



Bringing Children Safely Back to School
COVID - 19 Education Response, Project Report - 2020

COVID - 19

According to a UNESCO report, 1.6 billion children across 191 countries have been severely impacted by the temporary closure of the educational institutions.

In Nepal nearly 900,000 students are affected by the closure of the academic institutions. In upper Khumbu region of Solukhumbu district more than 2000 students are currently out of schools.

Disruptions to instructional time in the classroom can have a severe impact on a child's ability to learn. The longer marginalized children are out of school, the less likely they are to return. Children from the poorest households are the one to suffer the most. Being out of school also increases the risk of teenage pregnancy, sexual exploitation, child marriage, violence and other threats. Further, prolonged closures disrupt essential school-based services such as school feeding, and mental health and psychosocial support, and can cause stress and anxiety due to the loss of peer interaction and disrupted routines.

To minimize the risk to children's education, protection and wellbeing, Action for Nepal, Luklass Association in coordination with Local government of Khumbu, plans to reopen the 17 schools in three different phases following all the safety measures.





OUR COVID -19
EDUCATION RESPONSE MISSION:

To bring children safely back to school following all the
COVID 19 safety measures

Action for Nepal and Luklass Association COVID RESPONSE

- Supported the local government education committee to put in place a COVID-19 plan for schools which sets out policies and protocols for schools to function safely
- Supported school management committees and PTA to put in place a COVID-19 management plan for the school. The plan included provision of how to catch up on the curriculum and provided necessary financial and technical support to equip schools with equipment to safely run the school.
- Conducted orientation program for teachers and parents on how to reopen the school safely
- Equipments provided to 17 Schools, equipments includes: Personal protective equipments to teachers, students, workbooks for students, COVID awareness materials, hand washing stations, soap and hand sanitizers for each classrooms. Cleaning and disinfecting materials, water and sanitation facilities were also provided.





COVID -19 ORIENTATION PROGRAM

TOTAL SCHOOL PARTICIPATED IN
THE ORIENTATION

17

TOTAL TEACHER'S ORIENTED

150

TOTAL SCHOOL MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE ORIENTED

180

TOTAL PARENTS ORIENTED AT SCHOOLS

1017



SAFELY BACK TO SCHOOL

TOTAL SCHOOL SAFELY OPEN

17

TOTAL STUDENTS SAFELY BACK IN CLASSROOM

2000





YANGI'S Story

Namaste, I am Yangi Sherpa, studying in grade three in Mahendra Jyoti Secondary School, Chaurikharka. During the six months of school's closures because of Covid-19 I was feeling bored staying at home. I was tired of watching the regular cartoons on television. I didn't have friends to play around in my neighborhood. My daily routine went boring day by day. I was starting to miss my school, my friends and my respected teachers. I thought that school will be closed forever. Even some of my friends studying in Kathmandu were in village because of the lockdown in Kathmandu.

All of a sudden I heard news of schools reopen. I remember my parents talking about Rural Municipality planning to reopen schools. I was so excited to hear this and to get back to school. I was happy that I was going to see my friends. I was also happy to share my words to them. I myself and all my friends are happy getting back to school.

In the school, the situation is not same as before. We have different rules and regulations. We were oriented by our teachers about COVID 19 and how we can stay safe from this virus. In school we have to check fever, wash hands and maintain distance at school. We always wear mask at school. It was hard to adjust in the in the beginning. But its for our safety and now we are used to it. I am happy going back to school, seeing my friends, teachers and most importantly, i can continue my study. Thank you all ...!!



Tsheirng Rai

Teacher

As a teachers the hardest part for me during this long lockdown was not being able to see my students. The school was closed for months, i was worried about their studies. I love being with my class children. When they are away from their school for long period of time, their are lots of negative consequences they might go through. I was worried about their learning opportunity.

Finally, the local government decided to open the school in phase wise. I was very excited to hear this. We the teachers were also orientated about the COVID safety measures. This orientation gives us more confident in managing and running the classroom.

We now have regular class going on. The risk of COVID will be there, but we are doing everything we can to keep our school and children safe from this virus so our school children could continue their learning opportunity.

