



MONTHLY REPORT JULY 2018



Nepal Update

IN JULY:

The monsoon rains inundated Nepal throughout July. Across the country, there have been massive landslides and significant flooding.

Dr. Govinda KC also began his 15th hunger strike after parliament presented the revised education bill, which left out previous agreements he had made with the government. His hunger strike to change the National Medical Education Bill lasted 27 days. He finally reached a nine point agreement with the government regarding the bill, ending his strike.



Kathmandu Office Update



Coming Full Circle!

July is when we review the previous year and plan for the upcoming year. We organize an annual summit in the Kathmandu office for all Nepal staff. We had a separate summit for the agriculture team, which was followed by the regular annual summit. For for 3 weeks we have been busy preparing and facilitating both summits. Each summit ended with reviewing our lessons learned from the previous year, and creating action items, a work plan for next year, and a list of final projects and budgets for next year.



Congratulations Tulasa!

Tulasa gave birth to a beautiful baby boy in July. We are so happy for her!

During the staff summit, the ladies team went to give him a warm welcome to the dZi family!



US Office Update

July welcomes the start of the 18-19 fiscal year and the beginning of another year of fundraising! In addition to that, the US staff has been busy preparing for the upcoming Board of Directors call on August 10th. There were also a number of grants and other donor reports due in July.

Elizabeth also wrapped up her time with dZi at the end of July. Jim, Michelle, and Julia have divided up Elizabeth's prior responsibilities and are working hard to make sure all of her tasks get completed. As of now, things are running smoothly.

Updates from our Partner Communities

There was not a lot of activity in our partner communities during the month of July because of the monsoon and the end of the fiscal year. We completed all of our construction projects in June, and our field team was busy preparing for the annual staff summit in Kathmandu. They also spent time monitoring our old projects.

One major event, however, was a landslide that occurred in Chheskam. Unfortunately, the landslide is near the recently-completed Chheskam Primary School. This was really scary as it could have damaged the school. Luckily, though, the school wasn't damaged and our local NGO partner received a grant to control the landslide and prevent further damage.

Landslide near the Chheskam Primary School.



Gratitude to Rajkumar Rai

Rajkumar Rai is the Community Facilitator for the community of Sungdel in Khotang. He has been with dZi for over 7 years. In addition to working for dZi, Rajkumar is well known in Sungdel as a commercial black cardamom farmer and bee keeper.

We are so thankful for Rajkumar's loyalty to dZi. His dedication to building over 1,700 household toilets in Sungdel to declare it "Open Defecation Free" is unmatched. He worked day and night to help after the earthquakes and has facilitated the reconstruction of 4 schools, 2 drinking water systems and 1 irrigation system in Sungdel since then.



Thank you so much Rajkumar!

Up Next in August!

- Agriculture program and activities will be back in action.
- dZi youth team treks to Mustang!

Story of the Month



We are stronger together!

Our goal is to build schools that are not only strong and safe but also where children can feel happy and relaxed. Our local community partners are the ones who actually ensure this happens.

After we rebuilt the Sishu School in Maheswori, Khotang in 2016-2017, the school management committee and our local NGO partner designed and then completely self-funded this early childhood development (ECD) classroom inside one of the school buildings. We know we cannot do everything, but together we can do a whole lot more!

Thank you for reading!



As always, we'd love to hear from you. Please send any comments, feedback, or questions you'd like explained in the July report to me at rupak@dzi.org