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EDITORIAL MESSAGE



Being invited to edit the Punya Foundation (PF) Annual Report 2011 was a surprise. I took up the work despite my pre-occupation with many other assignments of personal nature. Nonetheless, it has been an enriching experience. A lot of good things have taken place, which many of us have not heard of.

I think PF wanted to share those things to us – hence this Report. It is the Foundation's attempt to speak to the people about what they are doing. To many, it may provide an opportunity to have a closer look at the organization, as it has clearly done to me.

It may be too early to say any thing big about Punya Foundation and it is hard to say nothing at all. But moving on, the Foundation seems to have found a way of evolving through work. The Foundation has embarked on a few very praise worthy projects. One that particularly struck me most is the Scholarship Program to some disadvantaged children of our community. It certainly is a very commendable investment. Those children deserve as much, if not more.

There is a close relationship between education and society. When asked how much educated men were superior to those uneducated, Aristotle answered, 'as much as the living are to the dead'. We stop growing when we stop educating. To G. K. Chesterson, 'education is simply the soul of a society that passes from one generation to another'. I personally believe any empowerment project must begin with education as a reference, not economics.

William Ellery Channing said 'it is a greater work to educate a child, in the true and larger sense of the word, than to rule a state'. And that is the visualization Punya Foundation has in making a difference in peoples' lives. A helpless boy who would have probably spent life breaking stones at a river bank has found a way to college. A blind girl, who would spend an entire life inside the bamboo hut, goes to college. An orphan kid who would wash dishes in a restaurant is attending school. A few dreams have been saved from shattering; some meaning to life have been added. Great work for a great mission! Yet, all this didn't just happen by itself. It happened because of the support and scholarships awarded by the Foundation.

And all these good work will not be squandered. There is a saying - 'what goes in comes out'. Since these students have been blessed with community help; when they grow up, they will reward the society from which they came, with their own contributions. They will give back what was given to them. A healthy society is often tested but its edifice is never broken if we continuously use education as the vehicle for transmitting our values. To borrow a sentence from John F. Kennedy, 'Our progress as a community can be no swifter than our progress in education'.

As I edit this report, it is a pleasure to find that many of our young community members have developed a powerful way of expressing themselves. The culture needs to continue, hopefully spreading into the greater 'educated' section of our community. I hope Punya Foundation shall walk the talk and wish them all the best.

Thank you
RP Subba
VA, USA

It was a pleasure to have the opportunity to edit the 2011 annual report of the Foundation as I had watched and participated in the decisions of the Foundation for the whole year. Many people dedicated enormous efforts and energy in organizing the Foundation's activities that impacted vulnerable Bhutanese individuals and families lives in the Diaspora. I am reminded of the philosophy of Paulor Freire when it comes to empowerment of vulnerable people. He believes in vulnerable people's assets and capabilities and thinks that when organizing program for poor people we should consult them, involve them and raise the consciousness about their social world . He believes in the importance of dialogue, similar to Socratic questioning, in order to organize education for the people and not banking type of education where knowledge is transmitted from the teacher to the students assuming that learners are passive recipients.



This is the essence of critical pedagogy that Paulo Freire believes which is similar to Amartya Sen's capability approach in development and Robert Chamber's assertion that poor people's realities should be the basis of any programming. Punya Foundation's work for 2011 falls in this frame of reference and I would like to salute the dedicated efforts of many like minded individuals who worked tirelessly to see that these programs implemented successfully. The varieties of programs organized by the Foundation not only helped to improve the lives of vulnerable families and children but have made a good impact among the community.

I hope you will enjoy reading and reflecting about this short passage as well as reading the Punya Foundation's 2011 annual report.

Tika Adhikari
Winnepeg, Canada

Punya Foundation is a non-profit charity forum established with a mission of justice seeking through education and empowerment. The target groups of the foundation are those people who need support to live a dignified life. The foundation assists underprivileged and rendered vulnerable children with their education.

It focuses on welfare of women in fronts of social issues like mediation programs and empowerment via adult education. Operating on the principals of fundamental human rights, the foundation raises voice against violation of human rights bringing social injustice at international forum.

Punya Foundation aims :

1. To contribute to the self-reliance and empowerment of the vulnerable and underprivileged children through education
2. To seek justice and peace through organization of adult education, empowerment and relief provision programs to victims of social injustice, victims of trauma and violence and poor and widows
3. To assist in the successful integration of resettled communities through organization of cultural activities, providing psychosocial support and job-oriented training programs
4. To mobilize resources and extend emergency assistance during natural disasters and calamities
5. To cherish the sacrifice and contributions made by the fighters of human rights and peace organizing literary, relief and cultural programs and to disseminate the incidents of violation of human rights to the wider international community

▶ **One of the oldest single women in Beldangi camp felicitated by the BRAIN with support from the Foundation.**



The Foundation focuses on welfare of women in fronts of social issues like mediation programs and empowerment



Dear friends,

Punya Foundation is pleased to present our Annual Report 2011 to you all. The year began with religious prayers and activities in honor of our Martyrs. Ritual activities according to the best Hindu traditions were organized in Atlanta, Georgia, Seattle, Washington, and Jhapa, Nepal - to pay homage to our venerated Martyrs.

The brave sacrifices of our many sung and unsung heroes of the struggle were paid tribute to and commemorated. While these martyrs rest in peace, their sacrifices and courage should invoke

in us all - a passion to lead by example. It was a symbolic way of beginning a new year.

I can say from my own experience, that people who are passionate about justice and freedom do not fear torture or the powers that be. The exemplary display of courage and endurance demonstrated by Mr. Ratan Gazmere and Mr. Biswanath Chhetri during incarceration in the Bhutanese prison should never be hidden from the public.

Later in exile, we saw the internal strength of Mr. Jogen Gazmere, Mr. Hari Adhikari Bangalay and Mrs. Indrawati Rai, who volunteered to lead a peace march into the jaws of the dragon. These are not just stories – they are real events of their lives.

That horrendous night, Mr. Rangalal Sharma and I were

in the same building where Mr. Mon Bahadur Chhetri attained martyrdom. A shrill cry was overheard from one of the rooms – and a martyr was born.

Such was the situation then. If these men were ‘courageous’, it also means that ‘death’ was its other name. But to these noble souls, the inner urge for justice and freedom was bigger than their lives. Their departure leaves behind a footprint that even their own perpetrators cannot erase.

Today, we still debate about our martyrs - as we always do - and in doing so we deride their significance in our history. Let us realize that martyrdom is not debatable. It is not an issue.

Punya Foundation is just a simple way of honoring our brave souls. Each page of this report is nothing but a prayer in action. A collective endeavor to cherish and celebrate their sacrifices will cleanse our own souls from other transgressions of life.

" I can say from my own experience, that people who are passionate about justice and freedom do not fear torture or the powers that be."

Finally, I would like to thank you all for contributing to our mission. Together, we have come a long way, but the journey needs to continue further.

Thank you.

Tek Bir Chhetri
Chairman



Gopi Maya Rai, a blind student of Bhutanese refugee camp at Sanischare. She is one among four Bhutanese refugee students whose two-year higher secondary education has been funded by the Foundation



Foundation contributes to the self-reliance and empowerment of vulnerable and underprivileged children through education



We acknowledge and thank all friends and supporters of Foundation. It is your involvement and support that inspires us to work through our mission.

Your small support, your advice and your observing of our activities helped us and shall help us move ahead.

Our collective journey shall definitely make a difference in lives of many. Seeing our own accomplishments, we shall be proud tomorrow. This shall contribute to heal our sufferings.

Hereby, I take this opportunity to thank those friends who are assisting us to make this mission going, who are accompanying us to bring changes, who are appreciating our vision to translate political victimisation to the arena of welfare and empowerment.

Finally, with admirations and enthusiasm, I would like to thank all colleagues who worked hard during the process of legalisation of the Foundation (especially those in Australia), during the phase of implementation of our programs (especially those in Nepal), those who sacrificed time despite odd hours (especially board members and our well wishers), those who spent hours to bring this report out (all the contributors, designer and Mr. Tika Adhikari and Mr. RP Subba for volunteering to edit this report). Mr. Vidhyapati Mishra of Bhutan Media Society and a friend of the Foundation deserves special acknowledgement for his continued contribution to make our programs reach our target population.

In the following pages, with respect we make due recognition of your financial contribution. In addition, we highlight each of our programs for your appraisal.

Let us walk and seek sustainable justice through education and empowerment.

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Founding Director

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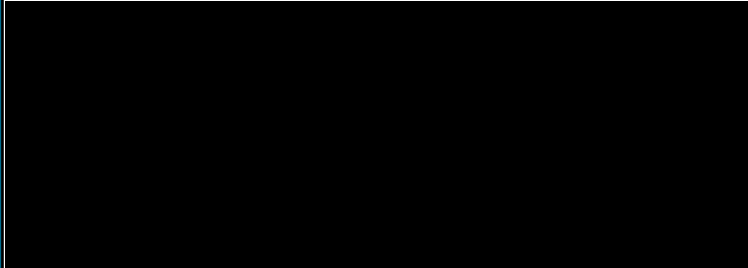
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Hindu Salvation Program in Georgia of Atlanta (USA)



Buddhist monks performing salvation program in Beldangi-camp in Jhapa, Nepal



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Our donors brought the marginalised women “deserted” by their husbands to stage for performing cultural programs and participate in awareness activities.

Nepal Development Academy (NDA) and the Non-Resident Nepali (NRN), the Netherlands provided financial assistance to provide a relief package to the children who lost their parents in Twin disaster in Gorkha district of Nepal.



This girl has lost her father, the only bread-earning member in her family. He got drowned in Trisuli River when a twin carrying villagers broke into pieces. The Foundation, this year supported 17 such children with stationeries and winter clothes.



One of the survivors of the Gorkha Tuin mishap narrates her heart-touching story to Foundation's representatives.





Reflection of Year 2010-2011

Dr. Lakshmi Prasad Dhakal, The Netherlands

Bhutanese refugees have gone through extremes of atrocities – discrimination, arrest, illegal detention, torture, forced eviction etc. The State employed tools as crude as death or rape. They have been the targets of a systematic ethnic cleansing strategy unleashed by State (SAARC Jurists Mission, 1992; Dhakal & Strawn, 1994; Rizal, 2009; HUROB, 1996; AHURA-Bhutan, 2000), which uprooted them from their hearth and homes; abruptly ending a history that was centuries long. Bhutan is one of the highest producers of per capita refugees in the world (Bill Frelick, 2008; Pattanaik, 1998). The saga of forced eviction can be universally tormenting. The Bhutanese refugees suffer from ‘severe mental and physical impairments’ owing to the ruthless treatments perpetrated by the Bhutanese government (Shrestha et al. 1998; Ommeren et al., 2001).

