and strategising future activities. Both the senior citizens and local officials conveyed gratitude for the conference and its deliberations.



16. AN EXPOSURE VISITS TO DHARAN ELDERLY CARE CENTER

Members of The Partners Nepal, along with the Sir Edmund Hillary Memorial Museum and the Elderly Care Centre Management Committee, visited the Gorkha Welfare Trust's elderly care centre in Dharan to get insights into its operations. The personnel of Gorkha Welfare Trust conducted a comprehensive tour and imparted knowledge regarding their everyday operations. The facility presently accommodates 22 senior people. This exposure tour will assist the Bung team in improving their aged care management. The crew was greatly impressed by the welfare management at Gorkha Welfare Trust.



16. 1 AN EXPOSURE VISITS TO DHARAN ELDERLY CARE CENTER (CONTINUE)

The overall management at Gorkha Welfare Trust was highly impressive, and our team gained valuable insights. While we cannot replicate their scale, we strive to manage the elderly care center in Bung with our limited resources. The Gorkha Welfare Trust staff appreciated our vision and efforts, and the Elderly Care Center team expressed gratitude to TPN for the opportunity to learn from their management practices.



17. DONOR AND TPN ADVISOR'S VISIT TO THE ELDERLY CARE CENTER

Mr. Peter Nichols, a long-time supporter and advisor of The Partners Nepal, visited the Sir Edmund Hillary Memorial Museum and Elderly Care Centre in April 2023. He received a kind reception from the local representatives, including the Chairman of the Management Committee of the Centre. During his visit, Mr. Nichols evaluated the facility, engaged with the senior residents, and distributed t-shirts custom-made by The Partners Nepal. Mr. Nichols has been a significant supporter since the inception of the Elderly Care Centre, collaborating with other donor agencies to guarantee its success. His visit highlighted his ongoing commitment and support for the Centre and its objectives.



18. THE KOREAN THERAPY MACHINE SUPPORTED FOR THE ELDERLY IN BUNG

The Partners Nepal, with financial matching assistance from Nepal Hilfe-Tirol and Omotani Caring Foundation, has facilitated the installation of Korean-manufactured therapeutic equipment for the elderly residents of Bung. Individuals utilise the Nuga Best Massage Bed for therapeutic purposes and relaxation. It aids in maintaining spinal alignment, alleviates muscle tension, and purifies the blood. Korean Jade Spine Heating Mats and massage beds are essential due to the health benefits of acupressure. It can alleviate stress, anxiety, and tension, relax muscles, reduce chronic pain, and enhance blood circulation. We anticipate that providing elders with the Nuga Best Massage Bed or Therapy will facilitate the aforementioned benefits.



18.1 THE KOREAN THERAPY MACHINE (CONTINUE)

Nuga Best in Kathmandu made an offer sending a dedicated staff member, Ms. Manisa Pokhrel, to Bung to assist in the installation of the therapy equipment and to instruct senior citizens on its usage. She has elucidated the advantages of utilising this gadget and also noted the potential side effects if it is not utilised correctly. This equipment has proven to be quite helpful in treating various physical problems. The senior residents and members of the Sir Edmund Hillary Memorial Museum and Elderly Care Centre in Bung have expressed gratitude to The Partners Nepal for supplying a vital machine for the elderly.



19. DONOR AND TPN ADVISOR'S VISIT TO THE ELDERLY CARE CENTER

Professor Wolfgang Nairz intends to visit Bung in Mahakulung Rural Municipality-1, Solukhumbu, to evaluate the Sir Edmund Hillary Memorial Museum and the Elderly Care Centre. Nepal Hilfe-Tirol facilitated the acquisition of therapeutic equipment for the elderly in Bung. The Nuga Best Massage Bed, engineered for relaxation, stress alleviation, spinal alignment, muscular relaxation, and blood purification via Korean Jade Spine Heating, has been launched. The discussion encompassed the health benefits of acupressure mats and massage beds, such as enhanced circulation and alleviated chronic pain. The staff was gratified to discover that the Sir Edmund Hillary Elderly Care Centre has been administered by Mahakulung Rural Municipality since July. The town provides assistance from two staff members who aid the elderly with cooking, cleaning, laundry, and medical care. The senior management committee proposed further enhancements, including the installation of permanent fencing for the clinic, interior painting of rooms, and the replacement of blankets and comforters for the elderly.



