

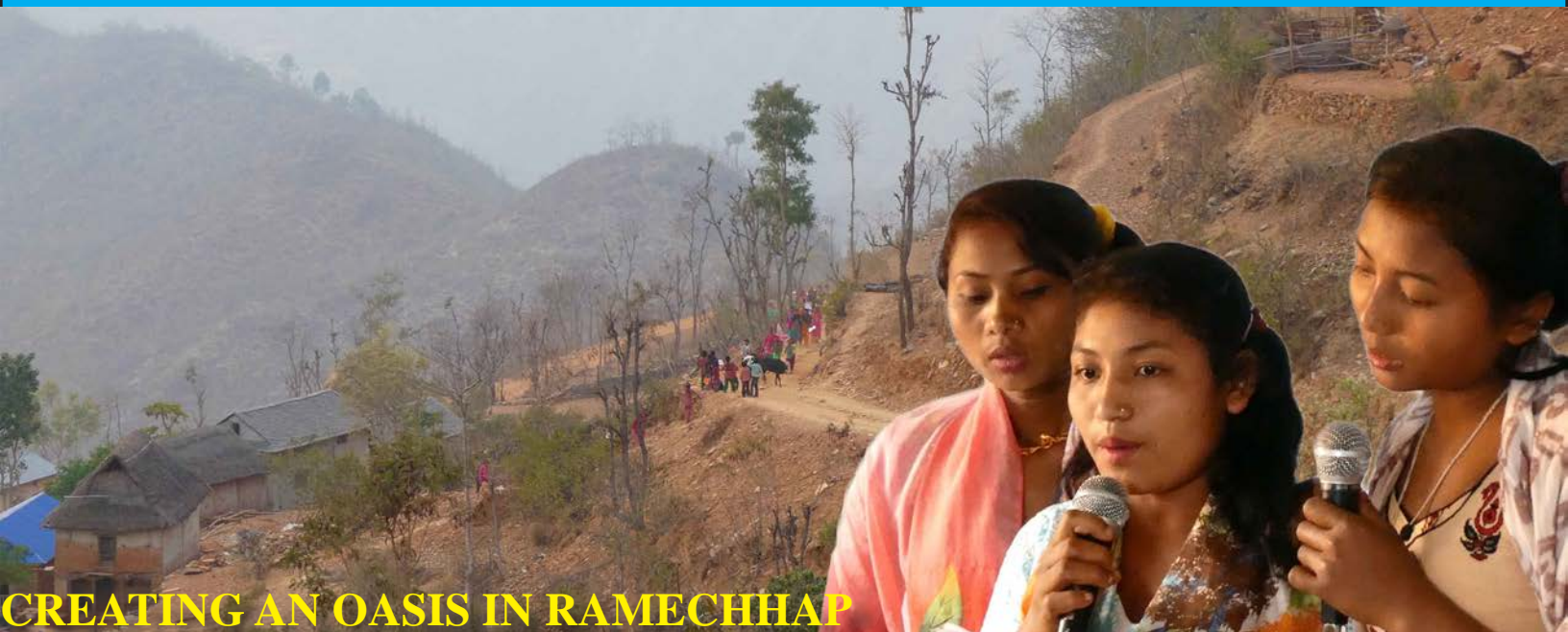


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### CREATING AN OASIS IN RAMECHHAP

“I quit schooling after 10th standard because we do not have colleges at our village and my family could not afford to send me to city for higher education”, says 18 years old Bijita Majhi, from Rakathum village of Ramechhap who had come to voice out for women’s right on 8th March during International Women’s Day Celebration conducted by NJSI. Sabina Majhi, another active participant of the program also had to quit her studies after 12th grade. She’d finished 10th grade at a local school and 10+2 at a college in Dhulikhel, 58 km away from her village. Bijita’s sister, Rojina Majhi currently studying at 9th standard, spends 1.5 hours just to reach the nearest school located on another slope of the dry hill. Ram Hari Thapa Magar, an NJSI staff says, “discontinuation of schooling at Rakathum is high because of this and other reasons like urgency of the family to earn money and lack of awareness about importance of education”.

Rakathuma and most of the villages of Ramechhap are backward in other forms of infrastructural development as well. It is a misery to learn that the villages still do not have electricity; people depend on solar and kerosene for lighting. Rakathum borders with B.P Highway separated by Sunkoshi River; yet it takes more than an hour through 7 km long one way off-road trail to reach there just because there’s no bridge to connect the two hills.

Sunkoshi runs 3 km down the village and yet the red and orange land remains barren for most of the years with only one crop, maize, grown once in year. Iron rich soil of Rakathum village is good for millet groundnut, lentils, castor seeds, and other types of oil crops. However, good irrigation, which is a lack, is a must for these cash crops.

