

# ANNUAL REPORT 2019



AN OVERVIEW OF OUR ACTIVITIES,  
SUCCESS AND STORIES



"HE WHO SAVES ONE LIFE  
SAVES THE WORLD"



## "A YEAR OF EXPONENTIAL GROWTH"

### CHAIRMAN OF TRUSTEES' STATEMENT

"As I saw for myself during a project visit in late 2019, the impact on the ground of such synergy has been remarkable. For in the space of one year, inter alia, we have gone from having one "children's refuge" to having a Children's Refuge and Rehabilitation Centre (CRRC) that incorporates a child trauma management centre and in-house vocational training facilities, a separate boys' hostel as a stepping stone to family reunification for Nepalese boys whom we rescue from India and a separate girls' hostel that accommodates vulnerable girls from rural communities while they are taking part in vocational training. And we have completed a major retrofit project that has increased the resistance of a local secondary school to future earthquakes.

In terms of income, our 2019 income soared from £268k in 2018 to in excess of £425k. This financial progress presents us with the very welcome challenge for 2020 of maintaining this exponential growth and ensuring that it is sustainable. As part of that endeavour, we are very excited to be going forward in collaboration with the Soroptimist International Great Britain and Ireland (SIGBI) Federation as their chosen charity for the next three years.

Earlier this year one of our project visitors observed "you guys are on fire". This seems to be the case at every level.

**Clotilde Hunter**  
Chairman of Trustees

### FIGHTING AGAINST CHILD RAPE IN NEPAL

We boldly stand at the frontline to fight against child rape incidences in Nepal, and follow a holistic approach. This includes providing legal support, residence at our children rescue and rehabilitation centre (CRRC), psychological counseling through our child trauma management centre, education and vocational skills training as required. Until now, we have intervened **23** child rape cases from Nepal.

**"2019 was the year that ChoraChori seemed to come of age. This was all the more remarkable given that it has only just this month turned five.**

### RESCUE AND REPATRIATION

We are relentlessly working to rescue and repatriate children who have been displaced in India, as a result of crossing the open border between Nepal and India knowingly or unknowingly. Usually, these kids are taken by Indian authorities from the street/railway stations to be kept in different children's shelters usually reported to be negligent and abusive. ChoraChori being the only NGO that goes into India in search of Nepali children, is the first port of call for the Nepal government's child welfare bodies when they are informed about displaced children. We have rescued **9** Nepalese children directly, and facilitated **32** children's repatriation back to Nepal this year. This sums up to rescuing **227** Nepalese children from India until now.

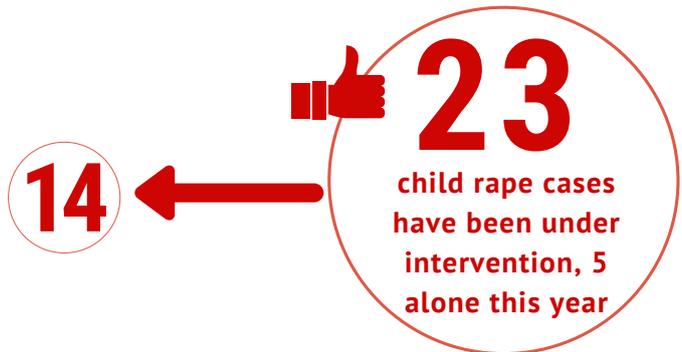
# 2019 **IMPACT** IN A NUTSHELL

Thanks to all the giving hands, without whom we wouldn't have come this far to fulfill our commitment towards children of Nepal.



→ **6** of them are staying in our shelter home for care, education and training while all others have reunified back with their families.

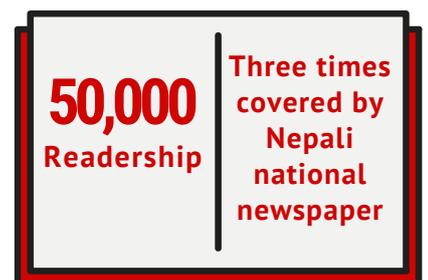
Number of Girls staying at our shelter home while receiving legal support, trauma management, education and care



← **14**



Students benefitted from retrofitting of a damaged building of Kitini School



## VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMME

From August 2018, we started basic tailoring courses for abuse survivors, and vulnerable girls coming from rural parts of Nepal. This year, we extended this programme by offering all our basic tailoring course graduates advanced tailoring classes as well. All the trainees receive a sewing machine at the end of their basic tailoring course, as our mission is to help them continue the skills even after the end of the training. Until now, we have trained **67** girls with tailoring skills.



In August 2019 we added to these options by setting up a silver jewellery workshop, again at CRRC. Trainees have included deaf girls who, because of their disability and associated stigma, would otherwise struggle to find such an opportunity. Training has been supported by U.S. non-profit Her Future Coalition who provide volunteer trainers. By the end of the year **6** girls had started training.

