

Ashraya Nepal



A few facts about Nepal

General

Population about 28 million

GNI per capita 2006 290 (US\$)

Children and education

Under-5 mortality rate, 2006 59 per 1000 live births

Total adult literacy rate, 2000-2005* 49% over 15 can read and write

Primary school net enrolment/ attendance (%), 2000-2006* 87%

Youth (15-24 years) literacy rate, 2000-2006*, male 81%

Youth (15-24 years) literacy rate, 2000-2006*, female 60%

% of primary school entrants reaching grade 5 2000-2006*, UNESCO data 79%

% of primary school entrants reaching grade 5 2000-2006*, DHS data 95%

Introduction to Ashraya Nepal

Ashraya Nepal is an independent organization, non-political and non-profit making, established in January 2009 with the purpose to help the most vulnerable section of Nepalese society - children. We aim to foster and promote children's rights in a country which is struggling to develop in terms of its political and economic status.

The special focus of the organization will be orphans, other underprivileged children and students, particularly from the lower castes.

Immediate objectives

1. To create a non-profit making, children's rights based social organization.
2. To found a well facilitated home to support the education of children from poor families.
3. By helping to provide their basic needs and opportunities for education to give assistance to children and other students, especially those from rural, backward and socially marginalized communities.

Ashraya Nepal aims to support deserving children from lower caste and other marginalised groups

within society to continue with their education where their parents are no longer able to afford the expense.

The means of delivery

a) By identifying cases of need and providing minimal assistance to keep a number of children in full time education

(1) by providing the funds for meals at school

(2) by providing the school fees

Both of these will be paid directly to the school involved.

b) By providing a home in the metropolitan area of Kathmandu valley where children from families, as identified above, may be given adequate shelter and care while they continue with their education.

Our achievements

Ashraya Nepal has been registered with the authorities in Kathmandu and has a committee of six people. (Reg. No. 693/065 Kathmandu)

So far we have identified five young people to support. Their ages range from twelve to twenty three and the provision is from helping with the cost of school meals to providing shelter. The cost for this is approximately NRs 13000 (roughly £120) per month.

Our immediate plans

To found a sister organization in the U.K. to publicise Ashraya Nepal and to attempt to raise funds for it.

To register this as a charitable trust once we have obtained a sufficient income.

Further information may be obtained from our website www.ashraya-nepal.org

