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*With deep gratitude, we thank you for your generosity and compassion.
Through your support, seeds of hope are planted,
fragile landscapes are healed, and communities are strengthened.*

*May the merit of this shared work bring peace, wisdom,
and wellbeing to you and all beings in the New Year 2026.*

— The Partners Nepal

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MESSAGE FROM CHAIRMAN

Dear Friends, Partners and Supporters

On behalf of The Partners Nepal (TPN), it is my privilege to present the **Annual Report 2025**. As I reflect on the past year, I am filled with deep gratitude and optimism. Despite the growing difficulties posed by climate change, economic instability, and the vulnerability of our Himalayan ecosystems, our dedication to supporting mountain communities has remained strong and unwavering.



In 2025, TPN achieved significant successes in all program areas. Our reforestation efforts continued to flourish in **Sagarmatha and Langtang National Parks**, supported by strengthened nurseries in **Pangboche and Khumjung**. With the dedication of local communities and the generosity of our donors, we expanded climate-change education initiatives in **Solukhumbu and Rasuwa**, restored the long-depleted **community pond in Chisapani**, supported horticulture expansion in **Chheskam**, and continued our long-standing care for the **Sir Edmund Hillary Memorial Museum and Elderly Care Centre in Bung**. These achievements highlight a simple truth: conservation is not only about restoring landscapes—it is equally about nurturing the profound relationship between people, culture, and nature.

This year, we had the opportunity of showing our ongoing projects directly to our advisers and donor representatives during their travels to Solukhumbu from October to November. Their thoughts and encouragement helped boost our commitment. We are especially pleased to report an **exceptional 95% survival and growth rate** across our plantation sites—an accomplishment personally witnessed and endorsed by **Manfred and Brigitte Braml, Dr. Les Omotani, and Dr. Barbara Omotani** during their field evaluations.

As we look ahead, TPN remains deeply grateful to our funders, partners, friends, and community stakeholders. Your trust and support allow us to continue building resilience in Nepal's highland communities while fostering stewardship of our fragile alpine ecosystems. We move forward with renewed commitment—guided by transparency, collaboration, and long-term impact—to ensure that the Himalayas continue to thrive for generations to come.

With warm regards,

Ang Rita Sherpa

Chairman

The Partners Nepal (TPN)

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1. WHO WE ARE

The Partners Nepal, Serving the Mountain Communities

Established in 2012, The Partners Nepal: www.thepartnersnepal.org is a non-governmental organization in Nepal that works to assist mountain communities that lack the financial and other resources to address poverty and other social and environmental concerns on their own. The Partners Nepal was founded by people with extensive experience working with mountain communities in a variety of sectors, including protected area management, community forest management, natural and cultural heritage conservation and restoration, community-based ecotourism, and livelihood improvement. TPN's strength is that it is comprised of members and personnel who spent significant time at The Mountain Institute (TMI), which sought to assist impoverished mountain regions.

2. OUR WORKING AREAS



3. OUR VISION AND MISSION

Our Mission:

"Establish a platform for mountain communities in conserving mountain ecosystems, conservation, and restoration of natural and cultural heritage, and to improve mountain communities' sustainable livelihoods"

Our Goal:

"Support the mountain communities in the environment, improve livelihoods and support the mountain cultural resources"

4. OUR IMPACTS

Expected Impacts of Your Support

- ***Reforestation & Conservation***
Plant 5-7 thousands of native trees per year in Sagarmatha, Langtang, and Solukhumbu to restore 10-15 hectares of degraded alpine landscape, minimize soil erosion, support yak herders' livelihoods, and protect critical mountain watersheds.
- ***Climate Change Awareness & Adaptation***
Every year, over 2,500 local inhabitants, including women and adolescents, benefit from climate change, glacier melt, and adaptation practices training and awareness programs. This involves creating educational handbooks, restoring community ponds, encouraging sustainable grazing and water conservation, and promoting environmentally friendly livelihoods.
- ***School Education***
Provide physical and educational support to 1,200-1,500 kids in Solukhumbu, Pokhara, and nearby regions. Equip the next generation in isolated villages of Solukhumbu and Sankhuwasaba with access to better quality education.
- ***Healthcare & Community Resilience***
Support over 1,000 households in remote mountain villages by increasing food security and meeting the needs of senior residents. Every year, the old Care Center in Bung, Solukhumbu, provides direct care and support to over ten old individuals, ensuring dignity, safety, and a higher quality of life.

5. WHERE WE WORK

SOLUKHUMBU DISTRICT

The Partners Nepal primarily serves three alpine districts in Nepal, with an emphasis on Solukhumbu. While our constitution allows for work in mountain villages throughout the country, we are currently focused on these districts according to project goals and donor interest.

TPN works in Solukhumbu to conserve and restore fragile alpine ecosystems, preserve cultural heritage, support the Sir Edmund Hillary Elderly Care Centre, and provide school support in Khumbu Pasanglhamu Rural Municipality-4, Mahakulung Rural Municipality 1-3, and Nechasalyan Rural Municipality 1-5. Since 2015, TPN's office has been located in Salleri, the district headquarters.



