

Yearly Progress Report

April 2021

TRAS-READI Humla Education project, Nepal

Achievements of the reporting period (April 2020-March 2021)

-READI continued to ensure its quality services in education and care to the childrens. All the 15 childrens were supported with care, food, counselling services. 6 out of 15 are attending School education examination this year.

-No one from the READI hostel got COVID positive because of strict precautionary measures

-Parents and childrens were educated with sanitation measures and supported throught the year with essential items: surgical masks, gloves, sanitisers, handwashing soaps, thermometer etc.

- Some of the planned activities related to entrepreneurship development and door to door visit to parents and former students couldn't be executed as result of the government imposed lockdown in response to the covid pandemic.

-Challenges included were; COVID, powercuts for 23 hours in a day due to decreased in water flow in hydro dam, limited internet connection, uncertainties etc.

Description of activities and progress

The year 2020-2021 was extremely challenging due to Covid pandemic. The regular on and off strict lockdown in the district disturbed our services to the needy people in Humla. There was no winterbreak as the hostel was closed during lockdown for few months. However, during lockdown, we were in regular touch with their families and childrens through different means, provided them covid kits (masks, gloves, sanitiser etc) and also with food support for some parents who needed. Fortunately, it feels us great that we all are good, safe and sound as of now. Humla is in green zone as of today as we don't have active cases of COVID but due to alarming situation in India and Kathmandu, we are taking extra precautionary measures to keep everyone from our family with COVID safe.



During these difficult times, we tried to support our children in whatever way possible. The SEE exam was not conducted due to COVID but the government decided to evaluate the performance of childrens as per their internal performance and the schools were asked to send the scores. As our students were bright, all of the 5 students passed the exam. One of the passed out student got admitted in scholarship in Civil Engineering Diploma course in Karnali Technical School Jumla, the other one got enrolled in intermediate in agriculture, other are looking for similar opportunities or will join higher secondary course here in Humla. We are continuously following them. For this year 6 more childrens will be graduating from SEE exams and we hope that they will continue the path of first batch with success.

Throuout the year, we supported the hygienic food (8 months in hostel and partially at their home for the needy ones), quality education and homely care. Also during their stay at home, we supported with food and covid kits. Thanks to TRAS for longstanding support and considerations for healthy food, clean accommodation and tuition for our childrens and those additional 10 re-integrated childrens earlier years.

2. Educational activities- Due to COVID, limited extra curricular activities were held, recently one of our children Lalita was selected from the district to attend debate competition. She was sent to Surkhet for regional competition. We have been helping the students to become doers – and future leaders for Humla.

3. READI's new school Building- Due to COVID and lockdown, school construction work couldn't progressed as per the plan. However, we hope to complete by July/August 2021. The increased cost of labour and construction materials has hiked the project costs. We have informed the Japanese Embassy about the delays and some additional costs to complete the project.



This will be a milestone for READI. It has been discussed internally within the Board that the READI will move from formal education to vocational education gradually. We have applied for affiliation in CTEVT to short and medium term youth training courses. However due to COVID situation we haven't been able to expedite our plan further but will keep you updated.



4. Health activities-Due to Covid outbreak, we focussed our intervention in sanitation. Our childrens were supplied with surgical face masks, gloves, a set of handwashing soap, sanitisers. We also established the system to check temperature once the hostel was re-

opened. A thermal gun was used to measure the temperature of each students and staffs, also the visitors.

5. Income Generation activities- The Cafe was closed for this year due to lockdown and no tourists in the district. The students who passed SEE level indicated that our students wanted to focus in technical education. During lockdown, our childrens were able to help their families in farming, apple gardening, carpentry, plumbing, household work, helping first aid in their families. We kept nurturing, supporting and monitoring the parents and childrens in vocational and income generation activities even during the lockdown. Those parents who were trained in carpentry were engaged in wood making of the new READI building construction.

However the support to entrepreneurship activities were limited due to restriction in movement.



Miscellaneous

-with support from Maresia France, our advisors distributed food ration for 44 families in Changunarayan Bhaktapur Kathmandu valley. This was under READI initiative.

- Local Municipality has agreed to support for boundry for the hostel building. Further discussions are being held with municipalites for additional support and sustainability.

Financial Report (April 2020- March 2021)

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Simikot, Humla		
Income and Expenditure Statement(April 2020-March 2021)		
	Income	Amount NPR
	Remarks	
	THE TRANS HIMALAYAN AID SOCIETY (June 2020)	739800
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	THE HUMLA DELIGHTS CAFÉ income	0
	Membership/small donations	75335
	Total Income	1563197
	Expenditures	
	Food at hostel	417600
	Day Snacks/Tiffin at School	171480
	House Rent	192000
	Shool re-admission & exam fees	16100
	Dress for childrens (shirt, pant, sweater, jacket, trousers, shocks)	62310
	Stationeries (bag for one time, copy, Pencil, pen etc)	73180
SN	Toiletries (soap, brush, tooth paste, comb)	44485
	Emergency Medicine (COVID kits)	74320
	Hostel Warden/teacher	135000
	Cook/Dishwasher/cleaner	121000
	Helper/guard	117000
	Electricity/water/internet	35400
	Counseling/monitoring visit to parents	41730
	Entrepreneurship skills and equipment support (carpentry, utensils for co	33425
	Audit fee	18500
	Total expenditure (April 2020-March 2021)	1553530
	Citizen Bank account cash balance	9667