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India, Nepal and Tibet
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TRAS Annual Projects Report for the year April 1, 2024, to March 31, 2025

- IDEA, in Pokhara, Nepal: A third batch of 15 students for the **Skilled Birth Attendant training** started at the end of March 2025. This will help to reduce maternal and infant mortality during childbirth. Given that nearly all the past graduates of these trainings gained employment immediately after the course, we expect a high degree of motivation from the students to learn and complete the birth attendant course. (Megha)
- The **Hope for Children** project, launched in November 2023, aims to improve the lives children from marginalized families across nine remote villages in Almora and Nainital districts in the state of Uttarakhand, India. This is a follow up on the Voice of Children project, extending the services provided by that project to nine new villages. There are 226 children enrolled in educational support programs in the nine villages. But this initiative is more than just an education project; it is a comprehensive effort to address the educational, healthcare, and basic needs of these underserved communities. With a deep commitment to bringing about meaningful change, the project seeks to offer not only academic guidance but also essential health services and a network of support that can nurture children's growth and potential. (Sanjeev)
- **CTA Nurses Training**, via the Central Tibetan Administration in Dharamsala, India: a three-year commitment to support 8 students each year was completed successfully in 2024, and in February 2025 the TRAS Board voted to extend this project for a further three years. The current 8 students are all studying for a bachelor's degree in general nursing and midwifery at excellent Indian teaching hospitals and tell TRAS that this support makes their training possible. They are all extremely grateful. (Daphne)
- The **Ray Yee Memorial Fund** generously continues to support the three Tibetan schools in Arunachal Pradesh, which are run by the Sambhota Tibetan Schools Society under the auspices of the Tibetan Government-in-Exile, Department of Education. Roughly \$8,000 allowed these remote schools to make needed repairs to infrastructure, to add nutritious supplements to the basic diet and to supply new beds for the teachers in 2024. In February 2025 the TRAS board voted to send

\$8,798 to the three schools for a new water pump, a scooter to help ferry supplies to a remote school, and a supplementary diet for the third school. (Note: although these projects were due to be completed by June 2025, there was a delay owing to a change in the FCRA regulations. The funds have only just been received by the recipients and work will now progress.) (Daphne)

- The **Yosef Wosk Family Foundation** generously provides **funding for small libraries** in remote villages throughout the Himalayan region where TRAS's partners work, thus fulfilling Dr. Wosk's lifelong desire to provide books to foster learning even in the remotest corners of the world. Funds were sent in the 2024/25 year to 13 small libraries. The funds provided furniture and a supply of books to the Rainbow School in Zanskar, Ladakh and to the Subrawati Basic School in Dolakha, Nepal. Seven villages in the Hope For Children area (around Nainital and Almora in northern India) opened small libraries for the first time ever, and four libraries in Tibetan settlements were able to substantially increase their book supply. (Daphne)
- **Tibetan Homes Foundation in Mussoorie** - Lobsang Dorjee attended THF Mussoorie, and he's now working in IT in Calgary. He raised \$4500 dollars from Tibetans in Alberta, with generous matching from his employer, Telus, to pay for more food for the students at THF Mussoorie. (Russil)

TRAS heartily thanks the donors whose thoughtfulness allowed these projects to flourish.