Impact Journal 2019
Meet Deshmaya and Tarasur

Life posed many challenges for families in Maheswori before dZi began working there. Deshmaya and Tarasur struggled to grow enough food for their family and one of their sons was severely malnourished and underweight. When the earthquakes in 2015 hit, they had very few options to feed the whole family and rebuild their home.

Thanks to support from people like you, dZi partnered with Maheswori and this family in 2015. In just a few years, Deshmaya and Tarasur have become some of our most successful farmers. They learned how to grow and sell high value crops and earned around $200 in one year selling ginger alone. Deshmaya and Tarasur now earn close to $400 annually from their potato harvest. Their kitchen garden has helped them feed their family lots of vegetables year-round. And their son - who attends school at the local high school we rebuilt in 2017 - is now fully recovered, happy, and healthy.
Deep Impact 2019

Each of our 13 partner communities faces complex challenges that require long-term holistic solutions. Our projects profoundly improve the quality of life for all 44,123 people in these communities, bringing prosperity that will last for generations.

Additional Impacts from Last Year

- 756 students are studying in safe classrooms with better learning opportunities
- 23 small ‘starter projects’ completed in 2 new communities
- 3,405 farmers improved their nutrition and increased their income, with 485 new farmers in the program
- 99% of families with kitchen gardens are eating healthier vegetables
- $237 was the average new income for families enrolled in our agriculture program

Irrigation Systems to Income Generation

- 780 acres of newly irrigated fields increase crop yields and eventually incomes

Income Generation to Schools

- When farmers earn additional income, they invest in their children’s schooling, leading to better outcomes in school

Planting Trees to Cookstoves

- 307 new improved cook stoves use around half of the firewood of traditional designs, decreasing pressure on local forests.

Schools to Planting Trees

- Community members plant 3 trees for every tree used in each of our 4 new schools

Bridges to Schools

- Bridges allow children to safely cross rivers to reach school

Bridges to Income Generation

- Bridges provide year-round access to markets

Toilets to Kitchen Garden

- Recycled urine is an effective, no-cost fertilizer

Drinking Water to Schools

- The 3 new drinking water systems reduce illness and save time for families. This improves school attendance and time available for studies.

Drinking Water to Kitchen Gardens

- Drinking water systems make irrigating kitchen gardens possible.

Kitchen Gardens to Income Generation

- Farmers sell or trade extra vegetables and seeds

Parent Teacher Associations to Schools

- 312 parents at the 5 new PTAs help maintain school buildings voluntarily and are more invested in their children’s education
Meet Sunita

Sunita is ten years old. She has spent her entire life in the remote village of Dobhane, Nepal where the closest hospital or reliable road is two full days away.

Even though her school - the Aitabare Primary School - is at risk of collapsing, she walks on treacherous footpaths for an hour each way just to attend school. When it rains, classes are cancelled because the roof leaks and the wind howls through the giant cracks in the walls. The school lacks clean water for drinking or hand washing, and the toilets have long since fallen into disrepair.

After the 2015 earthquakes, the school was declared unsafe to hold classes. But lacking any alternatives, the teachers and students have continued to hold classes in the dangerous buildings.
Dobhane and Sunita's Future

This year, we plan to break ground on an entirely new campus for the Aitabare schools.

Fortunately, the new school is just the beginning. Thanks to your support, we were able to commit to creating transformative change in Dobhane over the next decade.

We will partner with the entire community to improve teaching methods and school management so that Sunita can receive a better education. We will introduce new cash crops and fruits and vegetables so that Sunita and her family have access to more income and nutritious food. We will build bridges so that it is easier to get to schools, medical care and markets.

Even though our work in Dobhane has just begun, every year will bring Sunita closer to her dreams of a better education and a brighter future.

Sunita's family and all of the other residents of Dobhane have committed to working with dZi to bring greater prosperity to their community. Will you join us too?
“I support dZi because their model truly gives people a chance to get ahead. I’ve seen how this can become a way of life that lasts for generations versus just coming in and putting a band aid on the issue.”

Hilaree Nelson
Captain of The North Face Athlete Team

Hilaree is one of the top adventure athletes in the world and a 2018 National Geographic Adventurer of the Year. Her many trips climbing and skiing in the Himalaya introduced her to the incredible culture and character of the people there, and inspired her to give back through dZi. “Seeing how much the local communities contribute to all of dZi’s projects helps me feel like my donation goes even further. I love that,” she says.

Financials

Our work would not be nearly as effective without the significant contributions from community members themselves. This makes your gift go farther while ensuring that completed projects are maintained for years to come.

In the last year, community members voluntarily contributed 9,671 days of labor to dZi projects - valued at $82,884 at local rates.

To date, our partner communities have contributed $1,314,008 to projects.

We go the extra mile to ensure our programs are as transparent, efficient, and effective as possible.

Revenue Fiscal Year 2019

- 73% ($1,130,287) Individuals
- 26% ($386,400) Institutional Grants
- 2% ($25,399) Investments

Expenses Fiscal Year 2019

- 73% ($1,054,576) Programs
- 14% ($184,973) Management
- 13% ($193,200) Fundraising
This year, we plan to partner with two new communities just like Dobhane. Next year, we hope to commit to two more. This will allow us to serve hundreds more students like Sunita and thousands more farmers like Deshmaya and Tarasur.

Can we count on you to join us today by making a gift?

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