

CHILD WELFARE HOME (CHW) KHANDBARI

Khandbari,Sankhuwasabha
Koshi Zone (Nepal)

1. INTRODUCTION

In 2005,a group of social workers stumbled upon a one year old female baby along the side of a stream inKhandbari, the district headquarters of Sankhuwasabha of Eastern Nepal. The little girl, weeping bitterly, had been abandoned by her mother. As the social workers looked into the young girl's case, they were shocked by what they found. Abandoned children and orphans were a rampant problem in the Khandbari area, yet, little had been done to address or alleviate the problem.

The enthusiastic social workers decided to join hands and, with the help of donations from the villagers, establish an orphanage - **Child Welfare Home Khandbari ("CHW")**.Today, Child Welfare Home Khandbari hosts 12 children and helps to provide them with food shelter, medicine, love, and support. The young girl who was found along the river was named Kinari Sharma and is now a happy and (fast) growing 7 year old at CHW.



2. ORGANIZATIONAL MISSION

The loss of a mother, father, or parent figures an extreme and life-threatening challenge for any child. Sadly, this is the daily struggle faced by many children in Koshi Zone of Nepal today. CHW was thus formed to provide local orphans with safe shelter, educational opportunities, medical care, and perhaps most importantly, love and support. CHW currently provides aid to orphans from Sankhuwasabha and its neighboring hilly districts.

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3. PRESENT STATE OF CHW

There are currently 12 children (seven boys and five girls) living in CHW. The children range from ages 4 to 14. The orphans are cared for by Ms. Dhana Maya Nepal, a 40-year old cook mother and widow. Ms. Nepal and her daughter were previously homeless, following the death of Ms. Nepal's husband, until they joined CHW.

Ms. Nepal spends nearly every moment of her day caring for the children of CHW. She provides the warmth, love and support that has been sorely lacking in each of the children's lives for so long. Spend just a few minutes in CHW, and you'll have no questions regarding how much the children love her in return too.

However, as it stands, both Ms. Nepal and the management of CHW are overburdened. CHW currently lacks the human and financial resources to continue to provide adequate care and support for its children. Indeed, CHW is struggling to just feed its 12 children on a daily basis.



4. SANKHUWASABHA EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION (SESF)

CHW is 100% dependent on charity donations and thus far has been unable to establish a recurring source of income to date. CHW recently partnered with Sankhuwasabha Education Scholarship Foundation (SESF) to tackle its financial hardships head on though.

SESF is a social enterprise dedicated to bettering the lives of Nepalese children. For example, SESF recently established **Makalu Arun Social Trek (MAST)**, a government licensed, non-profit social trekking company in Khandbari. MAST aims to promote sustainable tourism that can create jobs in the local



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community and generate economic benefit for **SESF's Children Sponsorship Program** and **CHW**.



Specifically, MAST organizes, coordinates, and facilitates community friendly social treks. The treks consist of a number of events, including volunteering opportunities, village tours, local home stay accommodations, and other tourism activities around the Makalu and Arun Valley region of Eastern Nepal. Through MAST, CHW has already seen its visibility and presence in the area increase. Further, since November 2011, many of CHW's children have received wonderful gifts from MAST-coordinated tourists. MAST also shares a portion of its proceeds with CHW each year.

There is no doubt that MAST has been instrumental. Despite the help of MAST, CHW continues to face a growing deficit issue though. A review of CHW's financial obligations, outlined in § 7 below, highlight the various outflows of cash that CHW faces. Further, as CHW does not own any of its land from which it could grow crops, it is forced to pay market prices for the various food and supplies needed. Therefore, CHW has devised an investment strategy to sustain its home for years to come.

CHW is currently seeking to raise a fund of \$30,000.00 USD to support its growth and sustainability. The funds would be invested with the Khandbari Development Bank at an interest rate of 15%. The interest would then be used to fund CHW's regular expenses and operating activities. Once the fund becomes semi self-sustainable, CHW will seek to expand its operations and home size to help as many children as possible.

We humbly invite you to be part of CHW's exciting next chapter. Every little bit helps – whether it is in the form of money, goods, time, or just spreading the word. We are very hopeful for CHW's future and hope that you will join us as we continue on our journey!

5. HOW TO HELP

As detailed above, there are a number of ways in which you can help CHW:

- Help spread the word regarding CHW, SESF and MAST! We're always happy to speak with anyone who may be interested in our programs.
- Donate or assist in fundraising via <http://www.globalgiving.org/projects/permanent-fund-for-nepali-orphans/>
- Sponsor an orphan (list of all orphans provided below) for \$50.00 USD per month. This money will go directly towards the child's care and opportunities.
- Come visit us while trekking with MAST! Enjoy the beautiful Makalu and Arun Valley Region of Eastern Nepal and stop by to say hello!

6. CURRENT CHW CHILDREN

#	Name of the child	Sex	Age	# of years at CHW	Notes
1	Kopila Limbu	Girl	14	7	Her father passed away; her mother remarried.
2	Kinari Sharma	Girl	7	6	Her father passed away; her mother remarried.
3	SantoshDharji	Boy	11	6	His father passed away; her mother remarried.
4	SammarRai	Boy	12	3	His father passed away; her mother remarried.
5	Sobha Nepal	Girl	10	5	Her father passed away; mother is currently the cook mother of CHW.
6	Rabin Khanal	Boy	13	5	His father passed away; mother remarried.
7	Sangita B.K.	Girl	11	5	Father passed away; mother remarried.
8	NabinMagar	Boy	10	5	His father passed away; mother remarried.
9	Sandhya Sherpa	Girl	12	5	Both of her parents passed away.
10	SundarRai	Boy	8	5	His father passed away; her mother remarried.
11	PujanKhadka	Boy	5	-	His mother is currently in the Khandbari Prison; his father passed away.
12	GhanendraDharji	Boy	4	-	His mother is currently in the Khandbari Prison; his father passed away.

7. ESTIMATED ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR CHW KHANDBARI

Administrative Costs

Item	Unit	Total Units	Rate (USD)	Total cost (USD) per year
Cook Mother's Monthly Pay	Monthly	12	\$50.00	\$600.00
Accountant's Monthly Pay	Monthly	12	\$125.00	\$1500.00
Utilities (e.g., water, electricity, telephone, etc.)	Monthly	12	\$8.00	\$96.00
House Rent	Monthly	12	\$75.00	\$900.00
Misc. Expenditures	-	-	-	\$200.00
Total	-	-	-	\$3296.00

Program Costs

Item	For?	Total Units	Rate (USD)	Total cost (USD) per year
Food and Supplies (fruit, produce, snacks, etc.)	All CHW Residents	13	\$25.00 (Monthly)	\$3900.00
Fuel (Gas) for cooking	-	-	\$25.00 (Monthly)	\$300.00
School Costs (e.g., monthly fees, school clothes and shoes, stationery, bags, etc.)	All CHW Children	12	\$200.00 (Annual)	\$2400.00
Medicine	All CHW Children	12	\$10.00 (Annual)	\$120.00
Kitchen utensils	-	-	-	\$100.0
Orphanage Building Maintenance	-	-	\$25.00 (Monthly)	\$300.00
Misc. Expenditures (e.g., birthday and holiday celebrations, etc.)	All CHW Children	12	\$20.00 (Annual)	\$120.00
Total	-	-	-	\$7240.00
Grand Total	-	-	-	\$10534.00

We at CHW greatly appreciate your time. We look forward to hearing from you all. Thank you again for your generous time, donations, and thoughts!

Should you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact TejanathPokharel (contact details below) or visit us at www.makaluaruntreks.com.np.

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