“We are thankful to NJSI for the water pipeline connection they had sponsored in 2016” says Keshar Nepali, a local beneficiary of Chapadi locality, Rakathum. Similarly Ram says, “33 nearby families, with average of 6 members, have utilized the supply for household and kitchen gardening. However, the water reservoir does not suffice for farther houses and the supply is insufficient for irrigation”. Keshar Nepali requests and is hopeful for further feasible support from NJSI.

People of Rakathum have very limited means of development because of its geographical complexities and rain intensity. Nevertheless, NJSI is convinced that steady efforts and compliance from local people, especially youths will change the face of Rakathum.





# HIGHLIGHTS

## Miguel and Christina joining the NJSI



Miguel Santiuste from Entreculturas, (Xavier network) has joined NJSI for a year and Christina Tamang has also joined as Office Supervisor and Public Relation Officer.

## Women's Day Celebration at four different Places



Rammechapp



Jaretar



Sindhupalchowk



Kavre

On the occasion of 108th world women's day, NJSI conducted programs in four different places Rammechapp, Sindhupalchowk and two places in Kavre, namely Jaretar and Mandan Deupur .

## Completion of Tailoring Training at Jaretar, Kavrepalanchowk



After handing over women's center to the danuwar community at Jaretar, NJSI had started tailoring training for their empowerment and sustainability. The training was for three months. The resource person, Babita Danuwar, was from the Danuwar community itself.

## Women's Activity Center Handed Over at Sindhupalchowk



On 30th Dec,2017 the women's Center of Khadichaur, Sindhupalchowk was handed over to the community.

## Appriciation Certificate to NJSI from National Reconstruction Authority(NRA) and Kanti Bhairav Secondary School



On 27th January, 2017 NRA had conducted a program in completion of 2 years of their establishment. The program was about releasing the information to all the citizens regarding the works that they have done so far. Selected organizations were given the appreciation certificates in which NJSI was also selected for constructing four hostels for the special children, three in Nuwakot and one in Sindhupalchowk.

On the occasion of golden jubilee of Kanti Bhairav Secondary School, 29th December, 2017, NJSI received the appreciation certificate from the President of Nepal, Ms. Bidya Devi Bandari for helping the school with different relief materials during the earthquake emergency.



# NJSI INTERVENTIONS AND ACTIVITIES

## Sindhupalchowk

### Shelter Construction at Galthum

The shelter construction at Helambhu 4, Sindhupalchowk is on a progressive state. Thirty six beneficiaries got their second tranche and twelve of them have received their third tranche .

On 16th January, 2017, NJSI conducted a meeting to encourage the beneficiaries to construct their houses faster. Along with the beneficiaries, Mr. Raj Kumar Lamichhane, Chief of Helambhu Rural Municipality, NJSI team and Fr. Amrit Rai, Superior of Nepal Jesuit Society's attended the meeting.

In the meeting, we clarified the mandate of the government and even listen to their challenges they are facing while constructing the shelter. Mr. Raj Kumar Lamichhane assured us and the beneficiaries to create the environment that make things easy and smooth for the construction process.



### Women's Day Celebration at Khadichaur

On 8th March, 2018 NJSI celebrated world women's Day in Women Center at Khadichaur Sindhupalchowk. The women's center was constructed by NJSI. The program was funded by MissioAchen. NJSI conducted a presentation with the informative notes, discussed about the present scenario, talked about the history of women's right in Nepal, presented about different women icons of Nepal like Anuradha koirala, Puspa Basnet who won "CNN Hero Award" in 2010 and 2012 respectively. NJSI team celebrated the day in order to encourage the local women to broaden their perspectives and seek for their aspiration.



### Women's Activity Center Handed Over at Khadichaur



On 30th Dec, 2017, the women's Center of Khadichaur, Sindhupalchowk was handed over to the community, in the presence of NJSI team, local people and beneficiaries.

NJSI has always helped for the well being of the women through various skill enhancing training programs like tailoring, beads making, soap making etc.

Likewise at Khadichaur, the resources to the women's group were very limited. Since, they didn't have the shelter, they were unable to have regular meetings or the activities. So, NJSI constructed a multipurpose hall for them and WASH facility.



## Para-Legal Awareness Programme

NJSI has never confined the work within the construction area only. As soon as the women's center was handed over, NJSI conducted Para-Legal awareness program mainly focusing on the women.