Over a hundred thousand of these refugees were/are provided shelter in refugee camps in Nepal by the Nepalese government. An approximate 30, 000 of them live scattered over different states of India. Life in exile could be very excruciating. Displacement from homes and villages often destroys the social fabric of the people. It impinges on their social and cultural life.

Thanks to the benevolence of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and other international organisations whose humanitarian intervention saved the camps from turning into a mass grave.

Efforts to repatriate these refugees through a series of unilateral and bilateral talks between the governments of Nepal and Bhutan has exhausted without yielding any tangible outcome (corroborated in Amnesty International’s report, 2003). Attempts of the governments of different countries, numerous national and international organisations including the United Nations to repatriate the Bhutanese refugees did not succeed (Hutt, 2005). A band of ‘forgotten people’ - they had little choice when the western countries offered to resettle them under the Third Country Resettlement (TCR) program (Dhungana, 2010).

TCR gave hope and opportunity to begin a new life outside the camps. Does TCR impact the ongoing struggle for repatriation of refugees back to Bhutan? Ground activists, who are still working for repatriation, think it does. Their impatience even led to some sporadic protests in the early phases of the resettlement program. For now, the democratic struggle waged from exile temporarily seems to be taking a back seat. But the atrocities and oppression endured by the refugees will not heal so easily. With resettlement, the story of suppression and injustice will spread across the globe. Each story of suppression could be lethal; each activity by these resettled refugees could be a blow to the opponents of real democracy inside Bhutan.

In education lies the power wherein our people can express or share those untold stories. The voices of the people - muted for decades need to flow out and in the process justice will be done to those who are still facing trouble inside Bhutan. Punya Foundation envisions that empowerment and justice can be better sought through education. The scholarship program has been conceived with this idea of empowering people, by leveraging education. It is our vision that it should also cover broader areas of interest such as human rights research, good governance, empowerment, etc, in the long run.

That said, it is our privilege to report the following activities and achievements of the Foundation, for the years 2010-2011:

- **Team expansion :** making it all-inclusive and expanding our area of work. We have a functional team in Australia. Formation of independent teams in Nepal and the USA are currently underway.
- **Salvation Program:** Organization of a Salvation Program in December 2010 in honor of all our recorded and unrecorded heroes of the democratic struggle – the Martyrs of Bhutan.
- **Publication:** A literature publication in December 2010, in memory of those who sacrificed their lives during the course of the struggle for democracy, human rights and justice in Bhutan.
- **Scholarship Program:** Awarded Scholarships to Bhutanese refugee children, including a visually impaired girl, to attend higher secondary level schools in Nepal. Awarded Scholarships to Nepalese children from refugee-affected areas to attend primary and secondary level schools.
- **Empowerment program:** Organized cultural programs, emphasising on ‘role plays’ by Bhutanese women who have been isolated and alienated, due to various social taboos rooted in the society.
- **Health and human rights:** The Foundation also campaigned to terminate the ‘Fast unto Death’ program staged in Bhutanese refugee camps in Nepal.
- **Relief package to vulnerable children:** The Foundation coordinated to deliver a relief package to children, who lost their parents in a tuin-mishap in Gorkha district in Nepal.

Challenges and Solutions

Organizational: Being a relatively new institution, Punya Foundation is facing a number of challenges in multiple domains. The Board members of the Foundation are scattered across the Diaspora, which obviously creates problems of communication, coordination, organisation and decision making. Yet again, the challenges of transition and other chores of life mean that, not all of them are able to contribute meaningfully. Nonetheless, we have a growing pool of responsibilities. These responsibilities need urgent care and attention. In the interest of time and long distance coordination, we have decided to establish local units in different countries. Hopefully, this will ease or simplify the process of our working style, in the future. We are still evolving and like all organizations we will take time to grow and develop.

Financial: The Foundation is facing acute financial constraints. Going into the future, we only expect this problem to grow. The areas we work for – welfare, education, empowerment and awareness all dig into our resources.

We hope to raise some funds through our team expansion strategy. We do hope as well, that we may be able to raise some support through international networking. The Foundation also believes that partnership with the local organizations is necessary in order to execute our programs in the future.

Management: Our activities target developing countries. Some extremely committed Bhutanese and Nepalese individuals have generously assisted us in implementing our programs.

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Prof. Annemiek Richters

Professor Annemiek Richters, a versatile writer and a voracious reader, during her retirement address, brings forth the theory of “social pain” and “social synapse”. The pain caused by the disintegration and destruction of the social fabric, which no scientific instrument can capture is referred as social pain. Like the synapses in our nervous system, the social network, the support system, the feeling of connectedness is referred to as social synapse. A good functioning social synapse is essential to heal or manage social pain.

The Bhutanese community in the Diaspora experiences this. Hence the theory of “social pain” and “social synapse” is definitely worthwhile to reflect upon for our community. The English version of her lecture will be released soon and the Foundation would like to encourage Bhutanese around the globe and the well-wishers to review and read it.

Prof. Richters is a well-wisher of the Foundation and the Foundation would like to acknowledge such a timely work that is of utmost relevance for the Bhutanese community in the Diaspora.

ESTABLISHMENT, ADMINISTRATION & DECISION MAKING

Establishment of institute

1. April 2010: The concept of establishment of a well-fare forum to seek justice through education and empowerment was circulated through available media to Bhutanese people for their suggestions and feedbacks. The proposed name then was Punya Scholarship. Following a long discussion, taking constructive inputs from well-wishers and based on our capacity to materialise the mission, the proposed name is changed to Punya Foundation.
2. May 2010: Based on the expressed interest, governing Board of the Foundation was constituted consisting of 33 people from different countries.
3. June 2010: Foundation was granted official incorporation by the government of South Australia
4. October 2010: Foundation obtained its charity status

Administration

1. **Documentation:**
 - a. All official documents are in custody of the Public Officer of the Foundation
 - b. All publications are posted for public in the website of the Foundation
2. **Decision making:**
 - a. All major decisions were taken with consensus of the majority of the board members, primarily through the conference call (see annex I, II & III) for more details on this.
 - b. The Foundation made decisions regarding the implementation of activities through email communication.
3. **Financial transaction:**
 - a. All financial transactions are made based on the decisions made during the meeting
 - b. The Director proposed and planned the release of all cash, with approval from the Chairperson

Meetings and major decisions

The Foundation is in its early phase of establishment. In order to develop working protocol, guidelines, constitution and working modality, the well-wishers and representatives of the Foundation organised several rounds of meetings, mainly through conference call. In the beginning, the meetings focussed on finalisation of constitution, registration of the institution and later for fund generation, planning and implementation of activities. To materialize the Foundation’s planning and programs, the following were the frequency of the meetings and major decisions:

- **Nepal:** In physical presence of our representatives and well-wishers, seven meetings were organized. For major decisions made you may refer to *Annexure I*.
- **Australia:** In physical presence of our representatives and well-wishers, five meetings were organized. For major decisions made you may refer to *Annexure II*.
- **International:** The board members of the Foundation are scattered around the world – Asia, Europe, Australia and North America. Through Skype Conference, board members and its well-wishers met six times. For details of major decisions made during these meetings please refer *Annexure III*.



Chairman, Tek Bir Chhetri addresses a gathering of resettled Bhutanese in Georgia during the Hindu salvation program



In an attempt to give an eternal peace to the departed souls of the brave people of Bhutan, who fought with all their might, to bring a political change in Bhutan, Punya Foundation organized a threefold Salvation program in 2010. All religions – be it Hindu, Buddhist or Christianity, consider life as a grace of the god. However, gruesome murder of innocent lives occurs rampant across the globe, against the preaching of all religions. Demise is religious and follows a set of rituals. Rituals and religious performances, especially in Hindu religion, become more complex if a dead body is missing or for one or other reasons lost. In that case, via performances, an arbitrary dead body needs to be created, which through religious means needs to be logically brought to end. This performance demands highest and special religious skills. All religion see logical and spiritual end of mourning progress important both for living and dead.

In Bhutan, many families were not allowed to do the final rites of those who were killed during the peaceful demonstrations. Some of the families were never handed over the dead bodies of their beloved ones. Many had to perform final rites of those murdered by the state, under scrutiny of the security personals. They had no opportunity to perform the last rites of their relatives the way they wanted. In 20 years of struggle, many people had to sacrifice their life but were neither recognized by the state nor by the exiled body. Numerous political parties and Human Rights organizations mushroomed during these times but none succeeded to stand up to speak for both the martyrs and their families. Therefore, as its first program, the Foundation started with a Salvation Program in accordance to Hindu, Buddhist and Christian methodologies in different countries of the world where Bhutanese are settled.

Hindu Salvation Program

The Salvation Program, in accordance to Hindu methodology was performed in Atlanta, Georgia which continued for three days. A moment of silence on the name of the martyrs was announced, followed by reading of the names of martyrs collected as of date. This procedure was consistently followed on a regular basis throughout the program. Seven Hindu priests were designated to perform the salvation enchanting holy mantras. Each martyr was represented by a "kush effigy", a name thereby and a sthapanana. Throughout the program, the entity sthanpana got maintained. The religious aspects of the program comprised of letting the souls rest in peace. Hindu philosophy meets these ends through rituals and recitation of holy mantras. The spiritual aspects of program comprised of several rounds of prabachhans, where the relevant holy texts are read for purity of both the departed souls and for the family. During the evenings, kirtaan and bhajan sessions were organized for the holy souls.



Buddhist Salvation Program

One day of salvation program in accordance to the Buddhist methodology was organized in the Bhutanese refugee camp in Beldangi – I, Jhapa, Nepal. Under management of Mr. T.B. Gurung, Mr. Jeeten Subba introduced Punya Foundation among the Bhutanese refugees in Jhapa during the peace puja. Drukpa Rimpoche, the third incarnation of Guru Rimpoche, recited holy verses and lighted butter lamps remembering our martyrs. Those people from different camps who could afford to come were graciously present which made the whole program a huge success. Inaugurating the program, Dr. Bhampa Rai lighted a butter lamp in memory of all the martyrs followed by the lightening of 1008 lamps by guests, lamas, families of martyrs, students and local leaders. During the program, Mr. Subba recited poems of Mr. Prakash Dhamala and Mr. Yati Raj Ajana-bee which were dedicated to the martyrs. Similarly 16 flags, as endorsed by Bhuddhist philosophy, with holy Buddhist prayers were hosted amongst sacred Buddhist undertakings.