19. DONOR AND TPN ADVISOR'S VISIT TO THE ELDERLY CARE CENTER CONTINUE



20.DONOR AND TPN ADVISOR'S SUPPORTS THE ELDERLY CARE CENTER

Since 2023, The Partners Nepal has been supported by Dr. Les Omotani, a longstanding mentor and International Advisor to TPN. Dr. Omotani has demonstrated significant interest in aiding the aged care centre and has offered financial support. Through his wonderful donation, TPN has provided steel closets for the safekeeping of goods, in addition to supplementary bed sheets, clothing, pillows, and has replaced all beds, blankets, pillow coverings, and flat-



21. LIGHT EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (LED) SUPPORTS THE ELDERLY CARE CENTER

Since 2022, The Partners Nepal has been supported by LIGHT EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (LED) through Val Pitkethly, a longstanding ally and committed advocate for mountain villages in Nepal. LED has been diligently assisting TPN's reforestation initiatives in Solukhumbu and Langtang, along with the Sir Edmund Hillary Memorial Museum and Elderly Care Centre in Bung, Solukhumbu region. Previously, LED graciously supplied solar lights to the senior care centre, mitigating the region's electricity deficiency. The solar lights demonstrated practicality and ease of operation. In June 2024, LED donated \$2,000 to the elderly care centre, which was used for the procurement of steel closets for each room. These closets were esteemed by the elderly, providing a secure and discreet area for the storage of surplus bed linens, garments, and blankets while not in use. The tenants conveyed profound gratitude for the steel closets and solar lights, recognising LED's ongoing assistance in enhancing their quality of life.



22. CHALLENGES

The difficult terrain and delicate ecosystems of the project area complicate reconstruction endeavours. The region's isolation and inadequate road infrastructure exacerbate logistical challenges, rendering supply transport both intricate and costly, frequently necessitating the use of porters to convey things manually. Insufficient financial resources present an additional limitation, as local communities lack the means to invest in or enhance the trails and possess minimal motivation to initiate such projects. The participation of trained professionals and seasoned project managers is essential for the successful execution of construction in these remote locations.



23. THE PARTNERS NEPAL'S MEMBERS AND OUR APPROACH

The Partners Nepal (TPN) was established in 2012 by ex-employees of The Mountain Institute, leveraging substantial expertise in assisting mountain communities. TPN operates via local partner organisations, thereby minimising expenses, amplifying impact, improving sustainability, and strengthening local capacity for conservation initiatives.

In December 2018, TPN appointed four international advisors and six general members to its board during its annual meeting at Indreni Cafe. The foreign advisors include Brian J. Peniston, Dr. Leanne Alonso, Peter Nichols, and Dr. Les Omotani. The general members comprise Shree Dhoj Rai, Ang Temba Sherpa, Min Bahadur Rai, Sovit Kulung, Januka Kulung, and Mingma Yangji Sherpa.

24. APPRECIATION

The people of Bung village, together with the communities of Cheskam, Gudel, Sotang, and Pawai, extend their heartfelt appreciation to Sir Edmund Hillary Stiftung Deutschland, Wolfgang Nairz of Nepal Hilfe Tirol, the Soarway Foundation, Engage Nepal, Light Educational Development (LED), and the Omotani Caring Foundation for their financial contributions towards the establishment of the Sir Edmund Hillary Memorial Museum and Elder Care Centre in Bung. With this assistance, they have successfully restored the structure originally built by Sir Edmund Hillary, which sustained damage in the 2015 earthquake, and converted it into a facility that will serve the entire town.

The Partners Nepal and the Hill Conservation Development Group express gratitude to additional benefactors, including Sherpa Adventure Gear for supplying 12 woollen blankets and hats, as well as individuals such as Mrs. Berty Eiseline from Switzerland, Sunny Gills from Australia, Mingma Sherpa from New York, and Dawa Yangjee Sherpa from California for their donations to the Elder Care Centre. We express our gratitude to the Mayor of Mahakulung Rural Municipality for the financial assistance provided to the Center's Management Committee and to Mr. Parkhi Dhan Rai for his commitment to the project since the earthquake. Gratitude is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Uddhav Kulung Gaduho for assuming responsibility for the care of the senior inhabitants.



25. DONOR AGENCIES



Sir Edmund Hillary Stiftung Deutschland eV is the Sir Edmund Hillary Foundation of Germany. The SEHSD supports Phaplu Hospital in Solu, Environmental programmes and education in the Mount Everest region. [//hillary.ottofaerber.de/](http://hillary.ottofaerber.de/). The Sir Edmund Hillary Stiftung Deutschland has been a great supporter of The Partners Nepal since 2015 and has extensively supported in The Partners Nepal's "One Day One Tree" conservation and restoration of Mount Everest Alpine Ecosystems, Conservation and Restoration of Cultural Heritage of Khunde village that was severely damaged from 2015 earthquake and to Sir Edmund Hillary Memorial and Elderly Care Center in Bung of Solukhumbu.