THE RASUWA DISTRICT

In 2021, The Partners Nepal initiated the ONE DAY ONE TREE initiative in Langtang Valley, Gosainkunda Municipality, to restore fragile alpine ecosystems. The Integrating Community-Based Ecotourism in Langtang National Park and Buffer Zone initiative attempts to mimic the success of Sagarmatha National Park's conservation initiatives. This program addresses the concerns of climate change and global warming while also conserving Langtang National Park's delicate ecosystems and buffer zone.



SANKHUWASABHA DISTRICT

The Partners Nepal supported restore the Shree Balkanya Adharbhut School in Hoyengla village, Silichong Rural Municipality, Sankhuwasabha district, a remote corner of Nepal's Himalayas. TPN's contributors and sponsors helped refurbish the school, making it safer and more accessible to local students. The 2015 earthquake severely damaged the school, creating a substantial risk to the safety of the children in the Highlands. Similarly, TPN has contributed to the galvanization of the river flow, the replacement of roofs and weaving, the construction of toilets and bathrooms, among other things.



5
PROJECTS
Implemented
2025

6. ONE DAY ONE TREE

6.1 One Day One Tree in Khumbu Region, Solukhumbu (2016-2025)



The alpine ecosystems over 4,000 meters in Sagarmatha National Park are vital for fuelwood, grazing, water, medicinal plants, and tourism, but they have suffered substantial degradation as a result of overgrazing, fuelwood harvesting, tourism, and climate change. In response, the people of Pangboche and The Partners Nepal, in partnership with the Khumbila Buffer Zone Users Group, launched the One Day One Tree project in 2016, which was supported by Sagarmatha National Park and international partners.

Since then, nurseries in Pangboche and Khumjung have grown thousands of juniper, fir, birch, and rhododendron seedlings, with community people, schools, and monks actively involved. Pangboche, Phortse, and Khunde have protective enclosures to keep plants secure. By 2025, over 30,000 trees will have been planted, restoring biodiversity, stabilising slopes, and enhancing climate resilience, establishing Khumbu as a model for alpine forest restoration.

IMPACTS

Rt. Hon Helen Clark, former Prime Minister of New Zealand, visits TPN's ONE DAY ONE TREE project site for 2023 environmental preservation. The One Day One Tree project contributed to the conservation and restoration of endangered alpine ecosystems above 3900m, which had been overlooked by the worldwide conservation community in the upper Khumbu and other Himalayan regions, resulting in this replanting initiative. Planting trees in damaged areas not only aids in the conservation and restoration of delicate alpine ecosystems, but it also provides economic incentives for residents to go trekking and mountaineering during the off season. This focused replanting above 3,900 meters not only restores threatened habitats, but it also improves local livelihoods and climate resilience in the Upper Khumbu region.

"The Partners Nepal has taken the lead in conserving and restoring the park's ecosystems for the benefit of future generations."

Former Prime Minister of New Zealand, Rt. Hon Helen Clark visits TPN's ONE DAY ONE TREE project site 2023



@GLIMPSES OF ONE DAY ONE TREE PROGRESS IN KHUMBU REGION





6.2 One Day One Tree – Chheskam, Solukhumbu (2018–2025)



In 2018, The Partners Nepal and the Chamlang Society Youth Group launched the One Day One Tree initiative in Chheskam, with initial support from Hauser Exkursionen and Nepal Hilfe-Tirol. The initiative's goal is to restore degraded community forests and strengthen local governance.

Responding to public requests, the program deploys community-driven reforestation to address the effects of climate change and global warming in Chheskam. Volunteers collaborate with ward offices, schools, and user groups to collect seeds, grow nursery stock, and plant natural species including juniper, fir, birch, and rhododendron in priority regions.

Since 2018, more than 10,000 native trees have been planted and cared for through weeding, monitoring, and youth-led climate education. This mix of indigenous knowledge and practical fieldwork has stabilised slopes, enhanced wildlife habitat, and fostered community conservation ownership, transforming Chheskam's One Day One Tree program into a straightforward, scalable reforestation plan in Solukhumbu.

IMPACTS

Planting native trees has made a significant contribution to cultural and environmental preservation. The One Day One Tree project contributed to the conservation and restoration of fragile alpine ecosystems above 3900m, which had been overlooked by the worldwide conservation community in the upper Khumbu and other Himalayan regions, resulting in this replanting initiative. Planting trees in degraded areas not only helps to protect and repair endangered alpine ecosystems, but it also provides economic incentives for inhabitants to go trekking and mountaineering in the off season. This focused replanting above 3,900 meters not only restores threatened habitats, but it also improves local livelihoods and climate resilience in the Upper Khumbu region.

"We appreciate The Partners Nepal for supporting our request to conserve and restore the ecosystems in Chheskam-3, Solukhumbu. The trees have grown well and are already contributing to water conservation and biodiversity." Dhan Bhadur Rai (2022)



6.3 One Day One Tree – Langtang Region, Rasuwa (2021–2025)



From 2021 to June 2025, The Partners Nepal partnered with Tenjing Eco-Treks to carry out the One Day One Tree initiative in Langtang, restoring fragile alpine ecosystems and strengthening local stewardship. During this time, 3,000 indigenous seedlings (juniper, fir, birch and rhododendron) were planted in two 50x50 metre enclosures, along with 1,500 willow trees in another enclosure. To promote growth and survival, TPN implemented an incentive scheme for yak herders who provided dung as natural fertiliser.