Challenges, Remedies & Benefits

There were immense challenges encountered while organizing these events. Yet, the dedication with which our volunteers worked throughout the program, made it happen with ease, at least in the eyes of others who were watching us closely. The Foundation had to experiment many things some of which did cost the organization dearly, but it was taken as lessons to learned and moved ahead. However, there were many positive aspects to be taken from this undertaking. The teamwork brought us closer, our mission did spread around at an exponential speed, our community members from the neighboring states participated with reverence, and at the end all the programs were rated very successful. The programs ended with due respect to the martyrs for their sacrifices, thanks giving to our religious leaders and volunteers who made the program a success and all those who attended the program. The Chairman of the Foundation, Mr. Tek Bir Chhetri thanked all those who took part as an organizer or as an attendee for their generosity and hospitality and those who made moral, physical and financial contribution to make the program a success. The Foundation laid a good start for such other activities to be organized in the future and the organizers learned many things that will to organize these programs more professionally in the future.

Christian Salvation Program

Salvation program based on Christian methodology was organized on 26th December at the Kent-Covenant Church at Kent, Washington. The program was organized during the sermon hours of Bhutanese and Nepalese Christians attending the church regularly. Mr. Yug Nath Dabadi addressed the program and provided information over the foundation. People present during the sermon prayed for the peace, prosperity and good health of the living members of the martyrs. Pastor Prasai, who led the sermon said that Nepalese and Bhutanese Christian community express solidarity and support to the Foundation.



Vidhyapati Mishra



T.B. Chhetri

1. INTRODUCTION

Foundation launched a scholarship programme for deserving students from among the Bhutanese refugees and the local community members, living in the refugee affected areas. Serious of discussions with the stakeholders were held, and the selection criteria determined before launching the program. In the year 2011, the Foundation decided to award scholarships to four deserving students from the refugee camps, to attend 10+2 courses in the various educational institutions in the locality. Another four Nepalese students (below grade 10 level) obtained the privilege to attend schools under the same program. The program was announced through the Foundation's website and the local media in Jhapa and Morang districts. Selection was accordingly done and the student scholars were selected.

2. SELECTION PROCEDURES

(A) Bhutanese Scholars

For effective selection of scholars from the camps, a selection committee comprising the Head Teacher, Assistant Head Teacher, two School Counsellors and one representative from the Camp Management Committee was formed in each camp. This committee screened the applications and selected at least two students for the final round. A total of 14 students from seven refugee camps contested for the final selection round held at Tri-Ratna Secondary School at Beldangi-II. A separate selection committee involving Head Teachers of all Secondary schools in the camps, Camp Secretaries of Beldangi-II and Goldhap, and a representative from the Foundation selected four most deserving students, including a disabled girl for scholarship. The following table shows the names of those students to whom scholarship is awarded.

SN	Scholars	Study Stream	Institute	Location
1	Srijana Rai	Commerce	Amity College	Birtamod, Jhapa
2	Raj Kr Gurung	Science	Siddhartha Campus	Damak, Jhapa
3	Gopi Maya Rai	Humanities	Saraswati HS School	Damak, Jhapa
4	Mani Kr. Bhattarai	Commerce	Global Academy	Damak, Jhapa

(B) Nepalese Scholars

Based on the criteria announced in the application calls, the Foundation did not receive any applications for pursuing higher secondary courses, from the refugee community. As a consequence, a decision was taken to award scholarship to four Nepalese students (below grade ten level) from the local Nepalese community. A committee consisting of Principals of three local Nepalese schools, a local educationalist, Ram Basnet and a representative from the Foundation selected these students. The following table shows the names of deserving students to whom scholarship was awarded.

SN	Scholars	Age	Grade	School	Location
1	Unica Dahal	10	Four	Saraswati LS School	Beldangi, Damak-3, Jhapa
2	Pooja Dhimal	14	Eight	Saraswati LS School	Beldangi, Damak-3, Jhapa
3	Mousam Rai	11	Four	Brikuti LS School	Bhangbari, Damak-1, Jhapa
4	Usha Basnet	10	Four	Chulachuli LS School	Dumse, Damak-5, Jhapa



Various stakeholders and community members at a discussion program held to finalize the Foundation's scholarship program at Tri-Ratna Secondary School of Beldangi-II refugee camp.

3. SELECTION CRITERIA

- (i) All school going children of activists, who were murdered during detention or in prison, or on the streets, or while participating in the struggle for human rights and democracy in Bhutan, are eligible to contest for this scholarship.
- (ii) All school going children of those political prisoners, who are currently serving prison sentence are eligible to contest for this scholarship.
- (iii) Children of political prisoners born of rape while serving prison are eligible to contest for this scholarship.
- (iv) All school going children of individuals, who are/were kidnapped, detained or made to disappear are eligible to contest for this scholarship.
- (v) In rare instance(s) certain vulnerable children are eligible for the scholarship. A vulnerable child is one who falls under one of these categories – the child has no support system, his/her parents are victims of political injustice, he/she is deprived of rights to education or has no means to accomplish it, and one who is displaced within the country or forcefully exiled.

- (VI) A candidate claiming eligibility on the basis of his/her parent(s) being murdered during detention, or while serving prison, or while campaigning for human rights and democracy; whose parent(s) have disappeared or are currently serving prison or jail needs to show evidences supporting his/her claim. The evidence can be obtained from an international organization like Amnesty International, Red Cross Society or a credible organization like National Human Rights Commission etc. If these are not possible, then the candidate will need to explain the details in the motivation letter.
- (VII) The eligible candidate must be willing to produce his/her recent academic certificates.
- (VIII) He/she shall be willing to obtain and fill the scholarship form as completely as possible.
- (IX) Unless otherwise required to relocate to other areas for serious security reasons, the candidate must be willing to attend schools/colleges in their own localities; that charges reasonable tuition fees.
- (X) He/she shall be a hardworking student, focussed on studies.
- (XI) He/she shall be willing to produce an academic report every six months, about his/her performance and progress achieved in school. In case of under aged children, their legal guardians can help them prepare (not write) the report.
- (XII) An academic progress report approved by the principal/head teacher is deemed necessary but not obligatory.

4. Scholarship Amount

Each Bhutanese scholar was granted US \$ 200.00 as his or her tuition fee for one year. The contract papers signed by these scholars require that renewal of scholarship depends on their academic performance and financial status of the Foundation. Similarly, the Nepalese scholars received US \$ 70 each for the year 2011.

5. Conclusion

Everyone has appreciated the PF Scholarship Programme. However, scholars have expressed that the scholarship amount will not cover up their expenses for the whole academic year. The local guardians of the Nepalese students expressed their heartfelt gratitude to the resettled Bhutanese and the Foundation for bringing up such a noble program to help disadvantaged children in their community. Both communities – the Bhutanese refugee community and the local Nepalese community expect that the Foundation will increase the number of scholarships and scholarship amounts in future.

Mani Kumar Bhattarai

“ I am very much thankful to Punya Foundation. It is due to its scholarship support that I am able to pursue my higher studies. I wouldn't have joined my studies without its support. Now I am studying Commerce at Global Academy. ”





Venue: Bhutanese Refugee Camp, Jhapa, Nepal
Date: 31st August 2011
Organising partner: BRAIN

Background: In Bhutanese society, women often get left out and often abused. The most common reasons are household violence, second marriage, after the death of their husbands and so on. The blame, what so ever the cause is, goes to those women ho don't have social network. Furthermore, male dominated society, caste system, belief that widow's often cast evil eyes and such other causes add to isolation of these women. Incidences of such occurrences are high in the refugee camps primarily due to unmet physical, material and psychological needs.

Objectives of the program :

- a. The program is aimed to honour single Bhutanese refugee women who, despite social challenges, have been serving the community for more than a decade. The program aims to recognise their service and stimulate other isolated women to take part in society.
- b. The program is also aimed at empowering the vulnerable women identified by BRAIN through a camp based survey

Nature of the program

- i. Event: the program was organised coinciding with the most important women festival. To watch the video of the program you could click the link: <http://www.punyaafoundation.org/announcements/single-women-empowerment-program-2011/>
- ii. Refugee camp based schoolchildren, single women and camp based youths performed cultural programs, awareness raising role-plays and musical performances.
- iii. The panel of jurists, consisted of the representatives of Camp Management Committee, Bhutanese Refugee Women Forum, CBSW, TPO Nepal and camp based counsellors. The panel in consultation and cooperation with the camp-based stakeholders selected Indra Kumari Bhandari (Bel – I), Sarita Dorjee (Bel – II), Mon Maya Majhi (Bel III), Phul Maya Rai (Bel I), Sangita Rai (Bel – II), who made long time and effective contribution to the society. Service of these women was recognised, applauded amidst grand cultural show along with an award ceremony.
- iv. Discussion was organized on how to give continuity to the empowerment program in future and how to assist the identified vulnerable people. An action plan was developed.
- v. Also 7 journalists (Vidhyapati Mishra, Monorath Pokhrel, Mon Bdr. Poudel, Roith Pokhrel, Jiten Subba, Tilak Niroula and Jogen Ghimire), working for the Bhutanese refugee issue were identified and a symbolic token was awarded as a recognition of their long time service.

Beneficiaries:

Direct:

Single ladies in Beldangi -I = 55, and Beldangi-II, Beldangi-II Extension = 76

Indirect:

- i. Around 500 people participated in the program. The program's objective was to bring awareness regarding the life situation of single ladies and to help them.
- ii. Involvement of local organizations and camp based organizations has given moral boost to the participants and to the organisers.

Involvement and cooperation

Following organizations were actively involved and supported to make the program successful

- i. Bhutanese refugee organisations: Camp Management Committee, BRWF, YFC, Children forum, Schools, Youth clubs from the Bhutanese refugee camps
- ii. Napalese national organisations: Maiti Nepal, Ektanayaik, Western Money Union Transfer and Jyoty Bastralaya

Lakshmi Prasad Dhakal contributed to write this report

Considering the deteriorating health condition of 12 women on hunger strike, the Foundation alerted Prime Minister of Nepal, Dr. Baburam Bhattarai, requesting his government to bring an end to the hunger strike. Bhutanese from various countries and their well-wishers (see annex III) signed the Foundation's petition letter. Bhutanese human rights leader, Mr. Tek Nath Rizal, submitted the petition to Prime Minister, Bhattarai. In addition, the Foundation participated in a donation drive conducted by a Kathmandu-based Bhutan Media Society and helped raise some money to assist these women, on strike.



Appeal and Signature Campaign

12 Women in Bhutanese refugee camps in Nepal are on fast unto death since last 9 days. Some of them are breast-feeding women. A Bhutanese charity organization, Punya Foundation, hereby appeals Nepal Government, UNHCR and International Community to assist to bring an end to this.

About 16% of Bhutan's population had to flee their country during late 80's and the beginning of 90's because Bhutanese government responded with martial law, illegal detention, torture, rape, and threat to people's lives. Majority of the expelled people got registered in the refugee camps managed by the UNHCR and Nepal government. Owing to the lack of durable solution to their problems, many western countries under humanitarian grounds, are resettling these refugees.

However, some vulnerable women living in the refugee camps in Nepal are calling for international attention, demanding that they should be registered as refugees. 12 of these women (including 1 Nepali and 2 Indian women, married with Bhutanese men) have started a 'fast unto death' hunger strike in Beldangi since 15/11/2011. Today, the human rights organizations in Nepal say - only a 'political decision' can bring solution to this complexity.