NepalHilfe Tirol is non-profit making organization established in Austria by famous Austrian Mountaineer Professor Wolfgang Nairz with the view to assist the mountain communities of Nepal. NepalHilfe Tirol has invested lot of finance to help rebuild the schools, health clinic, hospitals and many more in mountain districts of Nepal where the area has suffered from 2015 earthquake. www.nepalhilfe-tirol.at NepalHilfe Tirol Austria has been supported The Partners Nepal's Sir Edmund Hillary Memorial Museum and Elderly Care Center in Bung of Solukhumbu, The Partners Nepal's Conservation and Restoration of fragile Alpine Ecosystems of Khumbu and Kitchen and toilet construction for Khunde Manilhang (Communal Building).



The Soarway Foundation is a 501 © (3) charitable foundation that was created in April of 2015 with the intent to focus on disaster risk reduction and preparedness in Nepal. Soarway Foundation was established in 2015 by Scott DeLesi the former US Ambassador to Nepal. Soarway Foundation has become one of the main partner organization of The Partners Nepal since 2018. The Soarway Foundation help raise funds to TPN's Sir Edmund Hillary Memorial and Elderly Care Center in Bung of Mahakulung Rural Municipality-1, Bung of Solu Khumbu.

25.1 DONOR AGENCIES (CONTINUE)



Light Educational Development

LED's mission is to provide low-tech solutions to 3 basic needs: affordable and sustainable solar lighting, basic education and essential healthcare. Led by the inspiring Val Pitkethly, we focus on the remote communities of Nepal and Peru.

LED was founded in the late 1990s by mountain guide and climber Val, who over many years has established strong and trusted relationships with communities in the highland villages of the Cordillera Blanca and Huayhuash ranges in northern Peru and the mountainous Manaslu and SoluKhumbu regions of northern Nepal.



OMOTANI **CARING** FOUNDATION

Omotani Caring Foundation

The Omotani Caring Foundation is used to support specific charitable, educational, medical, conservation, scientific and humanitarian purposes. We collaborate with caring supporters to address the needs and projects that are identified by local people in the USA and specific regions of the world. We exist to provide caring citizens who reside in the United States of America with an easy, legal and trustworthy process to donate and support deserving children and families.

26. EXECUTIVE MEMBERS OF THE PARTNERS NEPAL

ANG RITA SHERPA



ANG RITA SHERPA is the chairman of The Partners Nepal in executive committee since the inception 2012 establishment. Mr. Sherpa was a Senior Program Manager at The Mountain Institute (www.mountain.org) and has 25 years of experience in management of protected areas, eco-tourism, community-based tourism, and sustainable and livelihood development. Mr. Sherpa holds M.Sc. in Protected Area Landscape Management from the University of Wales, UK, and an undergraduate degree in Parks, Recreation and Tourism from Lincoln University, New Zealand.

He has served as a volunteer for the National Parks Service in the United States, where he spent nine months working in Yellowstone, Grand Teton, Shenandoah and Smoky Mountain National Parks both before and after he joined The Mountain Institute in 1988.

Ang Rita Sherpa was responsible for implementing the Ambassador Fund for Cultural Preservation (AFCP)-funded program in Pangboche Monastery, a 600-year-old Buddhist monastery that is one of the oldest Buddhist monasteries in the whole Khumbu region and also in the Limi Valley in mid west Nepal in Humla district. He was the former Chairman of Himalayan Trust that Sir Edmund Hillary has established in 1964. Mr. Sherpa is the president and vice president of Everest (Sagarmatha) Chapter Committee under the Climate Alliance of Himalayan

BHEEM RAJ RAI



BHEEM RAJ RAI is the secretary of The Partners Nepal in executive committee since the inception of 2012 establishment. Mr. Rai worked in The Mountain Institute as Conservation and Livelihood Program Officer over the period before joining The Partners Nepal. Mr. Rai has graduated degree in Health Education and Master's Degree in Rural Development (RD) from Tribhuvan University. Mr. Rai's work included from Conservation of protected areas, where he was responsible to form Community Forest Users Group, provided community forest management training to Partner Non Governments Organizations (NGOs) / Government organizations (Gos) and Line agencies and Community based project planning.

Mr. Rai was also responsible for community based ecotourism in Tin Jure Milke Jaljale and alpine ecosystems in Sagarmatha and Makalu-Barun National Park to livelihood program in the far west Nepal with UN World Food Programme (WFP), humanitarian projects. Mr. Rai has over 20 years of experience in planning appreciative participatory planning of Natural Resource Management, Climate Change Adaptation and Community Development.

BHALA KAJI KULUNG



BHALA KAJI RAI (Kulung) is the treasurer of The Partners Nepal since the inception of 2012 establishment. Mr. Rai is the project officer of Himalayan Natural Fibre Foundation since 2008 and involved at The Mountain Institute's Nepal programs from 1999-2008 in various positions including the finance and program officer from 2003-2008. Mr. Rai comes from Cheskam 1 of Solukhumbu and he holds Bachelor's degree from Tribhuvan University, Shankardev Campus, Kathmandu, Nepal. Mr. Rai has over 20 years of experience financial management using accounting software (NPS, Money Manager, SMART) and manual accounting), training and establishment of financial management systems for NGOs and partners, rural development involving local community, indigenous and marginalized people, focuses on environment conservation, poverty reduction and livelihood improvement, through participatory planning, implementation and monitoring approaches.

