

## Providing School Furniture

KASIN has provided furniture to 18 schools, allowing classes to resume in the temporary classrooms after the earthquake.

Almost all the school furniture was destroyed when the schools collapsed so we employed local craftsmen to make 118 chairs; 56 tables, 25 cupboards and a whiteboard for each classroom. This has provided much needed local employment in the villages as well as giving a sense of purpose and putting money back into the local community in the immediate aftermath of the earthquake.



## New School Building

Rebuilding of a primary school in one of the more remote and marginalised communities in the Phulkharka Region.

Following our visit to Nepal in November 2015, we have provided the funds to rebuild the primary school in Dhandakharka. The work was begun in February 2016 and with excellent guidance from engineers from the Pahar Trust and with the support of the local community, the first block of 6 classrooms was completed in July, just before the onset of the summer Monsoon closed the road.

We are looking forward to travelling to Dhandakharka to open the new school in November 2016 and will be accompanied by Howard Green and his wife from The Pahar Trust.

## How to Support Us

**Take part in a sponsored event.** This year we have a runner in The London Marathon, walkers doing The Camino de Santiago, the 3 Peaks in Yorkshire, the Everest Base Camp Trek and a brave solo attempt at cycling 500kms in 24 hours at the Le Mans racing circuit.

**If you are a school** and want to link with the schools in this part of Nepal contact us at [www.kasin.org.uk](http://www.kasin.org.uk). Many schools have supported us with fundraising events and non-uniform days.

**You can raise sponsorship** by setting up a Virgin Money Giving page linked to our website

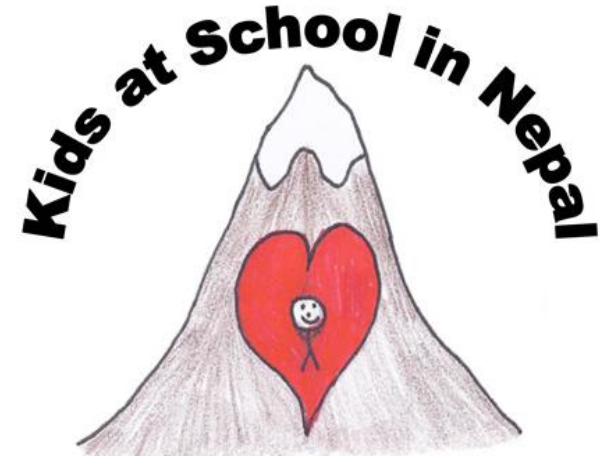
**We are a UK Registered Charity** and can claim gift aid from registered donors.

For the latest update on the situation in Nepal go to our website, visit our Kasin Charity Facebook page or @kasincharity on Twitter



■ Helping to teach English at Dhandakharka

*The Trustees of the charity do not claim expenses and all the money we collect is used to help provide opportunities for needy communities in Nepal.*



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*The future of Nepal is in the hands of today's children*



■ The children at Dhandakharka amidst the ruins of their school



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## After The Earthquake

It is now over a year since the devastating earthquake hit Nepal resulting in the loss of over 10,000 lives. The epicentre of the earthquake was very near to the Phulkharka region where we have been supporting schools and resulted in 90% of the buildings being destroyed along with most of the schools.

Much has happened over that year. No sooner had the dust settled from the earthquake when the blockade along the Indian Border resulted in crippling fuel and material shortages and led to a halt in the recovery processes. It was with this background that 4 of our Trustees flew to Nepal for our annual visit.



■ KASIN trustees surveying the site at Dhandakharka in November 2015

Back in the UK, fund raising had begun in earnest and thanks to the generosity of the British public, KASIN had managed to raise nearly £40,000 and we are grateful for the generous support we have had from :-

- Settle Rotary Club
- Hill House School, London
- Bradley Primary School near Skipton
- Water Street Primary School Skipton
- Ermysted's Grammar School Skipton
- Haute Savoie Montessori School
- Strathaven Scouts
- Vision Support Group of Companies
- Sonnocent Ltd
- Skipton Rotary Club

And many others who have, and are raising money through sponsored events

Shortly after the earthquake we received one particularly touching letter from the Montessori School in Haute Savoie , France.

*“Dear Kids at School in Nepal,*

*We have been very touched by the recent disaster that happened in Nepal. Last Saturday was the birthday party of our two children: Maia 6 and Teo 3 years old. After discussing with them about the earthquake and the many schools that have been destroyed, it was unanimously decided to raise money for the schools and children in Nepal rather than receiving the birthday gifts. The response from the little friends and their parents has been amazing.*

*We are positive you will make the best use of this donation and we would love very much a reply from you so that we can share in the class the great job you are doing. Good Luck and thank you!*

*Chiara & Andrea Lazzarini Viti”*

■ Right: Headmaster Kemal in front of the new walls in April 2016



■ Below: Almost finished – the six classroom block just before the monsoon arrived in June.



## KASIN has a new patron!

We are delighted to welcome Professor Padam Simkhada as our new patron. He has recently been appointed as Associate Dean for the Faculty of Education, Health and Community at Liverpool John Moores University. The first ever Nepali Professor to be appointed in the UK, it's an amazing coincidence that he comes from Tamang Kharka and was educated at one of the schools that we support. We are very much looking forward to working with him on future projects.



## Plans for the future

Another 2 room block is planned for the school at Dhandakharka. One will be a library. To help fund this, KASIN has joined with Settle and Skipton Rotary Clubs to raise the funds and we hope to start this work before the end of the year.

Part of the purpose of our visit to Nepal in November 2016 will be to investigate the potential of future projects, be they funding teacher training, after schools clubs, libraries or equipment and furniture.

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