Dhan Bahadur Adhikari, a representative of Asian Medical Doctors Association (AMDA) who is assigned to monitor the health of these women says that their health is deteriorating. They are hypoglycaemic and severely dehydrated. Some of these women were admitted in a semi-comatose state in a nearby health centre. Details of these women are as follows:

Name/Age/Address

1. Durga Devi Bista, 25, Bel-II, B4/17-18
2. Indira Bhattari, 25, Bel-II Ext D1/39
3. Tulasha Dhakal, 38, Bel-II Ext E2/58
4. Chandra M. Khadka, 37, Bel-II Ext E2/74
5. Renuka Mongar, 27, Bel-II Ext E2/75
6. Kopila Rana Bhujel, 38, Bel-II Ext E2/38-39
7. Indra Kala Bhandari, 25, Bel-II B2/03
8. Parbati Chhetri, 40, Bel-II B2/137
9. Roma Ghale, 38, Bel-II Ext D3/42
10. Ira Maya Khatri, 42, Bel-II D2/24
11. Parbati Chouhan, 40, Bel-II B2/131
12. Radhika Chhetri, 23, Bel-II B2/01

These women demand that the authority listen to them. Unless Nepal government gives them a written commitment, they are willing to sacrifice their life.

Punya Foundation and many others are extremely concerned over the deteriorating health situation of these helpless women on hunger strike. We would like to request you to spend a minute of your time to give your details below. Your concerns, in the form of an appeal shall be sent to UNHCR, Nepal government, embassies, human rights watch for their immediate action and intervention. Not only the health of these women is at risk but also the health of 9 children is at stake. Punya Foundation is raising the issue purely on health and humanitarian grounds and not on any political considerations.

The Punya Foundation, registered in Adelaide Australia is a charity organization of the Bhutanese. It is established with a slogan of 'Justice Seeking through Education and Empowerment'.

Thanking you for your solidarity,

Lakshmi Prasad Dhakal
Founding Director
Punya Foundation

BACKGROUND

On June 27, 2011 a Tuin connecting Charaudi of Dhading District and Dhabadighat in Ghyalchok VDC of Gorkha district fell into Trishuli from which six persons among ten aboard fell into the river. A 13-year-old boy swam to safety, but five others were swept away by the river. The five persons – four male and a female - who perished in the poignant accident were breadwinners of five different families. Their demise bereaved five families with eighteen school going children. The children are now left to fend for themselves.

CONCEPT

Free Education: policy and practice

The Government of Nepal has declared Free Education up to secondary level. However, the Free Education policy is only in paper and is hardly implemented in practice. The implementation of the Free Education policy has been hindered in two ways. First, although schools are not allowed to raise fees under any heading, they continue to do so. The schools are not given enough teachers and enough fund for overhead costs. Thus the schools are forced to raise money from the children under different headings although they don't charge the tuition fee. Second, other costs attributed to a child's education such as uniform and stationery are not addressed by the Free Education Policy. Even today many students are forced to drop school because they cannot afford to buy stationery and uniform to wear.

Role of parents

Free Education or not, children are reasonably well looked after, when they have earning parents. This privilege is lost when one or both parents die. The child will be deprived equally whether she/he loses father or mother. In the context of a typical Nepali family, father is usually the breadwinner of the family, but the mother keeps the house in order. So usually, losing a father implies lack of income in the family and losing a mother implies disorder in the house. Without both parents to look after, a child runs the risk of dropping out of school and choosing odd jobs before completing education. The lack of education will impact the individual's life, and it produces ripple effects in the family, the community and the nation as a whole and the vicious cycle continues to the next generation.

RELIEF PROGRAM

Partially, with a view to support children's education, Punya Foundation coordinated a relief collection drive. With support from NRN Netherlands and Nepal Development Academy, the Foundation collected AUD 595 (NPR 47,874) for the relief. With the money collected the Foundation bought and distributed clothing and educational materials for relief to the victims of the Ghyalchok Tuin Mishap. Seventeen* children who lost a parent in the accident were distributed warm clothings and some stationery sufficient for the remaining period of the academic year. The list of distributed items is as under:

SN	Item	Qty
1	Sweater	17
2	Shoes	17 pairs
3	Socks	51 pairs (3 pairs each)
4	Woolen cap	17
5	Notebooks	1368 pieces
6	Ink Pen	12
7	Inkpot	12
8	Crayon	2 boxes
9	Calculator	5
10	Ball pen	100 pieces
11	Eraser	36
12	Sharpener	36

Each of the seventeen students were distributed a sweater, a woolen cap, a pair of shoes, three pairs of socks and stationery to match the availability of items similar to the students studying in the grade.



China Ghat tuin mishap victims pose for a group photo at Ghyalchok VDC, Gorkha: the day of relief package distribution.



Support to Gorkha Tuin Mishap Victims

13-year-old survivor of tuin mishap who was able to swim across Trisuli River. 20 minutes of fight for survival!!



Distribution function

A modest social function was organized in the premises of VDC office, Ghyalchok on December 24, 2011. Local Bhimsensthan Youth facilitated the organization of the function. The principals of all schools in the VDC, representatives of all political parties and other dignitaries in the VDC attended the function. All the victims of the Tuin Mishap were invited in the function. The relief materials, purchased in Kathmandu, were transported to Ghyalchok and then distributed to the victims.

Beneficiary/community response

The relief distribution effort was well received by the beneficiaries as well as the local people. After the distribution, the beneficiaries said they were very happy to receive the relief, that it would now help them concentrate better in their studies and most importantly they said, knowing that there were people who cared for them had helped them to heal the tragedy. They further said, their almost lost hope of completing education had now been revived.

The villagers and the guests who expressed their views during the function were also very appreciative. They admired the efforts of Punya Foundation and the supporting organizations; NRN Netherlands and Nepal Development Academy and expressed their gratitude on behalf of the village for the relief.

Media coverage

Two community radio stations of Gorkha, and some national radio and TV channels covered the news of relief distribution. National broadsheet Kantipur daily and a vernacular tabloid of Gorkha also published the news about the relief distribution.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

The total budget for the programme was AUD 595/- (Equivalent to NPR 47,874.36)

FOLLOW UP

The principals, class teachers and the subject teachers of the beneficiary students have been asked to provide comparative progress reports of the beneficiary students. The comparative progress report is expected to judge the impact of the relief distribution in the performance of the students.

CONCLUSION

Overall the programme was a huge success and very encouraging. It was able to meet the set goals and achieved the outcomes. The victims have benefitted and are very happy with the initiative and have pinned hope for long-term support. Seeing the enthusiasm of the students and the community, the organizers recommended for the continuity of the relief programme in the coming years so that the children of marginalized and vulnerable families will be able to complete the secondary level education properly.



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पुण्य फाउन्डेसन अस्ट्रेलिया, एनआरएन नेदरल्यान्ड र नेपाल डेभलपमेन्ट एकेडेमी नेदरल्यान्डले संयुक्त रूपमा पीडित परिवारका बालबालिकालाई सहयोग गरेका हुन् । गोरखाको घ्याल्चोक ९ मा आयोजित एक कार्यक्रममा स्थानीय भुमेस्थान युवा क्लब अध्यक्ष भूमि रेग्मीले पीडित १५ जना बालबालिकालाई अध्ययन सहयोग सामग्री एवं लत्ताकपडा प्रदान गरेका हुन् । कार्यक्रममा ज्ञानमार्ग उमाविका प्रचार्य टंकप्रसाद नेपाललगायत स्थानीय राजनीतिक दलका प्रतिनिधिको सहभागिता थियो ।





Ramesh Gautam, Norway

पृष्ठभूमि:
साहित्यका आँखा तेजिला हुन्छन्; हृदय फराकिलो हुन्छ। यसमा अजस्र शक्ति हुन्छ। चेतनाका सम्पूर्ण अंशहरु साहित्यमार्फत नै प्रवाहित हुन्छन्। आदिसभ्यताको श्री गणेश, विकास र विश्वीकरण, मानव चेतनाको अभ्युदय, सनातन परिपाटीमा ग्रसित सामाजिक संरचनाको विनिर्माणको घोषणा र नवीन सामाजिक पद्धतिको परिकल्पना आदि सबै साहित्यमार्फत नै भएका छन्। चाहे त्यो रूसी पृष्ठभूमिको “आमा” होस् या चिनियाँ जनक्रान्तिको “यूवाहरुको गीत”, चाहे त्यो अमेरिकी प्रजातन्त्रको उत्कर्षको व्याख्यान “अमेरिकामा प्रजातन्त्र” होस् या पुंजीवादको सूक्ष्म विश्लेषणको आलेख “दास क्यापिटल”, चाहे त्यो क्रिश्चियन धर्मको मार्गदर्शक “बाइबल” होस् या हिन्दूचेतना र जीवनदर्शनको गहन खुराक “भागवत गीता”, यी सबै समयसन्दर्भसँगै प्रतिस्थापित महान साहित्य हुन् जसले मानवीय, सामाजिक र राजनैतिक चेतनाको संवाहकको भूमिका निर्वाह गरेका छन्। भूटानी परिवेशमा साहित्य यति उच्चो भएर उभिन सकेको छैन। यस देशमा भाषिक चेतनाको विकाससंगसंगै भाषाको गला दबाइएको छ। एउटा जातिको सभ्यताको निर्मम हत्या भएको छ। “एक देश-एक जनता” नीतिको खास्टोभित्र स्वतन्त्रताका सेनानीहरुको चिहान त छिपेको छ नै, संगसंगै यो देशमा जातीय अस्तित्व र आफ्नोपना विलयोन्मुख छ।

विषयप्रवेश:
“शिक्षा र सशक्तिकरणमार्फत न्यायको खोजी”लाई आफ्नो मूल दृष्टिकोण मान्दै यातना, हत्या, पुर्पक्षरहित नजरबन्द र कैद अनि बेपत्ता (गराइनु) का विरुद्ध आवाज उठाउने र संसारभर भइरहेका अमानवीय र क्रूर गतिविधिका विरुद्ध संघर्ष र शिक्षामार्फत अधिकाररहित आम बालबालिकाहरुलाई सशक्तिकृत गराउने लक्ष्यका साथ स्थापित पुण्य फाउन्डेसनले भाषा र साहित्यको उन्नति र विस्तारका क्षेत्रमासमेत आफ्नो उपस्थिति स्थापित गरेको छ। सन्दर्भ हो यसले गत वर्ष प्रकाशित गरेको “शहीदहरुप्रति श्रद्धाञ्जलि” नामक साहित्यिक संगालोको।

