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# Prosperity at Home

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Building Opportunity-Filled  
Futures in Nepal



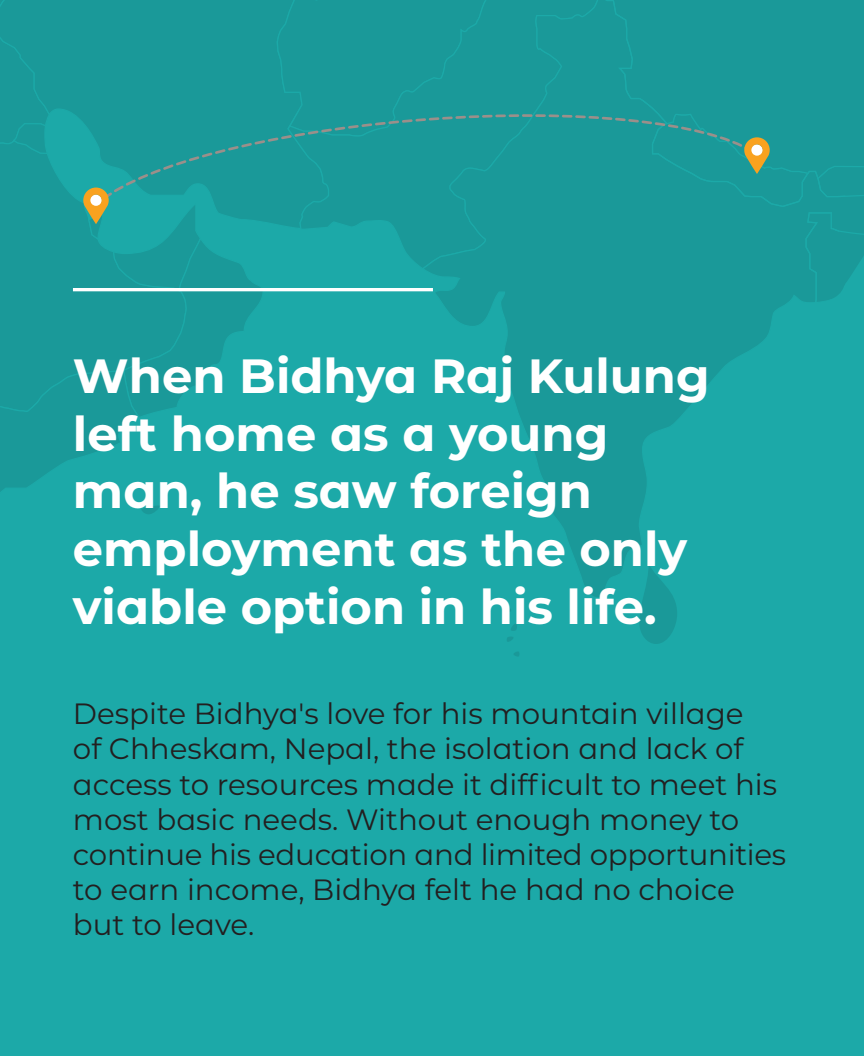
**In dZi's partner communities, people often confront a difficult choice: stay and face a lack of opportunity or leave their village in search of greater prosperity.**

In rural Nepal, there are few opportunities to earn income locally. With poverty rates in the mountains as high as 42.3% – almost double the national average – many people migrate to cities or abroad in hopes of finding work.

Despite these challenges, dZi's partner communities are working together to imagine a different future at home.

**By improving access to basic needs, fostering sustainable livelihoods through cash crop farming, and investing in rural education, dZi is helping families remove barriers to opportunity.**





## When Bidhya Raj Kulung left home as a young man, he saw foreign employment as the only viable option in his life.

Despite Bidhya's love for his mountain village of Chheskam, Nepal, the isolation and lack of access to resources made it difficult to meet his most basic needs. Without enough money to continue his education and limited opportunities to earn income, Bidhya felt he had no choice but to leave.



After working in Qatar for nearly a decade, Bidhya (above) wanted to return home. He had found economic security and learned valuable job skills during his time abroad, but the discrimination he endured made him long for Nepal. He wanted to use his skills to build a life and future in Chheskam.

## dZi's Approach

### SEED

We work with partner communities to identify a common vision, build strong partnerships rooted in local knowledge, meet basic needs, and remove barriers to progress.

### GROW

We partner with each community to build successful health, education, and livelihoods programs that create opportunities for people to thrive and foster community-led, sustainable growth.

### SUSTAIN

dZi communities are more unified, earn more income, and lead safer, more productive, and more connected lives. Communities have the skills and systems in place to maintain and sustain these gains for a lasting impact.

## With your support, here's what we've accomplished in the past year...

- + 3,003 farmers in dZi's Agriculture Program are generating an average of **\$141 in additional income** each year.
- + 3,213 people now have safe drinking water piped to their homes from dZi's **nine new water systems**.
- + 326 students are now studying in **18 new earthquake-safe classrooms**.
- + **3,347 students** across 41 rural schools are improving their education through dZi's Quality Education Program.
- + 1,272 people are now safely connected to markets and schools, increasing opportunity through the construction of **three new truss bridges**.



**Today, Bidhya is building prosperity — for himself and his community in Nepal.**

As a farmer in dZi's Agriculture Program, he grows valuable cash crops for his family to sell. With the abundance of organic vegetables in his village, he has also opened a small restaurant. Once isolated from markets, Bidhya hopes the new metal truss bridge built by dZi will allow tourists and trekkers to visit his community and enjoy a meal at his mountainside eatery.

**"dZi projects in Chheskam have had a tremendous impact on the lives of local people. They have helped us increase our income, meet our basic needs, and have made our lives much easier." Bidhya Raj Kulung**



## Will you help more communities in Nepal build futures full of opportunity?

By removing barriers to basic needs and providing access to vital resources, your gift will bring prosperity for generations to come.

### Here's how you can make an impact today:

- 1 Visit [www.dzi.org/donate](http://www.dzi.org/donate) or scan the QR code below to give online
- 2 Donate in honor of a loved one, as a thoughtful gift this holiday season
- 3 Mail a check to: dZi Foundation, PO Box 632, Ridgway, CO 81432



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