I specially want to thank our local government for taking this initiation to open the school and want to thank Action for Nepal and Luklass association for supporting all our schools of Khumbu with required protective equipments and safety measures in all our schools.



THANK YOU

Thanks to the generosity of
LUKLASS ASSOCIATION - SWISS

Through your financial support, we were able to safely
reopen the 17 schools of Khumbu and bring all the
children back to their classrooms following all the COVID
safety measures.



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Lakpa Thering Sherpa
Executive Director
Action for Nepal

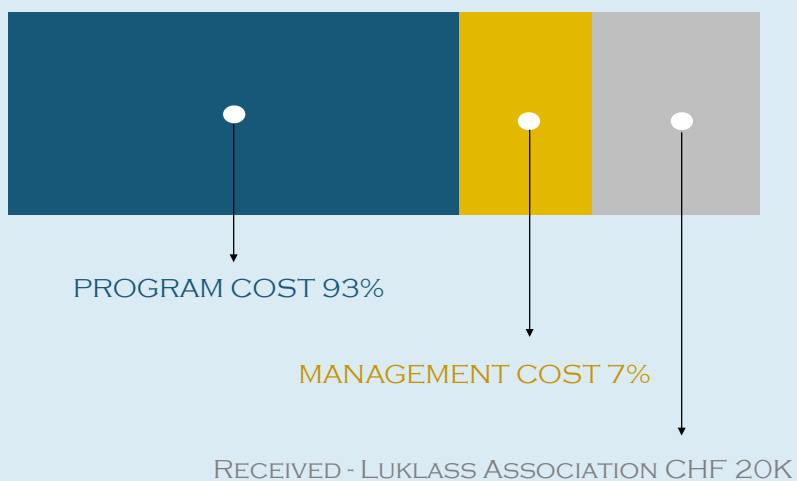
FINANCIALS

Received & EXPENSES

We believe being transparent is the best way to honestly present what we do, and to maintain a trusting relationship with the partners and donors with whom we work.

We decided to publish the Cover 19 Education Response project report first to show what we have achieved and to show how the funds we have received from our generous donors have been spent

Secondly, we believe every donor and organisation has a right to know where their money has been spent

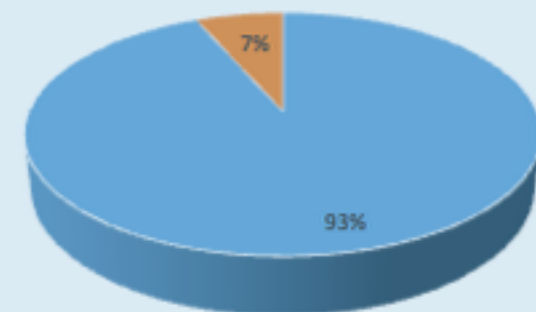




FINANCIALS - EXPENSES

Incomes & Name of donors	Total NPR
Lukas Association Chaurikharka (CHF 20,000) @ 126.83	2,536,695.20
A. Program Cost	2,214,023.88
Planning preparations and meetings	94,370.00
Medical Supplies (reusable masks, utility gloves, sanitizer, room sanitizer, face shield, gown, soap, thermal gun etc)	701,726.50
Stationaries for schools[Plain paper, chart paper, markers, crayons, sketch pen, art copy etc]	353,755.00
Safety Supplies (dust-bin, dust pan, broom, big jaars, soap case,	125,891.38
Capacity Dev (COVID-19 Health Safety Orientation to HT, Teachers, SMC & PTA.)	147,860.00
Safety Commodities for the trainers	21,781.00
Head/Teachers Meetings cost	35,200.00
Development Guidelines cost to the facilitators	52,785.00
Printings of guidelines and brochures	78,839.00
Transportation/Cargo Charge	461,816.00
SWC Monitoring and Evaluations	140,000.00
B. Management Cost	154,981.67
Project Overhead 7 % of total cost	154,981.67
Total	2,369,005.55
Balance	167,689.65

Breakdown of Expenditure



■ Program Cost ■ Management Cost





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