सन्दर्भ: शहीदहरुप्रति श्रद्धाञ्जलि:
यस संगालोमा अंग्रेजी र नेपालीमा गरी जम्मा १४ वटा लेखहरु प्रकाशित भएका छन् जसमध्ये ८ वटा लेख रचनाहरु नेपाली भाषाका छन्। यस आलेखमा भने नेपाली भाषामा लेखिएका ती लेख-रचनाहरुमा सुसेलिका धुनहरुलाई स्पर्श गर्न प्रयास गरिएको छ।
हुँदैन विहान मिर्मिरमा तारा झरेर नगए
बन्दैन मुलुक दुईचार सपूत मरेर नगए (भूपी शेरचन)

त्यही देश बनाउने संकल्पसहित, देशमा व्यक्ति स्वतन्त्रताको विकास, जातीय गौरवको रक्षा, आम जनताबीच समानताको सुनिश्चितता आदि सपना बोकी सदियौंदेखि विच्छेदनको ओडारमा लुकेको भूटानमा समयका विविध कालखण्डमा स्वतन्त्रताका स्वर गुन्जिए। कसैले देखेन त्यहाँभित्र के भो, कसरी दबाइए यी स्वरहरु, कहाँ पुगे ती कर्मठ भूमिपुत्रहरु। “शहीदहरुप्रति श्रद्धाञ्जलि” संगलोभरि यिनै वीरहरुको स्तुतिगान गरिएको छ। तिनीहरुको हिम्मतको प्रशंसा गरिएको छ। तिनीहरुका बालबच्चाहरुसँग एकालाप गरिएको छ अनि सुदूर भविष्यका लागि एउटा सपना साँचिएको छ। कवि रमेश गौतमको यो कवितांश हेरौं:

सुन्कोशका प्रत्येक सुसेलीहरुमा
तिनका आवाज घन्किरहेछन् आज
जुहोलेरी तिनकै शीरहरु बोकेर
खडा उभिएको छ आज
साइप्रेसको टुप्पामा बसेर
ब्लूयाक रेभन तिनलाई सम्झेर
मौन धारण गरिरहेछ आज
अनि माथि आकाशमा
तिनकै पक्षमा गर्जन गर्दै



Torture survivor : Several including this former prisoner are leading miserable life in the Bhutanese refugee camps

सत्रौं सताब्दीको सुरुमा विरानो भूमिलाई आफ्नो मान्दै भूटान छिरेका नेपाली मूलका यी सोझा मान्छेहरूले देशको सीमा सुरक्षा मजबुत बनाउनुसाथै देशको उन्नति र विकाशमा ठूलो योगदान पुर्याए | अर्जुन प्रधान आफ्नो लेख स्वतन्त्रताको एक ज्योतिमा भन्छन्: राज्यले नेपालीभाषी भूटानी नागरिकले गरेको प्रजातान्त्रिक पहलकदमीलाई विश्वास नगरी बन्दुक शासन जमाएर भूटानी अग्रजले देखाएको बाटोलाई पहिलाएर आज विश्वमा चम्किरहेको छ । हरेक चम्किला तारामा हाम्रो खुन पसिनालगायत शीप, जाँगर अनि हाम्रा शहीदहरूको बलिदानी कथा छ **(स्वतन्त्रताको एक ज्योति)**

देश त एउटा अमूर्त वस्तु जस्तो भइदियो सबैकालागि | यहाँ बेजोडको छ | राजालाई भगवान मानिन्छ यहाँ | फूलपातीका साथ पूजा हुन्छ राजाको यहाँ | इतिहास पनि तिनै राजाहरूको लेखिन्छ | देशलाई उनीहरूको पेवा सम्पत्ति मानिन्छ | शहीदहरूले गरेको योगदानको कट्टरको कुरा त पर राखौं उनीहरूको स्मरण गर्नुसमेत अपराध हुन्छ | तर इतिहास त जनताको लेखिनु पर्ने हो | तर देशको भूगोल त जनताको हुनु पर्ने हो | यस्तै लाग्छ कवि बुद्धमणि ढकाललाई:

सालिक चाहिँदैन उसलाई

सुनका अक्षर पनि

इतिहास जनताको लेखिनुपर्छ

देशको भूगोल जनताको हुनुपर्छ

उसको अधूरो सपना

यी सन्ततीले पूरा गर्नु छ **(शहादत)**

समय परिवर्तित भयो | स्वतन्त्रताको चाहनाको हुँकारमा राज्यआतंक मिसिँदा भयावह अवस्थाको सिर्जना भयो | यातना र हत्याको शिकार हुनबाट लाखको संख्यामा देशबासीहरू देश त्याग्न बाध्य भए | दुई दशकको अन्धकारभित्रको जीवनयापन पश्चात आज हामी छरिएका छौं संसारभरि | शहीदको सपना एकातिर छ; जीवन बाँच्नका लागि गरिनु पर्ने संघर्ष अर्कोतिर | कवि के.बी. चौहानका शब्द सापटी मागेर हेरौं: शहीदको सपना बिसी, घमण्डले अनेकता । बाटो हराएको पथिक झैं, हामी भयौं कत कता ॥ ५ ॥ भूटान हाम्रो जननी हुन्, त्यसकै निम्ति शहीदहरू । ती स्वप्नालाई साकार पार्नु, ठूलो कर्तव्य हो वरु ॥ ६ ॥ **(भूटानी शहीदहरप्रति)**

हाम्रो सोच नै फरक | हाम्रो अवस्था नै फरक | हामी त केही नभएका मान्छे | हामी त आफ्नो देशसमेत न भएका मान्छे | देशको निम्ति जीवन आहुती दिने शहीदका सन्तान भोक-भोकै बाँचिरहेछन् अनि उपचारको अभावमा अकालमै मृत्युवरण गरिरहेछन् | कवि डोम काफ्ले भावुक छन् यतिबेला :

प्रत्येक वर्ष चाडपर्व आउँदा ,

गाउँबस्तिमा रौनक छाउँदा

भित्ताको तिम्रो तस्विरलाई

सोध्यन् तिम्रा भोका सन्तान,

सोध्यन् तिम्रा नाङ्गा शुभचिन्तक,

सोध्यन् तिम्रा शिष्यहरू,

अब हामीलाई मने मर्यो

गीत कसले सिकाउँछ?

अब हामीलाई अमर भूटान

गीत कसले सिकाउँछ? **(शहीदफूल)**

पाटी-पौवा बनाउँने परम्परा त अब विस्तारै आदिम बन्दैछ | के हुन सक्छ र सुनका अक्षरहरूको महत्व ? मनमुटुभित्रै सजिएको सिंहासनभन्दा अनुपम अरु के हुन सक्छ र ? कवि यतिराज अजनबी भन्छन्- अब तिम्रो आकृतिलाई भूगोलले सीमांकित गर्न सक्ने छैन:

मनमा पस्ने, बस्ने र अटाउने

कौशल भएकोलाई

किन चाहियो सुनका अक्षरहरू?

कंगारूको देशमा छन्

तिम्रा सालिकहरू,

उत्तर अमेरिकादेखि युरोपसम्म,

फैलिएकाछन् तिम्रा प्रशंसकहरू,

तिम्रो बलिदानको तरङ्ग

सुनकोशदेखि कन्काई

कन्काईदेखि मुर्से अनि

मिसौरी, मेकेंजी, भोल्या हुँदै

महासागरहरूमा विस्तारित भैरहेछ आज | **(शहीदहरप्रति)**

समय बलवान ! कति शक्तिशाली सशत्र प्रयोग भएछ समरमा ! नारी अस्मितामाथिको प्रहार | आज पनि त्यो घाउ त्यतिकै दुखिरहेकोछ |

प्रतिकात्मक भाषामा बोल्न सिपालु हुन्छन् कविहरू | कवि प्रकाश धमालाको यो कवितांश:

बिचारी मेरी जननी रुँदै, कराउँदै, हिकहिकाउँदै

बलात्कार स्वीकार्न बाध्य थिइन्

त्यतिखेर

समय निश्चित परिधिभित्र कैद थियो

जञ्जिरमा, यातनामा, बलात्कारमा, गोला-बारुदमा

लट्ठीमुंग्रीमा | **(समय, शहीद अनि सन्तान)**

समय विरोधाभाषपूर्ण भएर जन्मियो | एउटाको खुसी अर्काको दुःख ! कति मुटुरहित हुन्छ सत्ता ! आँखा भएर पनि अन्धो हुन्छ | हृदय भएर पनि

भावशून्य हुन्छ | संगालोको अन्तिम कवितामा कवि लक्ष्मीप्रसाद ढकाल भन्छन्:

धमिल्यो आँखाको ज्योति तिनको सूर्य उदाउँदा

सल्लाह गर्न विवश देखिए तिनो सूर्य लोप हुँदा

निक्कियो तीतो नीति मेरो देशको माया देखदा

आँखाको तारो भएँ म परिवर्तन खोज्न खोज्दा **(परिवर्तन खोज्न खोज्दा)**

यसरी यी सबै भावहरूको पृष्ठभूमिमा “शहीदहरप्रति श्रद्धाञ्जलि” साहित्यिक संगालो एकातिर वियोग गीतजस्तो भएकोछ, अर्कोतिर भोलिको सुमधुर खोजीजस्तो भएकोछ | अनेकन भावहरू एकै चोटी मुखरित भएका छन् यहाँ | विश्लेषण जति गरे पनि पूर्ण हुँदैन | कविताका प्रत्येक अंशमा फरक प्रकारका भोगाइ छन्, दर्द छन्, प्रतिकूलता छन्, आशा छन्, वितृष्णा छन्, क्रोध छन्, आक्रोस छन् अनि काल्पनिक भए पनि क्रूरताका विरुद्ध उभिएका पूर्ण कद आकृतिहरू छन् जसले सावधान गराइरहेछन् कि परिवर्तन अटल छ |

उपसंहार:

भाषा साहित्यको विकास र विस्तारलाई आफ्नो योजनामा राख्ने धेरै संस्थाहरूमध्ये पुण्य फाउण्डेशन पनि एक हो | स्थापनाको छोटो अवधिभित्रै एउटा साहित्यिक खुराक पस्किएर यस संस्थाले साहित्यप्रतिको आफ्नो झुकावलाई मूर्त रूप दिएकोछ | यद्यपि यो पूर्णता होइन | भूटानी शरणार्थीहरूको ठूलो समूह पुनर्वासमा गएपछि भाषा-साहित्यको विकास धरापमा परेको छ | यस अवस्थालाई न्यूनीकृत गर्न फाउण्डेशनले गतिला योजना लिएर आओस्, अपेक्षा गरौं |

Bird's eye-view

Balance Sheet		2010	2011
Current asset		0	465
Fixed asset		0	65
Long term asset		0	0
		0	530
Liabilities			
Current		0	0
Long term		0	1562
		0	1562
Shareholders equity			
Investment		300	100
Earning		0	0
Loss		0	0
		300	100
Income statement			
Income	Salvation program	3167	0
	Scholarship	0	2176
	Women empowerment	0	220
	Support to hunger strike	0	50
	Support to cable-accident	0	611
		3167	2957
Expenses			
	Registration fee ABN	157	0
	Salvation program	4156	0
	Scholarship	0	1600
	Women empowerment	0	220
	Support to hunger strike	0	50
	Website	115	115
	Cable mishap relief package	0	600
	Communication	35	85
	Miscellaneous	25	35
		4488	2705
Balance		1321 (Neg.)	252

FOUNDATION & YEAR 2012

Punya Foundation looks at the year 2012 with hope and optimism, but not without challenges. Optimism - because more and more people are appreciating and joining our mission; challenges - because our limited resources do not meet the expansion we desire. We are committed to restructuring and expanding the Board of our Foundation, to establish units in different countries for bigger involvement and greater participation. The Foundation also likes to offer more scholarships to the needy and vulnerable children, targeting primary education. Empowerment programs, focussing on women and children shall be in our agenda too.