TPN also distributed climate change and cultural heritage handbooks to schools, communities, and visitors, increasing awareness throughout the region. The Langtang One Day One Tree program, which combines scientific conservation approaches with traditional wisdom, has become a paradigm for ecological restoration and cultural resilience in the Himalayas. After June 2025, Tenjing Eco-Treks will be fully responsible for the plantings' maintenance and sustainability, ensuring their long-term impact.

IMPACTS

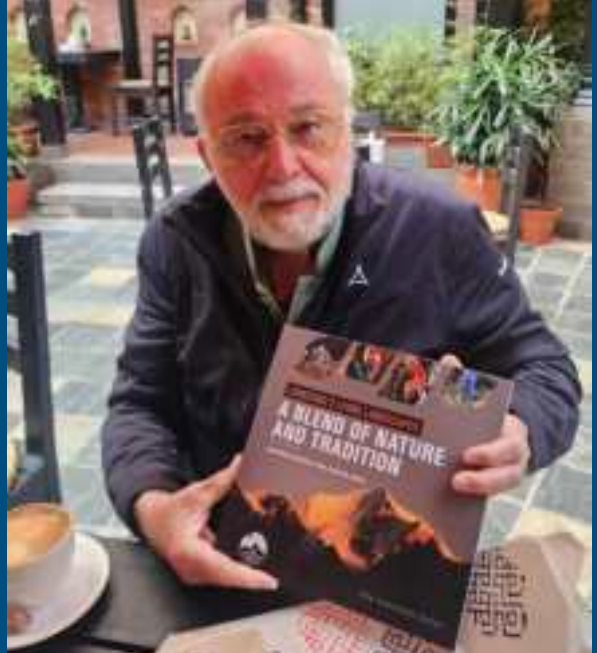
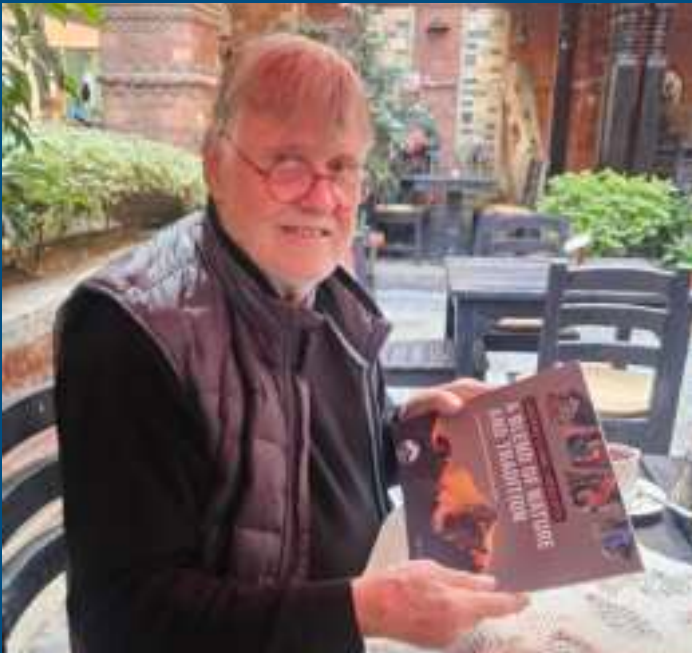
Since 2021, the **One Day One Tree** initiative in Langtang National Park and its Buffer Zone has steadily restored degraded alpine habitats and strengthened community resilience to climate change. With support from Hauser Exkursionen, NepalHilfe-Tirol, the Alice C. Tyler Perpetual Trust, Light Educational Development, and many individual donors, TPN—together with Tenjing Eco-Treks—has planted **3,000 native saplings** of juniper, fir, birch, and rhododendron in Kyanjin Valley.

"We thank The Partners Nepal for conserving Langtang's fragile alpine ecosystems by supporting yak herders and raising awareness on climate change and global warming."

- Kaisang Norbu Tamang, Mayor of Gosainkunda Rural Municipality

These efforts have improved soil stability, reduced erosion, enhanced water retention, expanded wildlife habitat, and contributed to long-term carbon sequestration. The initiative is **driven by local participation**. Herders, lodge owners, women's groups, and youth have played key roles in nursery work, planting, and maintaining protected enclosures, while educational handbooks and school programs have strengthened awareness and pride in Langtang's natural heritage. By June 2025, One Day One Tree will stand as a **replicable model** for high-mountain conservation—leaving Langtang with healthier landscapes and a lasting legacy of stewardship and resilience.





MELTING HEIGHTS
 CLIMATE CHANGE AND GLOBAL WARMING'S IMPACT ON NEPAL'S HIMALAYAS

A CASE FROM LANGTANG NATIONAL PARK
 AND BUFFER ZONE

LANGTANG'S LIVING LANDSCAPES

**A BLEND OF NATURE
 AND TRADITION**

LANGTANG NATIONAL PARK, RASUWA, NEPAL

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@Glimpses of One Day One Tree progress made in Langtang

7. ELDERLY CARE CENTER IN BUNG, SOLUKHUMBU

SUPPORTING SIR EDMUND HILLARY MEMORIAL MUSEUM AND ELDERLY CARE CENTER, BUNG, (2016-2025).



