# IMPACTING LIVES... TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES...

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...on the way with God to his destination.

## **ABOUT US**

### Vision

To be living witnesses of God's love and transform communities.

#### Mission

Spiritual, social, and economic transformation of the disadvantaged, marginalized and underprivileged communities through health, education and community development.

#### Values

Righteousness is the path of our life, Honesty is the strength of our life & Serving others is the duty of our life.

#### **PROJECTS:**

#### Healt h

- Chaurjahari Hospital Rukum (CHR)
- Gunjaman Singh Hospital Chitwan (GHC)
- Namuna Community Hospital (NCH)

#### **Education**

- Asha Bal Bikas Sewa (ABBS)
- KISC Primary, Secondary & EQUIP

## **Community Development**

- Community Radio Initiative Nepal (CoRIN)
- Chepang Livelihood
- Community Based Rehabilitation Rukum (CBR Rukum)
- Medical Emergency Health Response (MEHR)
- Mother and Child Health (MCH)
- One Health
- Prosperous and Safe West Rukum

#### Disast er Management

- Forecast Based Emergency Response (FOREBER)
- Namuna Community Preparedness Project (NCPP)

# **Dordi Medical Camp**



A free Health Camp was organized on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2023 in the village of Nauthar Sera, in Dordi, Lamjung by HDCS-Namuna Community Hospital through the support of CMS Ireland and in coordination with local government. Dordi is an area in Lamjung that is highly affected by floods and landslides. Every year floods and landslides have damaged different parts of Dordi.

In June, a big landslide affected villages there leaving the community very vulnerable. HDCS NCH organized a one-day free disaster medical health response camp for the people in the landslide affected area. A total of 653 individuals received free health treatment and post-trauma counseling.

Mental health services at these camps seem necessary and important. Read more to find out why: <a href="https://www.hdcsnepal.org/blog/nanimaya-finds-hope/">https://www.hdcsnepal.org/blog/nanimaya-finds-hope/</a>



## **SPOTLIGHT NEWS**

On June 5th, HDCS celebrated World Environment Day across the organization. We participated in various sanitation activities such as cleaning up our environment to pursue and encourage creation care, promoted tree planting and waste segregation.



In July, through the Namuna Community Preparedness Project (NCPP), a basic orientation on disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation was provided to local volunteers of Sundarbazar municipality. Community volunteers and NCH staff were also trained on fire extinguisher, tent assembling, patient transfer and basic first-aid.

KISC EQUIP has signed a project agreement with Woord En Daad. This enables EQUIP to start a new project with 10 more schools in RukumWest.

KISC EQUIP enaged in a range of teacher training activities in Lamjung this August. Also organized a seminar on Child Safeguarding along with 209 parents in their 8 partner schools. 122 students have also received scholarships.

HDCS's newest project the **One Health** Project officially began in July 2023. The project was initiated with an 8-day community mobilization training in Chaurjahari. 24 community staff received training on topics of social mobilization, skill development, environmental management and community empowerment.

Our B Class Ambulance is now operational with paramedics in West **Rukum**. The ambulance services will help provide access to health care services especially during emergency cases to the poorest of poor in grave need.

A Blood Grouping Campaign is continuing in the mid-western hills of Nepal through the initiative of our **Chaurjahari Hospital** in Rukum. The campaign has now reached Salyan district.

NCH conducted its first major surgery (appendectomy) this month - a major feat. We hope to fully equip our Operation Theatres at NCH to make more surgical services available to those in need.

Anticipatory Action - This monsoon we have seen a lot of heavy rainfall and in preparation to respond to disasters, we equipped and helped build the capacity of locals in Lamjung and Manang to respond to disasters. Read more:

https://www.hdcsnepal.org/blog/anticipatoryaction/

# **Inclusivity Fosters Encouragement**



A total of 73 participants from HDCS, which included students, parents, and staff of ABBS, participated in the Kathmandu Mini Marathon Run last summer.

It was an 8km run organized by Nepal Sports Fellowship. This event was a source of great encouragement to the students and parents because they felt included.

# Geotechnical Assessment of two landslides



Heavy rainfall in Chhailung and Shikhrey in Dordi, Lamjung resulted in landslides. HDCS conducted a landslide susceptibility study with technical support from the Institute of Himalayan Risks Reduction (IHRR) in June 2023, aiming to gain an understanding on further landslide risk during this monsoon season in this area.

The houses in these communities were too close to the crown of the landslide and immediate action to prevent further damage was required. Through our Forecast Based Emergency Response (FOREBER) project, we provided plastic sheets for a total area of 2000 sq.m. to cover the landslide and stop the infiltration of water to prevent further landslide and damage to homes. Sufficient overlap was maintained and so far the rainfall has not entered into the landslide area.

Though this is a short term solution, long term sustainable mitigation measures such as plantation of Vetiver grass, Amriso, or Bamboo is needed. This method can be combined with simple civil engineering measures such as dry-stone wall or check dams at the base of the landslide for stability against the high-velocity flow of water during the monsoon seasons.