Besides our regular, planned activities, we shall also look for avenues of involvement in Child Rights and Trafficking, Cultural programs, promotion of human rights and a publication in the Year 2012.

Obtaining a 'Tax Exempt Status' shall be priority number one.

To gain your precious appreciation, involvement, moral support and encouragement shall be our motto. 'Justice through education and empowerment' is a struggle within a struggle. It is a struggle that needs to be conducted with grace and elegance. With your love and support we have no doubt in our minds that the mission we represent will hesitate to produce the results desired.

I. Meetings in Nepal and major decisions

Month/Year	Major agenda	Major decisions
October 2010	Analysis of Martyrs Salvation Program can be performed in Jhapa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Martyrs Salvation Program is feasible - Martyrs Salvation Program organising committee formed
November 2010	Planning for Martyrs Salvation Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Program to be performed in accordance with Buddhist methodology - Fund generation and its utilisation finalised
April 2011	Feasibility and situation analysis for Scholarship program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Scholarship program is feasible in the refugee camp - Team formed under the Mr. TB Gurung, camp secretary of Beldangi I as the coordinator for further exploration
June 2011	Scholarship stakeholder analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Update on Scholarship program - Discussion on priority candidate and selection process
22 June 2011	Planning for scholarship selection process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Scholarship selection criteria discussed and accepted - Selection methodology formulated and selection committee formed
July 2011	Selection of Bhutanese refugee students for scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bhutanese refugee scholarship recipients selected
October 2011	Planning for Women Empowerment Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Modality of organisation discussed - Fund utilisation discussed

II. Meetings in Australia and major decisions

Month/Year	Major agenda	Major decisions
May 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Planning for registration with ABN 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Constitution revisit en apply for ABN registration
June 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Planning for charity status 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Apply for charity status
13 Feb. 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Legal status including tax exemption status - Scholarship Program 2011 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Charity status obtained - Acceptance of Scholarship application and eligibility criteria
28 May 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tax exemption status - Bank account - Fund generation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Parsu Ram Luitel managed to obtain unlimited time extension to appeal for tax exemption - Mr. Yeti Raj Neopaney proposed to lead the team in Australia
26 Nov. 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Central Committee (Australia) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Central Committee consisting of 6 members formed

III. Skype conference and major decisions

Month/Year	Major agenda	Major decisions
October 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Planning for Registration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Martyrs Salvation Program is feasible - Martyrs Salvation Program organising committee formed
November 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Planning for year 2010 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Program to be performed in accordance with Buddhist methodology - Fund generation and its utilisation finalised
December 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Planning for year 2011 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Scholarship program is feasible in the refugee camp - Team formed under the Mr. TB Gurung, camp secretary of Beldangi I as the coordinator for further exploration
24 April 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tax exemption status - Follow up of meeting in Nepal - Planning Scholarship Program 2011 - Registration of Foundation in other countries - Empowerment program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tax exemption need to achieved by any means - Revisit the constitution of the foundation - Number of scholarships and amount per candidate finalised - Brain storming regarding registration in other countries - Call for program proposal for empowerment program from BRAIN Bhutan
18 Sept. 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sharing of Empowerment program - Update on tax free status - Publication of Martyr's memorial - Board of the foundation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Government of Australia denied tax exemption status citing that foundation has political objectives. - Decided to make launch appeal. Mr. Parsu Ram Luitel shall take over the issue. - Mr. IP Adhikari has been proposed to coordinate the publication of Martyr's memorial - The board of the Foundation shall be redefined.
11 Dec. 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Board structure and program for year 2012 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Endorsement of the Central Committee established in Australia led Mr. Yati Raj Ajnabee as the Country Director (Australia) - Write constitution as per the requirement of the country in line with the mission and vision of the foundation - Formation of new committees in Nepal and USA - Fund generation modality and target budget for year 2012

IV. List of Signatories (support to hunger striker women)

Name	City	Nationality	Name	City	Nationality	Name	City	Nationality
Lakshmi Prasad Dhakal	Amsterdam	Bhutanese	John Dulal	Adelaide	Nepali	Tej Man Monger	Munich	Bhutanese
Ramesh Gautam	Stavanger	Bhutanese	Arjun Pradhan	Minnesota	Bhutanese	Laxman Dulal	HYATTSVILLE, MD	
Jiwan Subba	Alameda		Arjun Ghaley	Adelaide	Bhutanese	Yashoda Rizal	Perth	Bhutanese
Narayan Sharma	Riverdale	Bhutanese	Kopila Gautam	FÄ_rsefjorden	Bhutanese	Tek Bir Chhetri	Phoenix, Arizona	Bhutanese
Keshab Paudel	Vestal	Nepali	Ashok Budathoki	Munich	Bhutanese	Dick Chhetri	California	Bhutanese
Tikaram (Tika) Adhikari	Winnipeg	Canadian/Bhutanese	Amber Singh Subba	Raalte	Bhutanese	Buddha Dhakal	Louisville	Bhutanese
Yadu Acharya	Harrisburg	Bhutanese	Mon Timsina	Nashville	Bhutanese	Kamal Dahal	Adelaide	Bhutanese- Australian
Rajesh Koirala	Manchester	Nepali	Ellen Kaski	The Hague	Dutch	Bhutanese Seniors	Adelaide	Bhutanese-Australian
San nambang Subba	The Netherlands	Bhutanese	DeoMaya Giri	Alameda	Bhutanese	Tika Timsina	Pittsburgh	Bhutanese
rajendra katwal	syracuse	bhutanese	Debbie van den Berg	Amsterdam	Dutch	Manoj Rai	jacksonville	Bhutanese
Santi Ram Dhakal	Adelaide	Bhutanese	Janni Viljakainen	Kuopio	Finnish	Hari Uprety	Dever	Bhutanese
Tara Dhungana	Columbus	Bhutanese	mahendra adhikari	rijswijk	bhutanese	Narayan Neupane	Phoenix, Arizona	Bhutanese
Bhuwani sharma	sydney	Nepali	Aiman Samal	Zwolle	Bhutanese	Praja Shapkota	Siliguri	Bhutanese
Indra Adhikari	Adelaide	Bhutanese	Dinesh subba	Ä_rsta	Bhutanese	Suren Ghaley	Adelaide	Bhutanese
Bhadra Dhakal	Adelaide	Bhutanese	Raghu Osti	Saint John	????????	anil pandey	Alameda	was born in Nepal
Deoki Sharma	Amsterdam	Bhutanese	Indra Timsina	Lethbridge	Bhutanese	robert rennie	atlantic beach	american
Ganga Adhikari	Adelaide	Bhutanese	M Hoogendoorn	Utrecht	---	chhatra rai	Leiden	Dutch
Leela Adhikari	Adelaide	Bhutanese	Ashok Gurung	PITTSBURGH	Bhutanese	shila rai	leiden	Bhutanese
Devi Ghimire	Melbourne	Bhutanese	Mautkalyei Timsina	Lethbridge	Bhutanese	Mohan Bhandari	Roanoke	Bhutanese
damodhar timsina	phoenix ,arizona	bhutanese	Dambaru Ghimirey	Pittsburgh	Bhutanese	BHanu Adhikari	Grand Forks	Bhutanese American
khem Raj Bastola	schiedam	bhutaness	Devendra Gautam	Osnabruck	Bhutanese	Annie Subedi	Alameda	Bhutanese
Indra Rizal	Perth	Bhutanese	Sheela Gautam	Sydney	Bhutanese	Hari Om Adhikari	Tucson, Arizona	Bhutanese
Ram Bahadur Chhetri	The Hague	Bhutanese	Thugten Dorjee Drukpa	Horsens	Bhutanese	Laxmi Adhikari	Tucson, Arizona	Bhutanese
Martine Verwey	Zurich	Swiss	Bhakta Ghimire	Columbus	Bhutanese	Mousami Adhikari	Tucson, Arizona	Bhutanese
Bhola Siwakoti	Damphu	Bhutanese	G Gurung	Harderwijk	Bhutanese	Gopal Adhikari	Tucson, Arizona	Bhutanese
ichha poudel	adelaide	bhutanese	Rajen Giri	Alameda	Bhutanese	Talman magar	alameda	bhutan
Khagendra Baral	Phoenix	Bhutanese	Shanti Adhikari	Sacramento	Bhutanese	Kumar ChhetriTiwari	Tucson, Arizona	Bhutanese
Puskar Sharma Poudyal	Brisbane		Carolina Beunder	Haarlem	--	Chandra Chhetri	Richmond	Bhutanese american
Rup Pokhrel	Pittsburgh	Bhutanese	Dhanapati Neopaney	Kent	Bhutanese	Prahlad Dahal	Cairns	Bhutanese
Homnath Baral	Phoenix	Bhutanese	Khem Raj Gautam	Horsens	Bhutanese	TB Chhetri	Khudunabari	Bhutanese
HOM DHAKAL	LANCASTER	BHUTANESE	Deo Thapa	Twin Falls	Bhutanese	Hari Pokhrel	Adelaide	Bhutanese
DADHI KAFLE	LANCASTER	BHUTANESE	Madan Kumar Giri	Charlottetown	Bhutanese	Pankaj Dhakal	Adelaide	Bhutanese
YADU DHAKAL	LANCASTER	BHUTANESE	KAMAL ADHIKARI	PHILA	Bhutanese	Hari sharma	Nepal	Bhutanese refugee
Yugnath Dbadi	Seattle	Bhutanese	Lachu Katel	Tucson	US Per. Resident	Hom Prakash Dhamala	Adelaide	Bhutanese
Chandra Chhetri	VadsÄ,	Bhutanese	Dhruva Mishra	Richmond, VA	Bhutanese	Tek Nepal	Oakland	
Raman Dahal	Atlanta	Bhutanese	sham jaharia	amstelveen	netherlands	Ram Bahadur Baniya	Alta	Bhutanese
Devi B. Adhikari	Tucson, Arizona	Bhutanese	Stanley Naimon	Midlothian	--	Aina Simonsen	Alta	norwegian
Rajen Giri	Alameda	Bhutanese	Indra Dahal	Whitehall	Bhutanese	Ram Upreti	Tucson, Arizona	Bhutanese
Prakash Ghimirey	Fargo	Bhutanese	Sangam Dahal	WHITEHALL	Bhutanese	Keshav Nepal	Aurora	Bhutanese
Tek Mishra	Pittsburgh	Bhutanese	KRISHNA Dahal	WHITEHALL	Bhutanese	Narad Nepal	Oakland	
Hima Neupane	Pittsburgh	Bhutanese	Kiran Pradhan	Alameda	Bhutanese	Khem Kafley	Salt Lake City	Refugee
Vidhyapati Mishra	Jhapa	Bhutanese	Jamuna Karki	The Hague	Bhutanese	Raymond Hilliard	Richmond, VA	U.S.A.
Yam Sunwar	Adelaide	Bhutanese	Kharilal Gurung	DÄ¼sseldorf	Bhutanese			
Prem Karki	Oakland	Bhutanese	Tej Mishra	Boston	Bhutan			

