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#### YEAR SUMMARY

In an extremely poor country like Nepal, access to education is one of the most important things. If you belong to the poorest group, housing, sufficient food, clean drinking water, clothing, good education and good health care are a distant dream. There is a huge gap between rich and poor. The caste system also still plays a major role in daily life and perpetuates poverty.

The NMG school is therefore committed to helping the poorest Nepalese children, children whose families cannot afford education. NMG offers these children good quality primary education, healthy food, physiotherapy and other health care. In addition, the extracurricular activities organized by NMG also contribute to the personal development of the children. They practice activities such as sports, dancing, painting and debating.

The costs of sending a child to school in Nepal have increased. Costs have been rising in Nepal for some time, but the devastating economic consequences of the corona pandemic, the Russian war against Ukraine and the Russian blockade of Ukrainian ports are causing the cost of living to rise explosively in many developing countries. Net4kids sponsors various educational expenses, such as tuition fees, textbooks, school supplies and uniforms for children in NMG school.

After Covid, the number of children was somewhat lower than normal, but those numbers are steadily increasing again. Last year, 214 students were supported, 170 of whom attended NMG school. This year, 250 children are supported, 200 of whom attend NMG school (129 of which are girls).

#### **ABOUT THE PROJECT**

NMG offers high-quality primary education for the most needy children in and around the Nepalese capital Kathmandu. They offer them a safe, hygienic and loving environment where, in addition to teaching materials - such as books, writing materials and school uniforms - they also receive healthy food, physiotherapy and other health care. This is necessary because when they enter the program, they often have both a physical and mental disadvantage due to the lack of adequate nutrition and hygiene. Because the children's basic needs are met, they can prepare themselves for a self-reliant future, full of new opportunities.



#### THE STORY OF ...

Manisha Aidi lives in Kathmandu, she is 16 years old. She completed NMG school and is now in the 9th grade at Manohar secondary school. Nepali is her favorite subject. She lives with her 3 brothers, sisters and parents in a small house in Kathmandu. Her father is a bricklayer and her mother is a housewife. Her mother is illiterate and has never been to school herself.

Manisha has a complicated home situation. There is a lot of poverty, her mother has tuberculosis and her father has kidney stones. It is a challenge for them every day to make ends meet. The parents have no financial means to send their children to school. That is why the mother was very happy to get in touch with NMG. Now her children have the opportunity for good education, healthy food and support. The children are doing very well at school and are super motivated!

#### **GARDENING & THEATRE**

NMG has recently started an urban gardening program (vegetable gardens) to encourage women and young people to participate in agricultural activities. In this way they increase the food security of poor families and strengthen women (mothers). Various crops are grown on the roof. For example, they grew cauliflower. They have also started a theater program. This makes it possible to discuss various themes in a playful way. NMG aims to address social conflicts, promote dialogue and bring positive change. This project will help combat social problems and strengthen the role of women in society. In addition, it also offers the children at the NMG school the opportunity to build new skills. NMG strives to enable as many children as possible to progress to secondary education. Fortunately, a financial contribution is available from NMG for students whose parents do not have enough income to continue their education.