



ODFL Project Flyer

Birthing Center

Memeng, Phalelung, Nepal



Project Name:

Memeng Birthing Center

Project Location:

Northeastern Nepal

NGO Partner:

One Heart WorldWide (OHW)

Project Cost:

\$6,000

Needs Assessment:

- Most birth assistance in Nepal goes to residents of urban areas in the south. But...
- More than 80% of births occur in rural areas in the north
- These areas suffer lack of access, no equipment, and no training in cases needing emergency intervention. The result is very high death rates for both mothers and babies



In Nepal, 4 women die in childbirth every day, most by bleeding to death. And 36 babies die every day, most in their first 24 hours. As a result, Nepal has one of the highest rates of maternal and neonatal mortality (women and babies dying in childbirth) in the world. The means to avert such tragic deaths are well known.

With One Heart World-Wide, ODFL will upgrade an existing health post into a birthing center. Basic preventive and emergency care will be provided, including pre-natal care with safe motherhood education; a trained midwife to deal with complications at birth; a clean, warm, safe, well-equipped birthing environment; and appropriate post-natal care.

Nepalese government data show that in similar facilities that ODFL has upgraded with OHW, the maternal (mothers) and neo-natal (babies) mortality rates have fallen by 90% and 95% respectively.

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