



ANNUAL PROJECT REPORT
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Nepal: NMG School Educational Scholarship Children Program

In Nepal, many children from low-income families face significant barriers to education due to poverty, neglect, and social exclusion. Through the Educational Scholarship Children Program (ESCP), Nepal Matri Griha (NMG) supports children from vulnerable backgrounds by offering holistic and consistent educational support—laying the foundation for a future of opportunity.

Impact & Achievements

Total reach: 220 children from Nursery to Grade 5 - 100% of the annual target. These children received:



full scholarships (school fees, uniforms, books, and learning materials)



home visits conducted to monitor well-being and academic progress



their families were engaged through parental awareness sessions



children and families received psychosocial counseling and support

Scholarships & Educational support

This year, NMG provided full scholarships to 220 children from disadvantaged communities. Scholarships covered school fees, uniforms, books, and supplies, ensuring that children could attend school regularly and with dignity. While 30 children remain without full sponsorship, efforts are underway to secure the needed funding.

Monitoring & Home visits

To ensure continued engagement and retention, staff conducted monthly visits to homes and schools, building strong relationships with families and teachers. These visits proved crucial in identifying early signs of dropout risks and in offering targeted support.

Psychosocial support

Recognizing that emotional well-being is essential to learning, NMG provided both group and individual counseling to children and families. Children gained confidence, resilience, and coping strategies that support both school and life success.

Parental & Community engagement

Quarterly parental awareness sessions educated families about the importance of early education and active parental involvement. These sessions strengthened community ties and encouraged family accountability in their children's learning journey.

Skill-building workshops

NMG implemented three impactful multi-day workshops using drama and participatory learning:

- Nutrition Awareness (5 days): Reached over 500 participants
- Disability Awareness (6 days): Fostered inclusion and empathy
- Health Awareness (12 days): Promoted hygiene, well-being, and safety

Each workshop involved 350 children and 150 family members, promoting dialogue, awareness, and community empowerment.

Challenges & lessons learned

Despite strong results, challenges remain. Most notably, the lack of funding for 30 children prevented full coverage. Additionally, irregular attendance continues to affect some children - particularly in families facing severe economic hardship or instability.

Key learnings this year include:

- Holistic support works: Combining scholarships with psychosocial care significantly increases the likelihood of school retention.
- Parental engagement is crucial: Awareness sessions and direct contact with families strengthen commitment and improve outcomes.
- Flexibility is key: Rapid responses to family emergencies or socio-economic shocks help maintain school continuity.

Looking ahead: 2025 and beyond

NMG aims to expand the ESCP in the coming year to reach more children in need. Our goals include:

- Securing sponsorship for the remaining 30 children
- Scaling up monitoring and support services
- Enhancing parental engagement through more frequent sessions
- Improving data collection to better track impact and early warning signs

In the long term, we envision a sustainable, community-driven program that empowers every child with the tools to break the cycle of poverty through education.



Working hard in class



Time for a break



Manita - 4th grade