



dZi FOUNDATION

THE POWER OF PARTNERSHIP

2024 IMPACT

MEET MENUKA RAI,

from Jaleswori, Nepal - a 35-year-old teacher, a businesswoman running her own hotel, and now, also a proud farmer.



"For years, we were practicing traditional farming methods, but after dZi's agricultural program came to Jaleswori, we gained new knowledge and skills that have completely changed our lives," Menuka Rai shared at the recent Aiselukharka Agriculture Fair.

BEFORE dZi's PARTNERSHIP

Life was challenging for Menuka Rai. For twenty years, she harvested low-yield crops like mustard greens, millet, and corn, and relied on purchased vegetables for survival. Her family's nutrition suffered and she faced the daunting challenges of food insecurity, limited access to income, and the growing threat of climate change. And Menuka's is not an isolated experience; many people face similar challenges, as noted in the statistics below.



92

The percentage of dZi partner households that rely on agriculture as their primary source of income, even as climate change ravages crops and undermines food security.



33¢ per person, per day

The amount left for basic needs (including food) after health and education expenses, keeping poor households in a cycle of extreme poverty.



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The number of partner municipalities with a functioning system in place to identify, support, and lift households from extreme poverty.

DURING dZi's PARTNERSHIP

The turning point came when dZi formed Farmers' Groups, allowing communities to gather, exchange knowledge and skills, and support one another. dZi introduced new crop varieties, shared innovative organic farming techniques, and started savings and loan programs to give farmers access to affordable credit.

With dZi's support, Menuka grew nutritious fruits and vegetables as well as cash crops. She used modern farming equipment, learned to make organic pesticides, and harvested more produce than ever before. Ultimately, Menuka cultivated a thriving farm, significantly improving her family's nutrition and financial stability.



dZi's programs extend beyond addressing poverty in isolation; they aim to confront and transform the root causes of poverty, charting a sustainable path towards inclusive, thriving, and resilient communities.

INCLUSIVE

We aim to increase the % of households with access to public services regardless of the differences in demography, ethnicity, gender, disability, and economic status.

RESILIENT

We aim to increase the % of households maintaining, recovering, or improving living standards despite environmental shocks, with minimal external support.

THRIVING

We aim to increase the % of households with improved livelihood opportunities and economic productivity.

dZi HAS IMPACTED
OVER 50,000 PEOPLE

THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS WITH
13 COMMUNITIES
ACROSS
4 RURAL MUNICIPALITIES

AFTER dZi's PARTNERSHIP

Menuka's transformation has been remarkable. Her annual agricultural income is now more than 50,000 Nepali rupees - a profound increase that demonstrates how dZi's targeted interventions boost rural economies.

The impact has extended beyond Menuka's farm.

As a member of the Chomolungma Farmer Group, she has witnessed how collective action can strengthen community bonds and improve livelihoods. The group's regular meetings and savings initiatives have become a model for rural financial empowerment, addressing another critical global issue; access to financial services in remote areas.

IN 2024 ALONE, YOUR SUPPORT CATALYZED

INCREDIBLE IMPACT!



LIVELIHOODS

2,359

Families with access to improved nutrition through kitchen gardens and family farms.

\$126

Additional per capita annual income earned by 2,176 farmers through dZi's Agriculture Program.

\$138,637

Savings generated by 160 dZi-formed farmers' groups, providing vital access to capital for rural communities.



SAFE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

10

Schools that received classroom management support, child club training, and child-led activity support.

3,170

Students benefitting from dZi's Quality Education Program in 39 community schools.



ESSENTIAL INFRASTRUCTURE

509

People with access to safe drinking water at their homes.

578

People benefitting from irrigation systems and bridges, providing access to improved nutrition, income, markets, and schools.



Your partnership has already made a world of difference, AND there's still so much more to do.

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