Since 2016, TPN has supported the Sir Edmund Hillary Memorial Museum and Elderly Care Centre in Bung, Solukhumbu. The earthquake-damaged building from 2015 was rebuilt and restored thanks to the initial financial contributions of **Sir Edmund Hillary Stiftung Deutschland**, **NepalHilfe-Tirol**, and TPN supporters throughout the world. Today, it is a key community facility that provides safety, dignity, and companionship to senior persons in Mahakulung Rural Municipality.

NepalHilfe-Tirol, **Engage Nepal**, **Light Educational Development (LED)**, the **Omotani Caring Foundation (OCF)**, and a number of generous private contributors have all continued to provide regular care and important services to the elderly. Through this persistent effort, the centre has evolved into a source of comfort, respect, and cultural pride, honouring both Sir Edmund Hillary's legacy and the well-being of Mahakulung's senior community.

IMPACTS

Since 2016, the **Sir Edmund Hillary Memorial Museum and Elderly Care Center** in Bung has provided dignity, care, and a safe home for the aging community of Mahakulung Rural Municipality. Rebuilt after the 2015 earthquake with support from **Sir Edmund Hillary Stiftung Deutschland**, **NepalHilfe-Tirol**, and friends of The Partners Nepal (TPN), the center has become a vital space where elders receive comfort, companionship, and respect.

“On behalf of the people of Mahakulung—including Bung, Chheskam, Gudel, and Pawai—we extend our heartfelt gratitude to The Partners Nepal for your continued support to our senior citizens. Thanks to your efforts, they are well cared for and able to live with dignity and comfort at the Sir Edmund Hillary Memorial Museum and Elderly Care Center.” -

Surya Kulung, Chairman, Mahakulung Rural Municipality (Aug 2025)






@Glimpses of support received from our respected donro agencies

8. SCHOOL SUPPORT JALAPA SCHOOL IN NECHA



The school boundary wall, upgraded class rooms, and roofing of the school building were built at the request of the school management committee of Shree Jalapa Basic School in Necha by The Partners Nepal, with support from Nepal Hilfe-Tirol and RETTETDASKIND OSTERREICH in Austria.

Shree Jalapa Basic School lacks a protective boundary fence, making students vulnerable to animal entry and unlawful entrance. Classrooms for grades 1-4 are overcrowded and poorly maintained, with uninsulated walls, bare concrete floors lacking proper carpeting, and no heating, making winters extremely hard and contributing to respiratory problems. Although the structure has a large footprint, the failing, leaky roof disturbs classrooms during the rain and allows dust and dirt to gather, resulting in filthy conditions.

IMPACTS

Support to Shree Jalapa Basic School in Necha has significantly improved safety and learning conditions for children in this remote community. Classroom upgrades, boundary improvements, and essential materials have created a more secure, welcoming, and motivating environment for regular attendance and better learning outcomes.

Teachers note increased student enthusiasm, and parents express strong gratitude for the positive changes. This support has strengthened community ownership and pride, reinforcing the value of education as a key foundation for resilience and future development.

“The transformation at Shree Jalapa Basic School is more than physical—it has revived hope in our community. The enhanced classrooms and boundary improvements have created a nurturing learning environment where children feel protected and motivated. We extend heartfelt gratitude to all supporters for investing in the strength and resilience of our young learners.”



@Glimpses of School Support to Jalapa Secondary School in Necha



@Glimpses of School Support to Jalapa Secondary School in Necha

9. COMMUNITY POND SUPPORT AS AN ADAPTATION TO CLIMATE CHANGE IN NECHA

At the request of the local community, Nechasalyan Rural Municipality, and the Jhahare Setidevi Community Forest Users Committee, The Partners Nepal—supported by Nepal Hilfe-Tirol, Engage Nepal, and matching funds from Nechasalyan Rural Municipality—has successfully restored the Chisapani Community Pond.



For generations, this pond has been the lifeline of Chisapani, providing water for irrigation, drinking, livestock, and local wildlife. Its restoration now enhances biodiversity, strengthens climate resilience, and opens new possibilities for domestic tourism.

TPN extends heartfelt gratitude to all partners whose collaboration made this achievement possible. The revived pond stands as both an environmental milestone and a symbol of community renewal in the face of climate change.

IMPACTS

The restoration of the Chisapani Community Pond in Necha—led by The Partners Nepal with support from Nepal Hilfe-Tirol, Engage Nepal, and matching funds from Nechasalyan Rural Municipality—has revived a crucial water source for irrigation, livestock, domestic use, and local biodiversity. Once depleted, the pond now provides year-round water security, strengthens ecosystem health, and boosts community resilience to climate change.

“The restoration of the Chisapani Community Pond has brought new life and hope to our community. We sincerely thank The Partners Nepal, Nepal Hilfe-Tirol, Engage Nepal, and all who supported this effort. Your partnership has ensured water security, strengthened our environment, and inspired pride among our people. This achievement will benefit generations to come.”

Dhanjan Rai, Chairman of Nechasalyan Rural Municipality 2025

Beyond environmental benefits, the restored pond has renewed community pride and opened opportunities for eco-tourism and livelihood enhancement. This initiative highlights the power of partnership and local ownership, standing as both an environmental success and a symbol of community renewal.



