

Dear Friends and benefactors,
Namaste!

Project: Widowhood in Nepal by the “Bahini-Educare-Foundation-Nepal”

At first we would like to express our gratitude for your generous donations for the support to the most underprivileged and discriminated in Nepal; namely the widows and the single mothers.

It is our main objective to support these target groups and currently we are caring for 25 families that are headed by widows’ respectively single mothers.

In Nepal millions more fell into poverty last year because of the pandemic-induced economic recession. Poor people are living on 2\$ or less daily. Our target groups are day laborers and they live literally from the hand to the mouth. No work is synonymous to no food!

Widows and single mothers find themselves on the lowest rung of the social ladder and this without any support or safety net.

Suicide is the most frequent cause of death among these women and this is a sad and shocking reality in today’s Nepal!

Since the year 2014, when the “Bahini-Educare-Foundation” was first established we supported hundreds of these desperate women and their children; we provide them with their basic needs, like staple food, clothes, medicine, hygienic items and education for the children.

Recent-Interaction-Program:

On the occasion of International Women’s’ Day (8th March 2021) the “ Bahini Educare Foundation” in association with “Amnesty International” and “Annapurna Rural Municipality” organized an “Legal-Awareness & Interaction Program” for women.

This program attracted almost 100 participants, the majority of them widows. Some influential members from our community were participating in the program, underscoring the importance and the appreciation by the community for our actions.

The program was conducted by a female lawyer, a sociologist and social worker and the participants took keen interest regarding their rights and their status in society.

For most of them, the majority of them are illiterate, this was the first time they came to know about their basic human rights.

Despite an improvement in legal provisions the implementations of the laws regarding human-rights are lacking behind in a society where widows and single women have always been subject to worst forms of oppression, abuse and discrimination.

It is our declared aim to support these women, and this not only in providing for their basic needs, but we also to commit to empowerment and confidence-building, and this for them and their children to live a life free of oppression and utter poverty.

Education, empowerment, confidence building and awareness are the means to break the centuries old vicious cycle of poverty, abuse and discrimination that these women have been facing for too many generations!

Thank you for your support and be assured that we, as a small grassroots-organisation are constantly thriving to optimize our effort in supporting and empowering our target-groups.