



Nepal Village Foundation, UK

LEARNING RESOURCE CENTRE

Learning resource centre is about developing a learning centre in the village currently we are working. We have realised the need of the centre through working with the villagers. Despite some children from the poorer families goes to school, there never had an opportunity to read the whole set of book for the curriculum. Furthermore, there is no health post in the village, people who can read have no facilities to read any book, news paper so they lose their reading skills, communicating with village people is extremely difficult and there are many villages like Bhagawatpur which completely disconnected with globalisation. So we believe that the centre will play vital role in the community to all ages and groups of people.

Aims of the project

NVF works with the poorest and Dalit families in rural villages of Saptari district in Nepal. NVF exists to improve the livelihoods and sustainability, improve farming, improve health care, educate girls, improve literacy and a range of other activities aimed at improving the lives of the rural poor.

To achieve these aims this project is being developed to provide a learning resource centre in a large remote village. The learning resource centre will provide the following range of services to the community



Figure -1: A learning centre that was developed in western Nepal

For children:

- Library of text books which will support them at the state school
- First aid and health and hygiene training
- Access to computers
- After school club
- Traditional crafts
- Games and activities

For women:

- Child health education
- Reproductive health education
- Nutrition and hygiene
- Literacy and numeracy
- Women self help group
- Small business support
- Farming techniques

For men:

- Training and support to grow diversifying crops
- New farming techniques
- Expanding traditional crafts
- Literacy and numeracy

Other services:

- Telephone
- Access to the Internet and online courses
- Children's play ground
- Toilet [to educate the people about benefits and use]

Other activities based on changing needs will be developed in the centre in response to the local community in liaison with the local management committee.

The centre will be a safe place to meet and learn where traditional barriers to social cohesion, such as caste, will be discouraged and where the village as a whole can work together for the common good.

Staffing;

The centre will be staffed in the first instance by 1 full time employee with other services being offered by volunteers and seasonal staff.

Development and running cost;

A piece of common land has been identified to develop the centre by the village committee. We estimate that a one off funding of £32,000 will be sufficient to establish a functioning learning centre. The centre will be able to generate income to sustain itself.

Cost breakdown:

Building construction	£17,000
Furniture and furnishing	£2,700
Books and learning materials	£3,500
Computers and accessories	£5,200
Telephone services	£450
Training and workshop equipments	£1,500
First years' running cost including of salary staff and volunteers	£1,600
Grand Total	£32,000