V. Profile of Foundation's Bhutanese Scholars

1. **Moni Kumar Bhattarai**, 22, passed his School Leaving Certificate (SLC) from Tri-Ratna Secondary School of Beldangi-I scoring 53.75% aggregate. He is currently a regular student of Commerce faculty at Global Educational Academy, Damak, Jhapa. His father died in Bhutan when he was just two years old. His mother, Chandra Maya brought him to the refugee camp in 1992. Unfortunately, after a few years, his mother took a second husband, leaving him all alone. She lives in India and never visits him. Bhattarai lives with one of his cousins in Beldangi-II, Sector C-2, Hut # 89.
2. **Gopi Maya Rai** is 18 years old visually impaired girl. Rai is one of the student scholars selected from New Horizon Academy of Sanischare Refugee Camp. She lives in Sector D-1, Hut # 19. She lost her mother nine years ago. Since then, her dad took to drinking and is now alcohol dependent. He lives outside the camp and seldom visits her. Being a physically disabled girl, she decided to live with her uncle's family. But her Uncle's son and daughter humiliate her and treat her in extremely suppressive ways. Rai passed her School Leaving Certificate (SLC) Examinations this year scoring an aggregate of 54.74%. With the financial support of Punya Foundation, she is now a regular student at Saraswati Higher Secondary School; Damak, Jhapa. She needs volunteer help to write her examination papers.
3. **Shrijana Rai** is the daughter of Mr. Lok Bahadur Rai and Mrs. Sakuntala Rai. Her father disappeared and has not been traced so far. Her mother eloped with another men when Shrijana was still a child. Shrijana now lives with her grandparents in Beldangi II, Sector B3/123. She passed her SLC Exam from Oasis Academy, Timai. With the help of Foundation's Scholarship support, Shrijana currently, is a full time student of 'Commerce' stream at Amity College, Birtamod. She expresses her gratitude to the Foundation like this -'This scholarship provided by Punya Foundation is a blessing for me. I would not have enjoyed this college life and gotten higher education to shape my future, if this Foundation did not exist''.
4. **Raj Kumar Gurung** is born on 1st November 1994. His father is a victim of third degree torture at the hands of the Government of Bhutan. In the Bhutanese detention and interrogation centre, his father's fingers were chopped off. The Centre for the Victims of Torture has diagnosed him to be suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. Raj Kumar lives in Khudunabari Refugee Camp, Sector F1/77 with his stepmother, a disabled uncle and a psycho-neurotic father. His mother had disappeared many years ago, when he was still a young kid. An Assistant Head teacher of Sun Rise Academy (SRA), Khudunabari, Mr. Mandhoj Gurung partially supported him before his selection for the Punya scholarship program. He passed out from SRA securing 75.8% in SLC and currently studies at Siddhartha College, Damak. He expresses his gratitude to Punya Foundation like this - 'I will extend ocean full of thanks to the Punya Foundation for providing me scholarship at the critical stage in life'. He further expects that support will continue in the future as well. His goal is to hold an M. Sc. Degree in the future.

VI. Profile of Foundation's Nepalese Scholars

1. **Unika Dahal**, 10 years old, born to Lt. Man Bahadur Dahal and unknown mother studying in Class IV at Shree Saraswoti Junior High School, Beldangi, Damak-2 lives in Damak-4 with one brother and two sisters without land and own house, dependent on others' help. She is lovable and amiable to all with evergreen hopes and has moderate level of study. She is rightly chosen by the god to be a scholarship winner of Punya Foundation.
2. **Puja Dhimal**, 14 years old studying in Class VIII with top level from grade I, born to Gopal Dhimal who left home and unknown till now and mother Phul Maya Dhimal lives at Damak-2 with seven sisters without any brothers under landless and homeless states; perennial dependent and she is cooperative and friendly with others with bright hopes.
3. **Mousam Rai**, 11 years old born to Bom Bahadur Rai who had disappeared before his birth and eloped mother Ram Maya Rai lives at Damak Nagarpalika, Ward Number- 1 with his married sister; he doesn't have land and house. As per his teacher, he is disciplined, interested keenly in study and regular to the school.
4. **Usha Basnet**, 10 years old, born to Purna Bahadur Basnet and mother Lal Maya Basnet, studying in Class IV, at shree Chula Chuli Junior High School, Damak-5, Baghkor, lives at Damak Municipal, Ward Number 5, Dumse, along with disabled sisters and one brother. She is physically handicapped with eformed hand and leg. Parents engaged in simple vegetable business, no land and lives on rented house. She has cordial relationship with teachers and friends.



Foundation's scholar Unica Dahal

VII. List of contributors for Hindu Salvation Program

Contributors	Amt US \$
Abi N. Adhikari, USA	10
Adip Alay, USA	5
Ananda Khanal, USA	5
Bahadur Subba, USA	10
Bal Krishna Siwakoti, USA	15
Bal Rai, USA	2
Balaram Khatiwada, USA	10
Bam Gurung, USA	5
Basu Dhakal, USA	20
Bhagawat Adhikari, USA	21
Bhagi Acharya, USA	5
Bhagirath Gajmer, USA	5
Bhakta Bdr. Rasaili, USA	5
Bhakti Acharya, USA	5
Bhanu Dhakal, USA	10
Bhim Basnet, Northchase, USA	15
Bhim Dhungel, USA	20
Bhola Siwakoti, Kansas, USA	100
Bhola Timsina, USA	20
Bidur Dangal, USA	5
Chandra Kharel, USA	5
Chet Bista, USA	5
Chitra Khar Kafley, USA	21
D.P.Ghimire, USA	5
Dal Dhungel, USA	2
Daya Khanal, USA	10
Deepak Giri, USA	11
Deepika Timsina, USA	22
Devi Charan Bhandari, USA	5
Devi Charan Kafley, USA	10
Devi Charan, USA	10
Devi Dahal, Denver, Colorado, USA	10
Dharmananda Timsina, USA	20
Dhruva Mishra, Virginia, USA	100
Dil B. Tiwari, USA	5
Dr. Ravi Sarma, USA	20
Durga Chhetri, USA	5
Echha Ram Niraula, USA	10
Gagan Kammar, USA	2
Ganga Dulal, Pennsylvania, USA	51
Ganga Ram Gautam, USA	5
Ganga Ram Neopaney, USA	5
Goma Dhakal, USA	3
Goma Odari, USA	21
Goma Regmi, USA	22
Goma Timsina, USA	5
Guna Baral, USA	20
Guru Siwakoti, USA	51
Habi Chandra Timsina, USA	10
Hari Gautam, USA	10
Hari Koirala, USA	2
Hari Timsina, Valley place, USA	10

Harilal Dahal, USA	6
Heera Neopaney, USA	10
Indra Khatiwada, USA	11
Ishor Dhakal, Pennsylvania, USA	51
Jaga Rizal, USA	2
Jaganidhi Pokharel, USA	10
Jamuna Lamichane, USA	5
Januka Odari, USA	11
Jash Gurung, USA	5
Jasu Gurung, USA	20
Jhalak Thakuri, USA	21
Kamala Rai, USA	2
Kamala Subedi, USA	10
Keeran Gautam and Idaho Bhutanese Community, Idaho	277
Khadananda Khatiwada, USA	5
Khadananda Regmi, USA	20
Khaga Khatiwada, USA	21
Khina Mainali, USA	5
Krishna Adhikari, USA	20
Krishna Khanal, USA	5
Krishna Rizal, USA	10
Kumar Dahal, USA	10
Kumar Karki, USA	5
Lakeswor Kirtan Committee, USA	40
Lakshmi Prasad Dhakal, the Netherlands	200
Lalit Basnet, the Netherlands	50
Laxman Dahal, USA	51
Laxmi Adhikari, USA	10
Laxmi Nepal, USA	3
Lok Homagain, USA	10
Loknath Dhakal, USA	21
Madhavi Acharya, USA	10
Maheswor Regmi, USA	51
Manarath Acharya, USA	11
Manoj Pradhan, USA	51
Manorath Chamlagain, USA	5
Manorath Dahal, Willowridge, USA	100
Martin Neopane, USA	5
Mon M. Adhikari, USA	10
Monarath Dahal, USA	10
Naina Gajmer, USA	5
Nandi Kishore Dahal, USA	5
Nar Neopaney, USA	10
Narad Chhetri, USA	11
Narahari Dhakal, USA	10
Narahari Sharma (Katel), USA	10
Narapati Khatiwada, USA	5
Narayan Khanal, USA	5
Narayan Rizal, USA	11
Narayani Adhikari, USA	5
Om Chamlagain, USA	5
Om Dahal, USA	5
Padam B. Biswa, USA	5

Padam Poudyel, USA	31
Parsu Adhikari, USA	5
Pashupati Timsina, USA	100
Pingala Sharma, USA	21
Prakash Giri, USA	7
Prem Lal Timsina, USA	5
Premlal Subedi, USA	11
Pulpa Lal Nepal, USA	5
Puranaghare, Kansas, USA	100
Purushottam Dahal, USA	10
Radhika Homagain, USA	6
Raju Subba, USA	5
Ram Chandra Dhakal, USA	5
Ram Subedi, Cedar Crk, USA	41
Raman Dahal, Northchase, USA	21
Ran Maya Chhetri, USA	10
Ranga Lal Koirala, Valley Place, USA	5
Ratna Khadka, USA	2
Renu Dulal, USA	10
Rishi Ram Koirala, USA	5
Roshan Adhikari, USA	10
Roshan K.C, Decatur, USA	101
Rudra Rijal, USA	10
Sabitra Koirala, USA	20
Santabir Rasaili, USA	5
Santi Mishra, N. Carolina, USA	5
Saraswati Dahal, USA	5
Sher Tamang, USA	5
Shiva Bhandari, USA	11
Sri Adhikari, USA	5
Sumitra Subedi, USA	5
Sunita Timsina, USA	5
T.B.Basnet, USA	5
Tara Bista, USA	10
Tek Bir Chhetri, Arizona, USA	200
Tek Bista, USA	5
Tek Chimoriya, USA	5
Tek Nath Kafley, USA	21
Tek Timsina, USA	21
Tirtha Dahal, USA	11
Tularam Alay, USA	5
Tularam Karki, USA	10
Tulasa Chamlagain, USA	5
Vishal Niraula, USA	4
Yam Siwakoti, USA	10
Yeshoda Adhikari, USA	5
Subtotal collection	2967