In the villages, the status of women is way behind men. They are restricted within the household chores and have been discriminated in every aspect of life. They hardly know how to read and write. So to get to know their rights and making use of them is not easy by themselves. They often think that raising their voices against oppression would lead to breaking their family norms and values. In order to broaden their thoughts and make people to think logically, para-Legal awareness programme was conducted. The information regarding the rights mainly focusing on women's rights were shared with the help of different relating visuals.



## Early Childhood Development Center (ECD)



One of the local member of the community, Mr. Yam Nath Paudel, gave his land voluntarily to construct the ECD in 6 Balebi Rural Municipality.

NJSI constructed the ECD center and WASH facility for the students of Saat Kanya School. The center has one huge hall where they could conduct various activities for the students. There are 26 students, 12 boys and 14 girls. Miss Uma Paudel is the facilitator of ECD center. The project is funded by the Xavier Network. On 19th March Handing over ceremony was held in the presence of NJSI team, Fr. Amrit Rai, Superior of NJS, Fr. Stanislaus Jebamalai, Secretary of Jesuits in Social Action (JESA), Miguel Santiuste from Xavier network attended the program.

## Early Childhood Development(ECD) Training Program







The ECD training program was held on 23rd feb in Bal Shikshya Higher Secondary School. Prof. Branislav Pupala from Trnava University provided the training program to 21 teachers. He talked about the methods, techniques, effects of EDC and even shared the information regarding ECD approaches between eastern and western countries.

The teachers were very happy and express their gratitude towards NJSI for conducting the program.

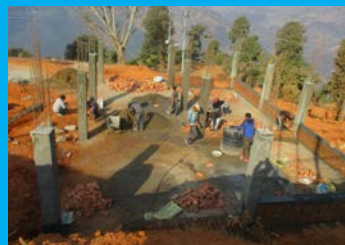
### **Furniture Distribution in Bal Shikshya Higher Secondary School**



NJSI distributed furnitures for staffs of Bal Shikshya Higher School. Manos Unidas funded the project where twenty chairs were distributed. In the past, during the emergency phase of devastating earthquake. NJSI had distributed relief materials to various schools in which Bal Shikshya Higher Secondary School was also one of them.

## **Dhadhing**

### **Construction of Mahendra Ratna School**



The construction in Mahendra Ratna School is going in a continuous progressive manner. The work of first storey is almost finished. Altogether there are four rooms, two on the ground floor and two on the second floor. This project is funded by Caritas Germany. Altogether there are 187 students. The new building has the capacity for around hundred students.

At present the students are staying in a temporary shelter. As soon as the building gets over the students will get beautiful and spacious classrooms to study.

### **Completion of Basic Tailoring, Beauty Culture and Hair Dressing Training Program**



Six month training program of tailoring, beauty culture and hair dressing course has come to an end. The training was provided to eight girls at Donbosco institute. The girls were very happy to complete their course and said that they have built the confidence to explore the opportunities for employment in their upcoming future.



## Construction of Road from Somdang to Tipling



The women's group walked all the way from Tipling to Pansang to conduct a small appreciation program for NJSI when the road crossed Pansang Pass which is located at the height of 3800m.

The people were very happy and thankful to NJSI. The project is funded by Xavier Network.

Winter is going to an end but the snowfall did not affect the continuity of the construction work.

People are eagerly waiting for the road to reach Tipling because this road could be their new hope to step into the new opportunities.



## Dolakha

### Environment Club in Haleshowr School



In addition to the improvement of educational sector, NJSI has started the environment club in Haleshowr School. From class 8 and 9, altogether 89 students got the membership of the environment club.

NJSI team prepared the activities to motivate the students to join the club and make them aware of various activities to develop their environment. The students were divided into six different groups namely cleanliness and hygiene, plantation, recycle/reuse, fund raising, media and documentation. So accordingly the students have to perform their roles.

### Early Childhood Development(ECD) Training Program



Another ECD training program was held in Haleshowr Higher Secondary School for 15 teachers. Here too, Prof. Branislav Pupala from Trnava University provided the training program to the teachers.

It was one day program where he gave the idea of different strategies to uplift the standard of early childhood. The teachers were quite active to learn the new strategies and find it very informative as well. They were thankful to Prof. Pupala for sharing the ideas and NJSI to create such a platform where they could explore their horizon.



# Kavre

## Construction of Activity Center at Bhagawati School

NJSI is building activity center for the special children of Bhagawati School. The project is funded by Caritas Italy.

The work is going in a smooth and progressive manner. The activity center has two rooms on the ground floor and one big hall on the second floor. The construction work has reached to lintel level. The children are very excited and happy to have a separate activity hall for them.