Before restoration in 2024



After restoration in 2025



@Glimpses of Community Pond Restoration in Necha

10. HORTICULTURE SUPPORT IN CHHESKAM



१. महाकुलुङको वडा नं. ३ देषेनाम, म्बु क्षेत्रमा टि जातका फलफुल बगै चा निर्माण गरी आय आर्जन गर्न त्यको लागि पहिलो चरणमा लगभग ११ ६०_न्तला, कागतिको विरुवा रोपन गर्ने ।
२. खेर गैरहेको बांभो जग्गाको दुपयोग गरी हरियाली वातावरण बनाउने

With funding from The Partners Nepal, barren land in Desenam Sambhu, Chheskam village has been revitalized through the planting of 1,160 citrus saplings. This initiative restores unused land, supports income generation for a community with limited livelihood options, and enhances local greenery. With the new road alignment, transporting and marketing fruits from Chheskam has become more feasible. The program is being implemented on the ground by The Partners Nepal's partner, the Chamlang Society Youth Group.

IMPACTS

With funding from The Partners Nepal and implementation by the Chamlang Society Youth Group, barren land in Desenam Sambhu, Chheskam has been converted into productive orchards with 1,160 orange and lemon trees. This initiative restores degraded land, enhances greenery, and improves resilience against soil erosion and climate impacts. It also creates future income opportunities for local families, supports better nutrition, and enables market access through the new road link. By empowering youth and farmers, the project transforms unused land into a sustainable source of livelihoods and community pride for Chheskam.

"On behalf of Chheskam village of Mahakulung Rural Municipality and the Chamlang Society Youth Group, I extend our sincere appreciation to The Partners Nepal for supporting citrus farming on previously barren land, making it productive, green, and a source of income for the local community."

Greetings, Dhan Bahadur Rai, ward chairman of Mahakulung-1, Chheskam





@Glimpses of horticulture support in Chheskam

11. RELIEF SUPPORT IN BUNG



साउन ३, सोलुखुम्बु । सोलुखुम्बुको महाकुलुङ गाउँपालिकाका विपन्न एक परिवारलाई घरमा छाना लगाउन १ लाख रुपैयाँ आर्थिक सहयोग प्राप्त भएको छ । गाउँपालिकाको वडा नम्बर १ का आश कुवीर राईको घरको छाना लगाउनका लागि द पाटनर्स नेपाल संस्थाले एक लाख रुपैयाँ बराबरको सहयोग प्रदान गरेको हो । पुरानो चित्राको छानो, ढुंगा, माटो र काठले बनेको परम्परागत घरमा बस्दै आएका थिए आस कुवीरका घर गत २०७२ सालका भुकम्पले क्षतिग्रस्त बनेको थियो । आर्थिक अवस्था कमजोर भएका कारण घर सम्म बनाउन नसकेका राईको घर निर्माणका लागि कर्मी

ज्याला र जस्तापाताका लागि संस्थाले सहयोग गरेको संवाददाता उद्धव कुलुङको भनाई छ । राईलाई सुरक्षित बासको व्यवस्था गराउने उद्देश्यले संस्थाले ८८ हजार रुपैयाँ बराबरको जस्तापाता, किला काटी, ग्याबिन तार लगायतका सामग्री उपलब्ध गराएको हो छ भने १२ हजार रुपैयाँ बराबरको कर्मी ज्याला समेत उपलब्ध गराइएको संस्थाका कोषाध्यक्ष भलाकाजी कुलुङले बताउनुभएको छ । सहयोग कार्यक्रम महाकुलुङ १ का वडा अध्यक्ष पर्खी धन राईको पहलमा सम्पन्न भएको हो । स्थानीय समुदायको आवास सुधारमा योगदान पुऱ्याउने उद्देश्यले संस्थाले विभिन्न समयमा आवश्यकता बमोजिम सहयोग गर्दै आइरहेको छ ।

In Bung, Solukhumbu, Mr. Kubir Rai's house was completely destroyed by a natural disaster, leaving his family without proper shelter. The Partners Nepal (TPN) provided timely support by installing a new roof, enabling the family to safely return to their home. This assistance brought critical relief during a difficult time, and the family expressed deep gratitude to TPN for restoring their sense of security and comfort.

IMPACTS

The roofing support provided by TPN has immediately restored safe shelter for the affected family in Bung, protecting them from harsh weather and improving their living conditions. This timely assistance has reduced vulnerability, offered psychological relief, and strengthened community confidence in collective support during times of crisis.

“On behalf of the people of Mahakulung, including Bung-1, we extend heartfelt gratitude to The Partners Nepal for supporting the roofing of Mr. Kubir Rai's house. Thanks to this support, he now lives safely and with dignity in his rebuilt home.”
– Parkhi Dhan Rai, Ward Chairman,
Mahakulung Rural Municipality (Aug 2025)



@Glimpses of relief support in Bung



@Glimpses of roofing support in Chheskam

12. THE PARTNERS NEPAL SUPPORTED ENVIRONMENTAL FRIENDLY MATERIALS



The Partners Nepal recognizes that conservation includes promoting sustainable daily practices alongside restoring forests and ecosystems. During religious festivals in Solukhumbu, plastic waste had become a growing concern, threatening fragile alpine environments and the sanctity of sacred sites.