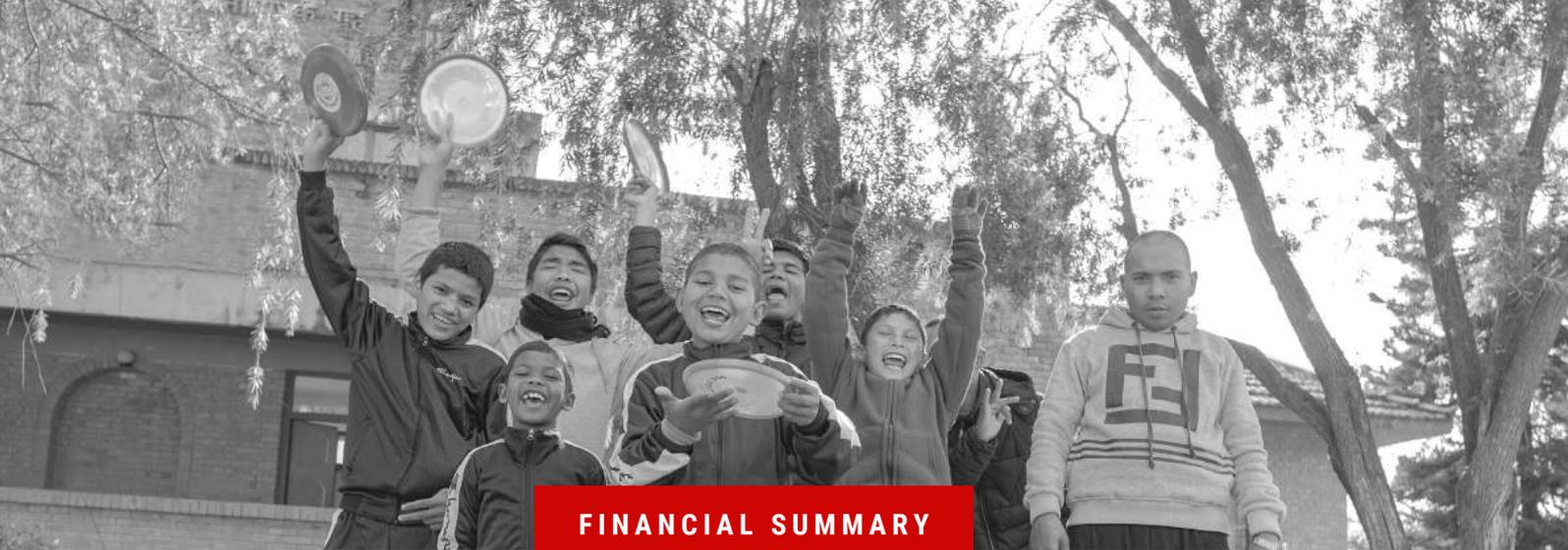
From November, 2019 we started the operation of a **30**- bed residential facility for the girls who are coming into these training classes. This is in collaboration with our partner Soroptimist International of Great Britain and Ireland (SIGBI) who will fund our vocational training programme for three years. This would provide them with a safe place to learn different social skills, while they are receiving the vocational skills.

## EDUCATION

ChoraChori has continued to provide support to Kitini College, a large government school (**1,194** pupils) of Lalitpur. In 2019, we collaborated with Gandys Foundation, two UK grant-making Trusts and the local municipality in a major retrofit project that made the school resistant to future earthquakes. Besides this, we are continuously providing support for teacher-student capacity building and science lab constructions. We plan to launch a bursary scheme for needy students from April of 2020.



"EMPOWERING GIRLS IN  
NEPAL"



## FINANCIAL SUMMARY

2019

**59%**

increase in  
our funds  
than 2018

**£ 425,438**

raised in  
2019

**93%**

expended for  
our project in  
Nepal

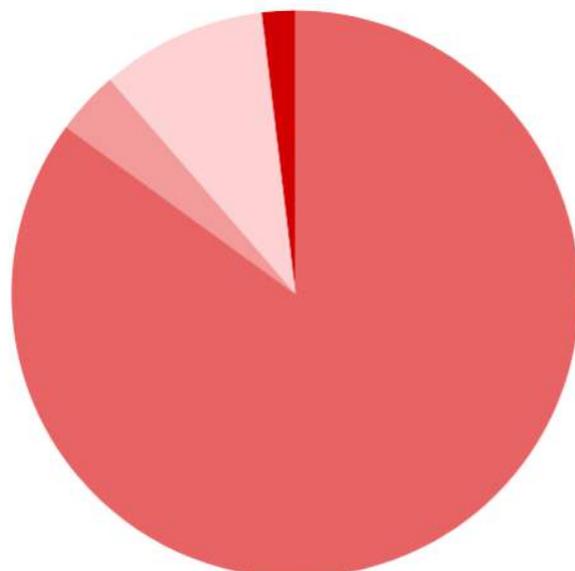
### FUND BALANCES AT THE END OF DECEMBER 31, 2019

#### Incoming Resources

Donations and Grants **£ 425,438**

#### Resources Expended

Nepal Project Costs	<b>£ 235,936</b>
UK Administrative Support	<b>£ 11,018</b>
Fundraising Costs	<b>£ 44,160</b>
Good Governance	<b>£ 5,344</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 296,458</b>



● Nepal Projects    ● UK Administrative Support    ● Fundraising    ● Good Governance



"I feel very ramailo (joyous) to be able to be here in the jewellery workshop. I can be with friends all the time, and also I am learning new knowledge. I am taking both non-formal education and the jewellery making training which I am really enjoying together."- Jeny, 16 years ( **Child Rape Survivor**)

"I feel very happy that I was able to return back Nepal, and get back to my family through ChoraChori. They have helped me to realize that I can also do something in life, and now I am taking vocational training in cooking to become a chef. "

-Raju, 15 years ( **Rescued and Repatriated from India**)



"I am from Jhapa, and its quite difficult for girls in my village, leave alone being safe. I had never received a chance like this. Through this course, I will become a tailor and perhaps open my shop later in my village."

-Josmita, 22 years ( **Tailoring course trainee**)

"My home is in a rural village in Okhaldhunga of Nepal. I have been through severe family conditions, and I never thought I would able to do something like this. I am now taking silver jewellery training, and also continuing my high education with the help from ChoraChori."

-Tara, 16 years ( **Jelwellery making trainee**)



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