

Purpose

This document aims to provide further guidance to individuals who have expressed an interest in supporting FACE Nepal in any way.

All this information and more can be found on our website www.facenepal.org

This document includes:

- What FACE Nepal is about - and why it is unique
- What FACE Nepal is doing: past and future projects
- What you can do with FACE Nepal
- What you can expect if you volunteer with FACE Nepal
- Program Fees
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1. What FACE Nepal is about - and why it is unique

FACE Nepal is a non-profit aid organization in Nepal that has been created with the purpose of assisting communities to prosper in a market currently defined by a great deal of corruption and inefficiency. FACE Nepal differentiates itself in this market through its primary focus of integrity, transparency and professionalism.

In light of a growing frustration within the local community towards administratively inefficient and corrupt aid organizations, a Nepali team has worked to establish FACE Nepal. The establishment of FACE Nepal has been assisted heavily by equally disappointed Nepali volunteer workers who found themselves the unfortunate participants within this "aid" environment.

Although many aid organizations exist in Nepal today, FACE Nepal has endeavored to develop a unique organizational and governance structure. As such, it aims to uplift Nepali communities while setting an example that will challenge the existing practices of alternative aid organizations and hopefully force an industry wide improvement in this field.

Organizational Structure

An International Board of Directors governs strategic direction, while a local unpaid Advisory Board supports the Managing Director with operational decision-making. Volunteers and community representatives may communicate directly to the International Board enabling

transparency at all levels.

Mission Statement

"We will endeavor to help communities to prosper and progress through collaboration, education and friendship within an organizational structure defined by transparency and integrity".

Organizational Goal

We will work with the Nepali community in enabling them to realize their aspirations whilst setting an example that will challenge the existing practices of alternative aid organizations. Our focus is on the improvement of communities and the lives of children living in poverty.

Objectives of the Organization

The following objectives outline the strategic direction of our organization and the key operating principles under which all activities will be guided.

- Provide exciting and culturally rich opportunities for volunteers to add value to the local communities of Nepal.
- Provide a transparent operating practice so that aid contributors can see the true nature of their contribution and witness the direct results of their efforts.
- Work collaboratively with existing aid organizations to maximize the efficiencies of our efforts.
- Uplift the community through the provision of educational opportunities, project investment and specialist support.
- Be accountable to the community and our contributors as the measure of our success.

2. What FACE Nepal is doing: past and future projects

As FACE Nepal developed its mission to uplift the community, we have focused on education, health and the environment. As a foundation of education we have built several learning centres, which are community buildings which provide a valuable space for skills development training and education for children and adults. In 2007, with the help of our partners, Effet Papillon and Second Base, we constructed the two-room Patalahara Community Learning Centre. Since then we have provided regular support in various skills development and continuous volunteer teaching. There are currently 35 students in various grades.



We have also supported a school for the disabled with the participation of Second Base, including using specialist occupational therapy volunteers to provide guidance to parents and teachers.

In regards to community health, we have constructed water pumps to provide clean drinking water and toilets to improve sanitation.

In 2009 we began a five year project for the development of a village (Kumiya) which we hope to use as a model for other communities to look to as an example once they have seen the positive results of our partnership. We have constructed a learning centre for use by the women and children of this village, and we have supported the improvements of the main road, to enhance infrastructure and protect crops.

FACE Nepal also facilitates child sponsorship in the local area.

FACE Nepal continues to support all these activities, but needs a constant supply of volunteers to meet the needs of these projects, and the desires for villagers to develop further.

3. What you can do with FACE Nepal

There are a series of opportunities where FACE Nepal would welcome your support:

1. Individual volunteering
2. Group volunteering projects
3. Specialist support
4. Research support
5. Corporate team building
6. Sponsorship programs

Individual program opportunities:

Previous volunteers have worked on programs including:

- Teaching
- Conservation
- Work in local health projects
- Work in an orphanage
- Project work (e.g. constructing learning centres)
- Cultural exchange and language training
- Office support

Volunteers are welcome to design their own program in various areas. You are most welcome to work in any field and we will support you in making all essential arrangements where required.

Group program opportunities:

Volunteers who wish to come to Nepal with a friend or friends to work together on FACE Nepal's projects are very welcome. The volunteers may be split between host families but we will try to accommodate your team preferences on working together on a project as much as possible.

Groups can work on any of the opportunities listed under individual program opportunities.

For more information on group opportunities, please visit <http://www.facenepal.org/teambuilding.php>

Specialist Support:

FACE Nepal would be delighted to hear from those with professional qualifications who wish to volunteer with FACE Nepal, for example Doctors, Dentists, and Physiotherapists.

