

Outreach Partnership Program Updates

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2021 challenged us all with some obstacles that were bigger than any of us could have expected. But rather than halting our progress, you still came through, making our victories even bigger than we could have imagined. We were all fatigued from uncertainty and isolation, from having to adjust to a new normal. And as volunteers and fundraisers, you had to rethink strategies to keep helping us do our work with your support. And you succeeded, as always, more impressively than ever.

So, thank you. Thank you for your perseverance, for advocating for our mission, for sharing our story in new and creative ways. Thank you for being our voice that allowed people everywhere to continue to make a positive difference during these unprecedented times.

We envision a world where communities work together to overcome the challenges of chronic poverty. Your partnership makes this a reality. The victories you have made possible are your victories, too.

We're proud to present you with this partnership update, so you can see a small example of the good that your generosity makes possible in the country you choose to support. And enclosed is your 2021 Giving Report, summarizing the contributions made toward your partnership last year.

We hope you enjoy and find inspiration in this edition of the Partnership Program Updates. If you need more resources to share with your group, please visit our website at outreach-international.org/resources. If you have specific questions or just want to say "Hello!", please contact Marsha Penrose at m.penrose@outreachmail.org



Meet Nirmala

Nirmala is a Human Development Facilitator with our program partner, Lakasa Nepal.

She wrote a review of Outreach on the website greatnonprofits.org, and it's a story best told in her own words.

"It's been almost 5 years that I have worked with Outreach International in its Participatory Human Development Program here in Nepal, and the experience is incredibly awesome and very inspiring. Being a development graduate, I was always inclined to join an organization that aligned with transitional models and addressed the real-time needs of people living in poverty. Outreach is that organization, and I am very proud to be associated with them."

Nirmala then talks about what she finds so inspiring.

"Outreach International keeps people at the core, its premise being that communities can drive the development process themselves by identifying their needs, taking collective decisions, and mobilizing for sustainable issue resolution. This response to challenges creates local social improvement and economic development."

"Throughout that journey, I have found people able to unleash their own potentials as individuals and a group to mobilize their existing but unnoticed resources and learn how to explore new opportunities."

Then, Nirmala reveals her true source of pride.

"When I as an HDF can ignite that spark of consciousness in people that they are enough to solve their own issues to better their living conditions, that's where the satisfaction and beauty of using the Participatory Human Development process lies for me. In making that happen, OI has been an enormous support and guide, in witnessing the transitional journey of people who are not spoon-fed but encouraged to take steps themselves. This makes all the hard work we do to create sustainable communities worthwhile."

"Being a development practitioner, working with Outreach has provided personal development and the continual evolving of my professional skills."

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It is the relationship of passion and compassion with community people that lifts my willingness to keep traveling with them, and the pats I keep getting on my back from very positive and encouraging Outreach mentors have been a source of motivation even in the face of adversities."

"I am grateful to Outreach for providing me a genuine opportunity to be a part of a healing process where I can walk together with people to lessen their sufferings and help uplift their lives!"

Nirmala is grateful to us, and we're grateful to her and all she does. And we're grateful to you, because it's only because of you that any of this is possible.