To address this, TPN promoted the use of cloth bags and other eco-friendly materials, reducing plastic pollution and raising community awareness. This initiative reflects TPN’s holistic approach—protecting nature, honoring cultural traditions, and encouraging communities to adopt environmentally responsible habits.

IMPACTS

The distribution of cloth bags during the Phortse Monastery festival has reduced single-use plastics, helping keep the sacred site and surrounding alpine environment clean. This simple yet meaningful action supports healthier soils and water, minimizes pollution, and preserves the natural beauty of Khumbu.

The initiative also raises community awareness about sustainable practices, showing how cultural traditions can align with environmental stewardship. It strengthens the community’s role as guardians of both nature and heritage.

“The Phortse Takri Gompa deeply appreciates the cloth bags provided by The Partners Nepal to protect the mountain environment. These bags have become essential in reducing plastic pollution in the region.”

– Pemba Rita Sherpa, Chairman, Phortse Takri Gompa (June 2025)



@Glimpses of cloth bags distributions at Dumji festivals

13. HAND OVER A BOOKS ON CLIMATE CHANGE



On July 31st, The Partners Nepal officially handed over the newly published *Langtang's Living Landscapes* handbook to Mr. Kaisang Nurpu Tamang, Mayor of Gosainkunda Rural Municipality, and Mr. Shyam Kumar Shah, Senior Conservation Officer of Langtang National Park.

This concise, accessible handbook links the park's historical development and shifting climate to its rich biodiversity and cultural traditions, especially the spiritual significance of its sacred lakes. It also highlights urgent challenges—growing tourism, unmanaged cattle grazing, and climate change—and offers practical, community-based solutions. *Langtang's Living Landscapes* serves as a vital resource for policymakers, conservation practitioners, and local communities committed to safeguarding Langtang's natural and cultural heritage for future generations.

IMPACTS

The handover of the handbook to Gosainkunda Rural Municipality and Langtang National Park provides local authorities with an essential resource for policy-making, conservation planning, and community engagement. By linking ecological, cultural, and spiritual values with realistic strategies, the handbook supports efforts to manage tourism pressure, control overgrazing, and respond to climate change. Its use will strengthen awareness and guide informed decision-making to protect Langtang's fragile ecosystems and cultural heritage for future generations.

*"On behalf of Langtang National Park and its Buffer Zone, I sincerely thank The Partners Nepal for visiting the Park Headquarters in Dhunche and presenting the book *Langtang's Living Landscapes: A Blend of Nature and Tradition (2025)*. The book highlights the park's rich natural and cultural heritage while addressing the urgent issues of climate change and possible solutions."*

— Kumar Shah, Senior Conservation Officer, *Langtang National Park (July 2025)*



LANGTANG VALLEY 2025



@Glimpses of Climate Change Handbook Handover in Langtang valley

14. ADVISOR AND DONORS' VISIT TO TPN PROJECT SITES (2025)

The Partners Nepal had the honor of welcoming our long-time advisor and supporters—**Dr. Les Omotani and Dr. Barbara Omotani** of the Omotani Caring Foundation, **Professor Wolfgang Nairz**, founder and chairman of NepalHilfe-Tirol, and **Manfred Braml and Brigitte Braml** of Sir Edmund Hillary Stiftung Deutschland—for a field visit to our project sites in Solukhumbu and Sankhuwasabha. Their visit provided an invaluable opportunity to showcase the progress, impact, and community partnerships that define TPN's work.

During the trip, the delegation visited our **One Day One Tree** reforestation sites in Khumbu and Solu, where degraded alpine landscapes are being restored through community-led planting of indigenous species. They also toured the **Sir Edmund Hillary Memorial Museum and Elderly Care Center in Bung**, a restored cultural and social hub that now provides essential care and dignity to elders across Mahakulung Rural Municipality.

In Chheskam and Nechas, the group observed our **Community Pond Restoration projects**, designed as climate-change adaptation measures to address declining water sources and improve local resilience. They also visited schools where TPN has supported **roofing repairs, boundary fencing, and classroom improvements**, as well as the **horticulture program in Chheskam**, which promotes diversified livelihoods through fruit and citrus cultivation.

Throughout the visit, the advisors and donors witnessed firsthand the deep community engagement, environmental benefits, and social impact made possible through their generous support. Their encouragement strengthens TPN's commitment to restoring fragile mountain ecosystems, preserving cultural heritage, and improving the well-being of remote Himalayan communities.





@Glimpses of Manfred Braml and Brigitte Braml



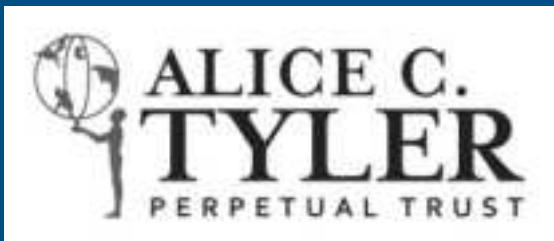
@ Glimpses of founder and chairman of Nepal Hilfe-Tirol, Prof. Wolfgang Nairz's visit to Jalapa Secondary School in Necha November 2025



@Glimpses of Dr. Les Omotani and Dr. Barbara Omotani

15. TPN DONOR AGENCIES

The Partners Nepal is extremely grateful to the many kind individuals and institutions that have helped fund our projects since 2015. Their dedication has allowed TPN to work closely with mountain communities to protect and restore fragile alpine ecosystems, preserve important cultural heritage sites, and enhance health and well-being in Nepal's remote regions.