Please visit <http://www.facenepal.org/specialist.php> to discuss how you can use your specialist skills for the benefit of the local communities.

Research Support:

FACE Nepal are very interested in research projects that provide benefit for the local community. Please contact us on info@facenepal.org if you have a relevant research project that we can work together on, or if you wish to offer your research skills in supporting local requirements research.

Corporate Team Building

Our sister company, Second Base (www.second-base.org) provides corporate team building opportunities which involve a period of time working in Nepal on a FACE Nepal project. Please contact them for further details.

Sponsorship Programmes

We provide the opportunity for individuals unable to travel to Nepal to support our work in the community through sponsorship.

Individuals can choose to sponsor one or more children through school, or to sponsor a project or school.

Further information is available at <http://www.facenepal.org/sponsorship.php>

Program locations:

The majority of placements are available in several places in Chitwan and the Nawalparasi district, all of which are near to the main city of Narayngadh, in the Terai region.

We have recently had our first volunteers in a school in Helambu, in the Himalayas, and can provide placement opportunities there.

4. What you can expect if you volunteer with FACE Nepal

Home Stay

During your project placement, you will stay with a Nepali family. They will provide you with meals twice a day as well as tea. You will have a private bedroom with an internal power supply.

Orientation

All volunteers will be met by a FACE Nepal representative at the airport. They will take you to various sites around Kathmandu and providing you with accommodation before you are sent to your program location.

Each volunteer will receive language training at their project location

Support

Volunteers will have access to a FACE Nepal representative at all times during their project. As well as providing assistance and advice on the project the volunteer is working on, the representative can provide guidance on local customs and transportation links

Recreation

Volunteers are encouraged to make the most of the opportunity in Nepal to explore the country. FACE Nepal can help if necessary by recommending or arranging treks and other activities. We ask that you give as much notice as possible if you decide to take time off for trekking and sightseeing

Program requirements

Volunteers need to be independent, enthusiastic and adaptable. We do not ask for any formal qualifications from our volunteers. All we ask is that you have a genuine desire to help people and commitment to see the program through.

5. Program Fees

Our program fees are designed to be affordable for volunteers, whilst ensuring that costs are covered.

Fees can be found below. Please visit <http://www.facenepal.org/registration.php> to ensure you have the most up to date program fees.

Program Duration	Cost (US Dollars)
2 Weeks	250
3-4 Weeks	425
5-6 Weeks	500
7-8 Weeks	575
9-10 Weeks	650
11-12 Weeks	725
13-14 Weeks	800
15-16 Weeks	875
17-18 Weeks	950
19-20 Weeks	1,025
For every two weeks above 20 weeks	\$75 per two weeks

In addition, a registration fee of \$25 for individual volunteers is payable.

The fees go towards:

- Host Family payment for food and accommodation
- Project Support (Transport to/from placement location, provision of resources for project)
- Induction programme- e.g. Accommodation in Kathmandu, Nepali language training
- Contribution to administration and project capital costs
- Government Tax

Full details of which costs are covered by your program fee can be found at <http://www.facenepal.org/registration.php>

6. Next Steps

If you have any questions, please visit our website. We have a series of frequently asked questions available at <http://www.facenepal.org/faq.php>

If you decide you want to volunteer with face nepal, the next step is to provide a passport size picture and a completed application form to us at info@facenepal.org . These forms can be found at <http://www.facenepal.org/registration.php>

Once we have confirmed receipt for this, the only remaining step is to provide you flight details so a member of the team can meet you at the airport.

7. Testimonials from past volunteers

Many volunteers have had meaningful and rewarding experiences with FACE Nepal. Here are some of their own words:

Ane Marie McNeil, USA:

In the community, the children have amazed me with their dedication. They attend school during the day and then come at night for English lessons. Their appreciation for education has made teaching so rewarding.

It is important to have volunteer teachers in developing countries, especially because many of the English Teachers do not understand the language themselves. This knowledge will enable students to use computers, study abroad, and find employment. I hope that more people will find it in their hearts to serve these children, and give them an opportunity for a better life.

Julie, France:

...Come to discover and to share this culture and this people by participating in a volunteer program and in this wonderful association that is Face Nepal. This is an organization with such a will to do well and to change the things, to improve life as a whole.

Roxanne Meagher



Volunteering with FACE Nepal is truly an adventure and a life changing experience. This organization really understands the meaning of peace and friendship. If you are having difficulties deciding on a volunteering organization, I believe Face Nepal has so much to offer and you will get back more than you expect.

Leticia, Spain:

I invite you to try, at least once, this experience that will help a lot to this community and above all will teach you some few things that you never learned in your country.

8. How to contact FACE Nepal

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