EXECUTIVE MEMBER

DAMBAR THAPA



DAMBAR BAHADUR THAPA is an executive member of The Partners Nepal (TPN) since the inception of 2012 establishment. Mr. Thapa was a former Senior Program Officer of The Mountain Institute (TMI) in natural resource management. Mr. Thapa's work included from Conservation of Protected areas, where he has served as warden responsible for Bung sector of Solukhumbu during Makalu-Barun Conservation Project establishing the Makalu-Barun National Park and Buffer Zone. He was also responsible for community-based conservation focused on natural resources, conflict management, alpine pastures and community based alpine conservation and restoration both in Sagarmatha National Park and Makalu-Barun National Park.

Mr. Thapa was also responsible to establish alpine ecosystem's conservation and restoration program both in Sagarmatha and Makalu-Barun National Park to UN's World Food Program the livelihood program in far west Nepal in humanitarian projects. Mr. Thapa has over 20 years of experience in participatory natural resource management and community development program and Climate Change Adaptation(Community-based consultation on "climate change and adaptation program" and involved to carryon the Government initiated "Local Adaptation and Planning of Action (LAPA).

TSEDAR BHUTIA



TSEDAR BHUTIA is an executive member of The Partners Nepal (TPN) since the inception of 2012 establishment. Mr. Bhutia holds bachelor's degree from North Bengal University, India 1993. Mr. Bhutia has served as Monitoring and Evaluation Officer at The Mountain Institute (www.mountain.org) before becoming the Programme Manager at Himalayan Natural Fibre Foundation (www.hnff.org).

Mr. Bhutia's work included from Conservation of Protected areas, where he has served as administrative assistant, income generation and gender development office while TMI establishing the Makalu-Barun National Park and Conservation Area Project, Nepal. Mr. Bhutia has over 24 years' experience in rural development involving local community, indigenous and marginalized people, focuses on environment conservation and livelihood improvement through participatory planning, implementation and monitoring approaches. In-depth experience of developing, managing and monitoring community development projects to strengthen the roles of community-based organisations such as women's groups, community forest user groups, youth-led organisations in sustainable natural resource management and livelihood improvement.

SHOVA RAI



SHOVA RAI a mother, a daughter and a wife is an active indigenous native of the Himalayan district of Solukhumbu in Nepal is an executive member of The Partners Nepal since the inception of 2012. She holds a degree in Sociology and pursuing another degree in Public Administration from Tribhuvan University. Ms. Rai was also involved at The Mountain Institute's Nepal program before she joined the International Humanitarian Organization.

She is a passionate advocate of peace, human rights and social development. She volunteered in community development since her teenage and still perusing her passion by working for one an international humanitarian organization (Save the Children International). She has more than 10 years of working experience in various development and humanitarian organizations in different positions in different parts of the country. She also has experience in the private sector covering the areas of tourism, media and education. Being a member of The Partners Nepal (TPN), she has always been a strong advocate and has been volunteering as required. She is always willing to go the extra mile to ensure TPN achieves its mission and goals.

26. GLIMPSES OF SIR EDMUND HILLARY MEMORIAL MUSEUM AND ELDERLY CARE CENTER



27. HOW YOU CAN HELP?

In 2016, The Partners Nepal established the Sir Edmund Hillary Memorial Museum and Elderly Care Center in Bung, Solukhumbu, Nepal. This center commemorates Sir Edmund Hillary's legacy, recognizing his humanitarian efforts and lifelong dedication to improving the lives of local communities through healthcare, education, and cultural preservation. Along with Tenzing Norgay, Hillary became one of the first climbers to reach the summit of Mount Everest in 1953.

To support the Sir Edmund Hillary Memorial Museum and Elderly Care Center, The Partners Nepal focuses on preserving Hillary's legacy and enhancing the well-being of the elderly community. The elderly care project, initially funded by Hauser Exkursionen & the Sir Edmund Hillary Foundation (Germany), is now supported by NepalHilfe Tirol (Austria), Engage Nepal, Light Educational Development, and the Omotani Caring Foundation.

If you're trekking or climbing in the Solukhumbu region, please consider donating to support the senior citizens in need. Your contribution will help provide proper care and offer a unique opportunity to memorialize your loved ones or yourself near Mount Everest. We greatly appreciate your support. For more information, please contact sherpa.angrita@thepartnersnepal.org or info@thepartnersnepal.org.

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