16. TPN INTERNATIONAL ADVISORS (2018-2025)

Since 2018, international advisors have been appointed for their exceptional dedication and commitment to strengthening our work. These external advisors play a vital role in supporting Nepali NGOs by connecting them with donors, expanding funding opportunities, and guiding effective fundraising efforts. They also assist in developing and reviewing project proposals, reports, and strategic plans to ensure high-quality implementation.

By bringing extensive experience, global perspectives, and strong international networks, advisors enable NGOs to access new resources, navigate challenges, and create more meaningful and lasting impact in the communities they serve.

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1	PETER NICHOLS	COLORADO	USA
2	BRIAN J. PENISTON	WASHINGTON DC	USA
3	DR. LEANNE ALONSO	WASHINGTON DC	USA
4	DR. LES OMOTANI	ARIZONA	USA
5	VAL PITKETHLY	UNITED KINGDOM	UK



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17. TPN'S EXECUTIVE AND GENERAL MEMBERS

The Partners Nepal established in 2012 by former Mountain Institute staff and conservation and community development experts, has over twenty-five years of experience conserving alpine ecosystems, improving livelihoods, and preserving cultural heritage. TPN creates culturally relevant initiatives for mountain regions in collaboration with communities, governments, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and businesses. Since 2018, the TPN has appointed dedicated general members from Solukhumbu and Rasuwa.



Ang Rita Sherpa
Chairman



Bheem Raj Rai
Secretary



Bhala Kaji Kulung
Treasurer



Shova Rai
Member



Dambar Thapa
Member



Chet Kumar Khatri
Member



Januka Kulung
Member

17.1 GENERAL MEMBERS



Ang Temba Sherpa
Member



Sovit Kulung
Member



Shree Dhoj Rai
Member



Min Bahadur Rai
Member



Tsedar Bhutia
Member



Pasang Tamang
Member



Phura Gyalzen
Sherpa



Udhay Nachiiring
Member



Mingma Kanchi
Sherpa

18. THE PARTNERS NEPAL APPRECIATES THE SUPPORTERS (2024-2025)

Since our founding in 2015, The Partners Nepal has been deeply grateful for the generosity of our institutional and individual donors, whose support has enabled us to restore fragile alpine ecosystems, conserve cultural heritage sites, strengthen healthcare and schools, publish climate-change education handbooks, and rehabilitate community ponds as vital climate-adaptation measures.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to **Sir Edmund Hillary Stiftung Deutschland; Hauser Exkursionen; Nepal Hilfe-Tirol; Engage Nepal; Aero Telegraph; Alice C. Tyler Perpetual Trust; Peak Aid Japan; Light Educational Development (LED); One Tree Planted; Terra Matter Inc.; Omotani Caring Foundation; Sahaya International Inc.; Habitat (USA);** and to our valued individual supporters, including **Peter Nichols, Jason Barlow, Dr. Leanne Alonso, David Grover, Sunny (Michael Gills), Geoff Bailey, Curramore Foundation, Levison, Prof. Koen K. Van Rompay, Manfred Braml, Brigitte Braml, Peggy Kivel, Frances Klatzel** and many others.

We sincerely appreciate your trust, commitment, and partnership, and we look forward to continuing our shared efforts to support mountain communities and protect Nepal's fragile environments.



19. PRIORITY ACTIVITIES AND FUNDING NEEDS (2025-2026)

The Partners Nepal (TPN) extends its heartfelt gratitude to all our generous supporters for funding our 2025 initiatives. We remain firmly committed to restoring fragile alpine ecosystems, conserving cultural heritage, strengthening education, supporting senior citizens, improving health services in remote areas, revitalizing community ponds as climate-change adaptation measures, and promoting sustainable horticulture for local livelihoods.

The total budget required for the 2026 program is NPR 9,688,000 (USD 69,200). To fully implement these priority initiatives, TPN is currently seeking NPR 8,638,000 (USD 61,700) in additional funding. We sincerely welcome continued partnership and support to sustain and expand this vital work for Nepal’s mountain communities.

PRIORITY ACTIVITIES AND FUNDING NEEDS (2025-2026)

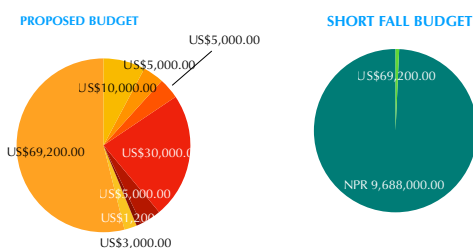
SN	YEAR	PROJE CTS	AREA	USD	NPR	REMARKS
1	2026	ONE DAY ONE TREE	KHUMBU	US\$10,000	NPR 1,400,000	CONTINUE
2	2026	ONE DAY ONE TREE	SOLU	US\$5000	NPR 700,000	CONTINUE
3	2026	ONE DAY ONE TREE	LANGTANG	US\$5,000	NPR 700,000	CONTINUE
4	2026	ELDERLY CARE CENTER	BUNG	US\$10,000	NPR 1,400,000	CONTINUE
5	2026	CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION	SOLUKHUMBU	US\$30000.00	US\$4200000.00	CONTINUE
6	2026	HORTICULTURE	SOLU	US\$5,000	NPR 700,000	CONTINUE
7	2026	SOCIAL WELFARE COUNCIL	KATHMANDU	US\$1,200	NPR 168,000	CONTINUE
8	2026	TPN ADMINISTRATION	KATHMANDU	US\$3,000	NPR 420,000	CONTINUE
	2026	TOTAL	KATHMANDU	US\$69,200	NPR 9,688,000	CONTINUE