## Construction of Hostel at Kali Devi School

NJSI is building a hostel for the special children of the Kali Devi School. It has two bedrooms, one for boys and the other for girls, one kitchen with dinning hall, one activity room, two toilets and two bathrooms. The structure of the hostel is exactly the same as other four hostel that NJSI has constructed. The project is funded by Caritas Italy. The plaster work has been finished, now the truss work will start soon.



## Training for Teachers and Parents of Special Children



On 27th, 28th and 29th January, NJSI provided the training program to the parents, teachers and caretakers of Bhagawati School. The training program was to provide needful guidance regarding general physiotherapy and speech therapy. Mr. Suresh Shrestha, Senior physiotherapist, Ms. Mahima Ghimire, speech therapist and Mrs. Rama Karki from SOS Children Village were the facilitator of the training program.

## Distribution of Educational Materials at Sanjeevani School

Educational materials were distributed to visually impaired children at Sanjeevani Higher Secondary School. Altogether 24 bags were distributed to the students where each bag contained braille slate, braille paper, talking calculator, pendrive, radio and a white cane.





## Construction of Women's hall at Kunta

NJSI is constructing another women's center at Kavre. The first one has been already handed over to the respective community. The center has one big hall and one facilitator room like other women's centers that had been constructed.

With the regular monitoring of NJSI team the construction work has been completed. Now, the center is ready for conducting the welfare activities to the women and community. Soon the center will be handed over to the respective authority.

The women are thankful to the donor, Xavier Network and to NJSI for the implementation of the project.



## Completion of three months Tailoring Training at Jaretar

NJSI has been working for the upliftment and empowerment of the Danuwar community especially to the women. NJSI has built a women's center for them and has provided various training programs like beads training, soap making and now with tailoring training which has come to an end. It was a three-month training course where sixteen women were trained. This project is funded by Missio Aachen.

On Women's Day, 8th March, the certificates were distributed to the participants. Altogether there were 16 participants.



## Women's Day Celebration at Jaretar and Manden Deupur

Here in Kavre district, the Women's Day celebration was at two places. One in the women's center of Jaretar and the other one in the women's center of Manden Deupur. Both of the women's centers were constructed by NJSI. The motive of the program is to encourage and motivate the women to celebrate the day with some informative presentation. 27 women were present in Jaretar where as 89 women were present in Mandan Deupur. The presentation was for the local women to realize their rights and utilize it in a proper manner.





# Jhapa

## Construction of new building at ST Xavier School, Deonia

A beautiful building has been constructed in the premises of ST. Xavier School, Deonia. The school's building was damaged in the earthquake of 2015. The construction work has been finished and the wall has been painted. The inauguration of the building is in the mid of April.

The students are eagerly waiting to study in the secured and protective building .



The construction of the toilets in six different schools of Gorkha has been completed. Soon it will be handed over to the respective authorities.

## Distribution of Furnitures in ten different Schools



NJSI distributed the furnitures to 10 different schools of Gorkha. The schools are Barahi Primary School, Jalmukhi Primary School, Shiv Primary School, Jana Sakti Primary School, Mul Devi School, Sapta Kanya School, Badri Dada School, Sorpani Samudayik School, Sidhartha School, Thani Primary School.

In each school 1 white board, 2 tables, 5 ECD tables, 6 sets of desk and bench, 4 chairs, 24/24m carpet were distributed .

The school and the students were very delighted and thankful .

# Gorkha

## Construction of Toilets in Six Schools





# Ramechhap

## Women's Day Celebration at Rakathum



NJSI celebrated women's day at Rakathum, Ramechhap as well. Altogether 61 people joined the program. The motive of the program was to mark the day with happiness in an informative manner. NJSI team gave presentation related to the women, their rights, and shown the images of some of the famous women of Nepal who had risen up through their hard work like Pasang Lhamu Sherpa, who was the first woman of Nepal to reach Mt. Everest. Jamak Kumari Ghimire, who was born with cerebral palsy but awarded with Madan Puraskar for her autobiography. And many other famous women were shown who had contributed in the society from their own effort.

## Lalitpur

### Distribution of Educational Materials in Maha Laxmi School



NJSI provided science lab equipments, white boards, audio-visual devices, tables and chairs for computer learning for the students of Maha Laxmi School which is located in Lalitpur district. The school authority and students express their gratitude towards NJSI team for helping the students to reach out the educational resources which they were in need of.

### Distribution of Educational Materials in BP Foundation



As a part of empowering the disabled children, NJSI had provided Educational materials to the children of B.P Eye Foundation. Altogether, 19 bags were distributed to the visually impaired students where each bag contained braille slate, braille paper, talking calculator, pendrive, radio and a white cane.

### Attention !!!

NJSI has stopped using the previous bank account for receiving donations. Here after please send your donations to the bank account given below:

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