Cash donations (Online)

Tika Ram Acharya, USA	100
Lalit Basnet, the Netherlands	50
Tika Ram Adhikari, Canada	50
	200



◆ Hindu salvation program highlights,
Georgia, Atlanta (USA)



VIII. Details of expenses for Hindu salvation program

Date	Purpose/item	Unit	Qty	Amount
12/20/2010	Invitation Photo copy	1	1	5
12/21/2010	Printer Ink	1	1	44.38
12/21/2010	Banner Design	1	1	60
12/21/2010	Clothes for Puran	1	1	28.63
12/22/2010	Puja matters	1	1	170.6
12/22/2010	dollae tree	1	1	29.96
12/22/2010	party city	1	1	118.99
12/22/2010	Photocopy	1	1	5
12/23/2010	Photocopy	1	1	7.5
12/23/2010	office depot	1	1	18.43
12/23/2010	office depot	1	1	10.85
12/24/2010	South Asian Market	1	1	6.85
12/24/2010	Publix	1	1	25.03
12/24/2010	Thriftown	1	1	1.38
12/24/2010	Dolar Tree	1	1	4.28
12/24/2010	Global Pharmacy	1	1	3.19
12/24/2010	Kroger	1	1	15.36
12/24/2010	Dollar Tree	1	1	1.07
12/24/2010	Cherians	1	1	12.83
12/24/2010	Ross	1	1	24.59
12/24/2010	Patel	1	1	21.39
12/24/2010	Ross	1	1	49.12
12/24/2010	Thriftown	1	1	3.57
12/24/2010	Triftown	1	1	5.1
12/24/2010	Triftown	1	1	1.07
12/26/2010	South Asian Market	1	1	10.27
12/26/2010	Thriftown	1	1	4.64
12/26/2010	Office depot	1	1	14.53
12/26/2010	kitaab bheti	1	1	40
12/26/2010	laxmi n. bheti	1	1	10
12/26/2010	Pandit Dakshina	5	300	1500
12/26/2010	Bhajan Team	1	1	500
12/26/2010	Temple Rent	1	1	300
12/26/2010	Gas Rent	1	1	30
12/24/2010	Baran	1	1	40
12/24/2010	Coins/Sahidspratisthapan	1	1	5
12/24/2010	coins/basic rites	1	1	5
12/24/2010	bhagawan bheti	1	1	10
12/24/2010	Shell	1	1	31.39
12/26/2010	Lawrenceville	1	1	39
12/24/2010	South Asian Market	1	1	17.77
12/24/2010	South Asian Market	1	1	33.5
12/24/2010	Cherians	1	1	57.1
12/24/2010	Travel	1	1	500
12/26/2010	Sound Set Rent	1	1	45
Sub total				3094

IX. List of contributors for scholarship program

Name	Addres	Amount	Remarks
Mr. DP Mainali	The Hague, the Netherlands	20	
Mr. Yog Bahadur Khadka	Limburg, the Netherlands	20	
Mr. Lalit Basnet	Harderwijk, the Netherlands	50	
Mr. Ishwor Dhakal	Pennsylvania, USA	100	
Mrs. Bishnu Maya Dulal	Pennsylvania, USA	100	
Mr. Santi Ram Poudel	Ohio, USA	150	
Mr. Indra Rizal	Perth, Australia	250	Commitments for years
Mr. Raman Dhahal	Atlanta, USA	100	
Ms. Tika Mishra	Sioux Falls, South Dakota, USA.	100	
Mr. Posta Luitel	Sioux Falls, South Dakota, USA.	20	
Mr. Kailash Dahal	Sioux Falls, South Dakota, USA.	10	
Mr. Sha Bahadur Gurung	Sioux Falls, South Dakota, USA.	10	
Mr. Govinda Dhungana	Sioux Falls, South Dakota, USA.	10	
Mr. Chhabi Neupane	Sioux Falls, South Dakota, USA.	95	
Ms. Puspa Neupane	Sioux Falls, South Dakota, USA.	20	
Mr. Om Neupane	Sioux Falls, South Dakota, USA.	15	
Mr. Mitra Lal Mishra	Sioux Falls, South Dakota, USA.	50	
Ms. Pabitra Siwakoti	Sioux Falls, South Dakota, USA.	11	
Mr. Thugten D. Drukpa	Denmark	50	Annual commitment
Lakshmi Prasad Dhakal	Amsterdam, the Netherlands	100	Annual commitment
Mr. Ramesh Gautam	Norway	100	
Mr. Dom Nath Kafley	Adelaide, Australia	100	Annual commitment
Mrs. Bhadri Maya Dhakal	Adelaide, Australia	100	Annual commitment
Mr. Puspa Lal Dhakal	Adelaide, Australia	50	
Mr. Sashi Dhakal	Sydney, Australia	100	
Mr. Yug Nath Dabadi	Washington, USA	100	
Mr. Tika Adhikari	Winnepeg, Canada	50	
Mr. Madan Kumar Giri	Charlottetown, Canada	200	Annual commitment
Mr. Rohit Kumar Pokharel	Norway	25	
Mr. Vidhyapati Mishra	Jhapa, Nepal	45	
Ms. Kopila Gautam	Norway	25	
Mr. Agustin Tremino Campillo	The Netherlands	20	
Total		2196	

X. Expenses for scholarship program

Date/Year	Head	Unit	Qty	Amount in \$
4/3/11	Discussion and stakeholder analysis	1	1	45
6/22/11	Discussion scholarship selection	1	1	55
June/July 2011	Application call via Saptarangi FM, Koshi FM and Mechi Tunes	1.45	24	35
7/2/11	Selection process	1	1	170
Year 2011 & 2012	Scholarship 10=2 level Bhutanese refugee students	200	4	800
Year 2011 & 2012	Scholarship	100	4	400
Year 2011 & 2012	Monitoring, reporting - students' profile, report on selection process and students' progress report, etc	1	1	75
Year 2011 & 2012	Mis (video, photos, communication, transport, etc)	1	1	65
Total				1645

XI. List of contributors for women empowerment program

Contributors	US \$
Mr. Puskar Poudel (Australia)	100
Mrs. Thaga Maya Dhakal (Australia)	100
Mr. Santi Ram Poudel (USA)	20
Ramesh Gautam (Norway)	12
Total	232

XII. Expenses for women empowerment program

Items	Qty	Rate	Cost (in NRS)
Banner	2	500	1000
Sound System, communication and travel	1	8000	8000
Presents to the participants	40	25	1000
Water	2	155	310
Lunch for technicians	4	80	320
Snacks for guests	30	20	600
Hiring chairs	100	5	500
Hiring tents	2	500	1000
Saries to honour + khadas	5	600	3000
Dairies to honour journalists	7	180	1260
Papers, photo copies etc.	1	1	500
Stage preparation + gift wrapping papers	1	1	955
Total			18445

XIII. Contributor for support to hunger striker women

Year	Name	Donation
2011	Hom Nath Dhakal, USA	50

XIV. Donors of support to Gorkha tuin mishap victims

Contribution	Amount
Nepal Development Academy (NDA)	245
Non-Resident Nepali (NRN), the Netherlands	366
Total	611

XIV. Expense for support to Gorkha tuin mishap victims

SN	Items/Description	Amount (in NPR)
1	Stationery	19550
2	Clothing	21300
3	Programme management	2000
4	Travel and meetings	3000
5	Communication	2000
Total		47,850

XV. Administrative cost (2010/11)

Purpose/item	Unit	Qty	Year 2010	Year 2011
ABN registration fee	1	1	157	0
Photo copy	1	1	15	0
Meeting coordination	1	1	25	0
Website hosting	1	1	115	115
Communication	1	1	15	55
Bank account charge	1	1	20	0
Money transaction	4	10	10	30



XVI. Information about affected households of Gorkha tuin mishap

Name of the Deceased	Names of Children	Family description
Amrit Lal Shrestha	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minu 2. Belimaya* 3. Sajina 	Shrestha's family is the most impoverished among the victim families. They have very little land. The produce from the land (7 Ropanis of unfertile hill land) doesn't suffice for more than 2 months. Shrestha used to be a porter at Kalimati vegetable market. The eldest daughter, eleven-year-old Minu studies in grade 5 and the youngest, six-year-old Sajina, studies in grade 2. The second daughter Belimaya has been accepted by SOS Balgram, Bhaktapur for education and up keep.
Meena Shrestha	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Kushma 2. Kushum 3. Kusal 4. Parbat 	Meena was a vegetable farmer. The oldest daughter Kushma studies in grade 3, the youngest 3 years old Parbat studies pre-school. The third son Kushal Shrestha has suffered from burn injuries on his both legs. These children run the most risk as the father is likely to remarry and the children will further suffer under a step mother as per the observed situations in Nepal
Ranjeet Gaire	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mandira 2. Anita 3. Rabi 4. Kiran 	Gaire's family was the most well-off among the victim families. Gaire was a vegetable trader. Although they were raised in better ways compared to others in the village when their father survived, the situation is bleak after the father's demise. The oldest daughter 16-year-old Mandira studies in 9 th grade and the youngest, seven-year-old Kiran studies in 1 st grade
Ram Kumar Shrestha	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ishwar 2. Kopila 3. Sangeeta 4. Suresh 	Shrestha was a vegetable farmer. His wife has a not properly diagnosed chronic disease – keeps bleeding from nose - and is unable to work properly. The family has enough land to feed the family for a year, but now lacks working hands. The children themselves do most of the work. The eldest son Ishwar studies in grade 11. He is bright in studies, has topped the grade 11 terminal exams, but these days is mostly disturbed by the family work and the responsibility to look after the siblings. Youngest 13-year-old Suresh studies in 7 th grade.
Chhabilal Silwal	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Santosh 2. Sanjib 3. Sabin 	Silwal lives in Chitwan. The eldest 12-year-old Santosh studies in 2 nd grade and the youngest eight-year-old Sabin studies in grade 1 in a private school in Chitwan. Their mother has reportedly developed mental problems after the accident.

* SOS Bhaktapur has accepted Belimaya for her education

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