AVAILABLE FUNDS WITH TPN

SN	YEAR	USD	NRS	REMARKS
1	2025	US\$7500.00	NPR 1050000.00	BALANCE WITH TPN

SHORTFALL BUDGET OF COMMUNITY POND AT CHISAPANI

SN	YEAR	PROJE CTS	USD	NRS	REMARKS
1	2026	THE PARTNERS NEPAL	US\$69,200	NPR 9,688,000	TOTAL BUDGET
2	2025	THE PARTNERS NEPAL	US\$7500.00	NPR 1050000	AVAILABLE WITH TPN
3	2026	THE PARTNERS NEPAL	US\$61,700	NPR 8,638,000	SHORTFALL BUDGET



- 1 2026 ONE DAY ONE TREE KHUMBU
- 2 2026 ONE DAY ONE TREE SOLU
- 3 2026 ONE DAY ONE TREE LANGTANG
- 4 2026 CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION SOLUKHUMBU
- 5 2026 HORTICULTURE SOLU
- 6 2026 SOCIAL WELFARE COUNCIL KATHMANDU
- 7 2026 TPN ADMINISTRATION KATHMANDU
- 8 2026 TOTAL KATHMANDU

AVAILABLE BALANCE



\$ 1X140 Nepal Exchange Rate December 2025

20. CONCLUSION

The Partners Nepal's activities continue to thrive due to excellent collaboration with partner organizations, local communities, and government authorities. For nearly two decades, these collaborations have been critical to protecting and restoring endangered alpine ecosystems in Sagarmatha National Park and elsewhere. Today, TPN's extensive experience in forestry, reforestation, and climate adaptation enables us to effectively address the mounting issues of climate change and community needs.

The Department of National Parks and Wildlife Conservation, the authorities of Sagarmatha and Langtang National Parks, the Buffer Zone Committees, women's groups, senior monks, and indigenous communities all provide ongoing support, ensuring active local engagement and ownership.

TPN has improved program efficiency, openness, and accountability by connecting donors and local implementers, ensuring that conservation activities continue to have an impact and be resilient in the future.

21. APPRECIATION

The Partners Nepal, along with the people of Solukhumbu and Rasuwa, express deep gratitude to our kind contributors, partners, and friends. Your continuous support has been critical in protecting delicate alpine ecosystems, rehabilitating lands damaged by deforestation, overgrazing, and fuelwood use, and raising much-needed climate change awareness among children and communities in these areas. TPN's close partnership with local implementers and donors continues to strengthen resilience to the mounting challenges of climate change.

From 2023 to 2025, these accomplishments have been made possible by the generous support of Sir Edmund Hillary Stiftung Deutschland, Hauser Exkursionen, NepalHilfe-Tirol, Engage Nepal, Aero Telegraph, the Alice C. Tyler Perpetual Trust, Light Education Development (LED) UK, Terra Mater Inc., Peak Aid Japan, the Omotani Caring Foundation (OCF), and One Tree Planted. We are also grateful to our loyal individual supporters, including Peter Nichols, Dr. Koen Van Rompay, Jason Barlow, David Grober, Geoff Bailey, Curramore Foundation, Peggy Kivel, Manfred Braml, Sunny (Michael Gills), and Breffni Bolze.

Our local partners in Solukhumbu and Langtang deserve special commendation for their unwavering devotion, as does Mr. Bheem Raj Rai for his crucial leadership and coordination. We look forward to continue our joint adventure of conservation, resilience, and hope for Nepal's mountain villages.

22. WHAT CAN YOU DO?

As you trek or climb through the spectacular Himalayan regions, you have the opportunity to give back to the communities that have welcomed and supported you. The Partners Nepal is extending its efforts in Solukhumbu and elsewhere to address pressing issues like climate change, fragile alpine ecosystems, education, and healthcare. Your tiny contribution can make a significant difference. By making a donation, you will:

- ***Support reforestation and the preservation*** of delicate alpine environments that are quickly deteriorating due to global warming.
- ***Promote climate change awareness and adaptation***, assisting local populations in developing practical ways to deal with melting glaciers, unpredictable weather, and shifting ecosystems.
- ***Strengthen education*** by giving children and youth the information and resources they need to develop a sustainable future.
- ***Improve healthcare and community*** resilience in isolated villages that are increasingly vulnerable to climate-related consequences.

Every donation, no matter how large or small, helps us improve people's lives, adapt to climate change concerns, and safeguard mountains for future generations. If you would want to support us in this effort, please consider making a gift through [insert details (<http://www.sahaya.org/donate>)].

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