



Educate To Lead: **Nepal**
December 10th President's Appeal 2015 - 2017

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for women

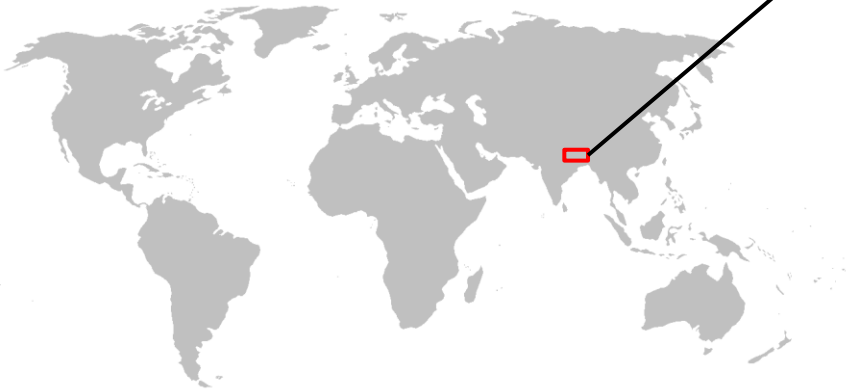
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International

NEPAL

- 31 million people (2014)
- 147,181 km²
- 83% population in rural areas



MULTI-CULTURAL NATION

- 125 caste/ethnic groups
- Linguistically diverse: 123 different languages spoken (Nepali by 44%)
- Religiously diverse (80% Hindu, 11% Muslim, 3% Buddhist, 3% Kerant)

*Popular sports: football, cricket, volleyball & basketball.



ECONOMY

- 70% of population involved in agricultural economy
- GDP per capita \$2,265 (2014)
- 25% population below the poverty line



Compared to the average U.S. citizen...

- 6x **more** likely to be unemployed
- 7x **more** likely to die in infancy
- use 99% less electricity & oil
- 25% **less** class disparity
- 25% **less** likely to be murdered
- 50% **less** likely to have HIV/AIDS



GENDER DISPARITY

- Female literacy is 44.5% v. male 71%
- Public v. private schooling
- Female executives is only 12%
- 40% of girls under 18 are married
- 1 in 14 girls under 18 have given birth
- Average age of first birth is 20
- Estimated 577,000 child brides
- 7,000 women & girls trafficked into India every year (UNICEF)



UN Women (2014),
Nepal Living Standards Survey (2011)

Burden of Natural Disasters



“Women are amongst the poorest, with increased caregiving responsibilities, they lack mobility, and access to available resources. Add to this their vulnerability to violence, rape and sexual exploitation, all of which greatly increase following disasters.”

Rasuwa District after April 25, 2015 Earthquake

SI 2015-2017 President's Appeal

Rebuild lives in Nepal, providing educational opportunities that did not exist before the April 2015 earthquake.

→ Moving beyond the relief, and into the rebuilding phase

Our Goal: to ensure that women and girls have access to the one thing that can lift them out of poverty and transform their lives: **Education.**

- Building school
- Providing scholarships
- Teaching income-generating skills
- Reproductive education
- Educating to prevent trafficking



Fundraising Goals

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Per Soroptimist</u>
US \$	500,000	US \$ 6.00
Euros	450,000	Euros 5.50

