



ODFL Project Profile

Birthing Centers

Bhojpur, Nepal



Project Name:

Birthing Centers for Mulpani, Basteem, and Kot villages.

Project Location:

Bhojpur District, Nepal

NGO Partner:

One Heart World-Wide

Project Cost:

\$14,400

Needs Assessment:

- Most pre-natal and neo-natal assistance in Nepal is provided to residents of urban areas in the south
- More than 80% of births occur in rural areas in the north
- These areas suffer from lack of access, no equipment, and no training for intervention in delivery difficulties



A recent UNICEF study estimated maternal neo-natal mortality (MNM: women dying in childbirth) in Nepal at 500/100,000 live births, one of the highest such rates in the world. Complications include difficulty of access due to remoteness, limited equipment, and, importantly, a paucity of skilled medical practitioners.

With One Heart World-Wide, ODFL will upgrade three existing health posts into birthing centers (BC) where basic emergency obstetric care can be provided. Each center will provide: appropriate pre-natal care including safe motherhood education; a skilled birth attendant able to deal with basic obstetric/neonatal complications; a clean, warm, safe, well-equipped and private birthing environment; appropriate post-natal care.

According to Nepalese government statistics, similar such facilities ODFL/OHWW have provided in Baglung province are reducing the MNM rate by more than 90%.

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