TRANSFORMING LIVES
IN NEPAL’S REMOTE COMMUNITIES.

SINCE 1998
A VILLAGE TRANSFORMED

The story of the remote village of Gudel is also the story of dZi in Nepal. dZi was inspired by a love for the Himalayas and the people that live and work in their shadows. Although we had been working in Nepal since 1998, dZi’s focus turned to the lives of mountain porters working in the Everest region in 2007. As we followed the porters to their home villages deep in the remote hills, we found communities like Gudel tucked into steep valleys absent of foreigners and aid agencies. These villages were just recovering from Nepal’s brutal civil war, and the local need was massive.

A BEACON OF HOPE

When dZi first began working in Gudel, the projects were small but powerful. Forming and training local Community Development Groups in each neighborhood, our investments were matched by locals through their time and donated materials.

2008

2008-2010

INSPIRING BETTER HEALTH

After a large breakout of diarrheal disease, dZi partnered with the community to build a toilet at every household and Gudel became the first ‘Open Defecation Free’ village in the district.

GOING GREEN

Gudel bans littering, becoming one of the first such communities in Nepal’s history. All plastic is disposed of in public trash cans or recycled and local trails and public spaces are equipped with bamboo waste baskets.

2012

2010-2015

BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

We continued to partner with active community members to tackle simple yet instrumental projects including clean drinking water systems, school buildings and parent-teacher associations.

4 schools built, one strengthened, (1,400 students)
4 community buildings constructed for local training and social centers (1,600 people)

835 household toilets constructed
4,080 people benefitted
**GROWING NUTRITION**
To support local farmers, dZi started an agriculture program. By introducing new cash crops and varieties of vegetables to the region like tomatoes, cauliflower and broccoli, we raised incomes dramatically and improved nutrition.

2014 - Present

**DISASTER RELIEF**
In April, after a devastating earthquake struck Nepal destroying over a fourth of the homes in Gudel, and damaging almost half, dZi responded immediately to provide much needed aid and reconstruction support.

**CHANGE THAT LASTS**
After eight years, Community Development Groups and the local NGO are still maintaining all dZi-supported projects, and even implementing smaller projects on their own. Over 350 local farmers are growing and marketing organic crops with the help of 11 different Farmers’ Groups, and a large savings cooperative is currently being formed.

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<td>15 toilets for a population of 4,000 people</td>
<td>100% of homes in Gudel have sanitary toilets</td>
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<td>60+ minutes that families walked to get clean water</td>
<td>100% families have access to clean drinking water within 15 mins</td>
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<td>2 deaths from diarrheal disease in 2007</td>
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<td>$0 income generation was extremely limited</td>
<td>$300,000 USD worth of cardamom exported annually</td>
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<td>16 students graduated from class ten</td>
<td>51 students (100%) graduated from class ten</td>
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**A SUSTAINABLE MODEL**
Today, Gudel is even more beautiful than it was when dZi first arrived. The peaks that first drew us to Nepal remain pristine and stoic, towering over the sacred Hunga river valley. But what’s even more breathtaking is the thriving local culture. The population is healthier, better educated, more prosperous and more capable than ever before.

Gudel’s success has inspired numerous communities throughout the region, and many have approached us for partnership. We are currently implementing our Deep Development model in eight communities like Gudel, but would like to reach many more. For this, we need your support.
THE MEANING OF dZi

The dZi (pronounced “zee”) bead is an etched stone of mysterious origin that is worn as part of a necklace or bracelet by people throughout the Himalaya. It is believed that dZi beads bestow health and protection upon the wearer. Our logo is based on a dZi bead.

FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY

Financial transparency is a crucial part of our work. All expenses are audited in the US, Nepal, and by the communities themselves. In 2015, 83% of donations went directly to projects - the remainder was spent on crucial administration and office expenses.

83% Programs
8% Management
9% Fundraising
DONATE TO dZi FOUNDATION
Your tax-deductible 501(c)(3) donations help us provide necessary trainings and materials to our partner communities in Nepal.

DONATE IN THE U.S.
By credit card: www.dZi.org
By check: dZi Foundation, PO Box 632, Ridgway, CO 81432.
We also encourage you to take advantage of employer-sponsored matching gift programs or to set up memorial gifts in honor of family members, friends or teachers.

DONATE IN THE U.K.
dZi is also a registered charity in the United Kingdom, making contributions eligible for the U.K. Aid Match program. To donate to the U.K., please go to dziuk.org.

BECOME A VISIONARY SOCIETY MEMBER
This is the perfect way to help foster long-term change within our partner communities. As the needs of each community differ, so do our projects. In order to make the vision of our community partners possible, it is essential that we are able to plan beyond the current fiscal year. Visionary Society Members commit to a minimum of $1,000/year for three years, thus pledging funds that allow us to plan ahead and implement holistic long-term projects.

To learn more about becoming a Visionary Society Member or to discuss other donation questions, please contact Jim Nowak at jim@dzifoundation.org or +1 (970) 596-5112.

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THE dZI TEAM
The effectiveness of our programs is due to our community partnerships and the growing group of dedicated and talented individuals on our board and staff. In Nepal, we have 25 full-time employees – most of whom hail from our working communities and are based in the field.

In the U.S., we have four employees based out of our headquarters in Colorado. Our Board of Directors and Advisory Board are comprised of 27 dedicated individuals from a wide variety of personal, professional and geographical backgrounds. Together, we're passionate about delivering our programs with integrity and impact.

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