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Project Report for Furniture Support in School in Response to 2023 Earthquake



**Newly Constructed
Shree Bheri Triveni Secondary School Building
Jajarkot, Nepal**



1. Background and Rationale

On 3 November 2023, a 6.4 magnitude earthquake struck Jajarkot District in Karnali Province, Nepal, causing widespread damage to public infrastructure, including schools. Shree Bheri Triveni Secondary School was severely affected, resulting in the loss of functional classroom furniture and disruption of regular learning activities for hundreds of students.

Recognizing the urgent need to restore a safe and functional learning environment, the Rotary Club of Kathmandu Mid-Town, in partnership with BIKAS, Salvatoriaanse Hulpactie, and Ontwikkelingshulp vzw, initiated a furniture support project. The project was implemented by Volunteer Corps Nepal in close coordination with school management and Bheri Municipality, aligning with Rotary's focus on Basic Education and Literacy.

2. Project Overview

Project Title: Furniture Support for Shree Bheri Triveni Secondary School

Location: Jajarkot District, Karnali Province, Nepal

Rotary Partner: Rotary Club of Kathmandu Mid-Town

Other Donors: BIKAS, Salvatoriaanse Hulpactie, Ontwikkelingshulp vzw

Implementing Partner: Volunteer Corps Nepal

The project supported the newly constructed school building through the supply and installation of 165 sets of three-seater desk benches, benefiting approximately 490 students from Grades 1-10 across 12 classrooms.

3. Objectives

Restore essential classroom facilities for students affected by the 2023 earthquake
Provide durable and safe classroom furniture suitable for post-disaster conditions
Improve learning conditions by enhancing classroom functionality and student comfort

4. Implementation Process

Following consultations with school management and Bheri Municipality, it was agreed that all classroom furniture would be fully wooden, in accordance with municipal standardization policies and child-friendly learning guidelines.

This specification increased the overall project cost. To ensure compliance and maintain quality standards, Bheri Municipality provided additional financial support, enabling timely procurement and installation. Volunteer Corps Nepal managed procurement, transportation, and installation, ensuring adherence to agreed specifications.

5. Results and Impact

- 165 sets of three-seater desk benches successfully installed
- 490 students now have safe, adequate, and durable seating
- Improved classroom organization, comfort, and learning environment
- Supported the smooth resumption of formal education after the earthquake

The project has contributed directly to the recovery of the school and strengthened confidence among students, teachers, and the wider community.

6. Financial Summary (NPR)

Original Approved Budget: 2,449,500

Additional Contribution from Bheri Municipality: 105,000

Revised Total Project Budget: 2,554,500

Funding Contributions

Bheri Municipality: 105,000

BIKAS (1st installment): 1,034,892

Salvatoriaanse Hulpactie: 746,060

Rotary Club of Kathmandu Mid-Town: 140,848

Total Funds Received to Date: 2,026,740

Outstanding Balance: 422,760

As previously communicated, NPR 244,950 of the outstanding balance will be received as the second installment from BIKAS.

7. Project Completion and Handover

The project has been successfully completed. All furniture has been delivered and installed in the classrooms of Shree Bheri Triveni Secondary School.

An official handover ceremony was organized on May 27, 2026, at Shree Bheri Triveni Secondary School, Bheri Municipality, Jajarkot District.

The event was attended by representatives from the Embassy of Japan in Nepal, Rotary Club of Kathmandu Mid-Town, Volunteer Corps Nepal, local government representatives, school representatives, and community stakeholders.

Key Guests Included:

- Mr. Shinto Yasuharu, Deputy Chief of Mission (DCM), Embassy of Japan in Nepal
- Mr. Chandra Prakash Gharti, Mayor of Bheri Municipality
- Mr. Paras SJB Rana, Assistant Governor, Rotary Club of Kathmandu Mid-Town
- Ms. Nita Rana
- Ms. Jyotshna Shrestha, Past President, RCKMT
- Mr. Deepak Chapagain, Former President of Volunteer Corps Nepal
- Mr. Ananta Gautam, President of Volunteer Corps Nepal

The ceremony included welcome remarks, speeches from stakeholders, official handover activities, group photo sessions, and closing remarks. The event highlighted the collective commitment of partners and stakeholders toward supporting education recovery in earthquake-affected communities.

8. Conclusion

This Rotary-supported initiative has made a meaningful contribution to post-earthquake educational recovery in Jajarkot District. Through strong collaboration between Rotary, partner organizations, the implementing partner, and local government, a safe, functional, and dignified learning environment has been restored for nearly 500 students.

The project reflects Rotary's commitment to Service Above Self by supporting education, community resilience, and sustainable recovery in an earthquake-affected region.

Submitted with sincere appreciation to the Rotary Club of Kathmandu Mid-Town BIKAS, Salvatoriaanse Hulpactie, and Ontwikkelingshulp vzw, for their valued support and leadership.

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