

A Computer for a Girls Secondary School in rural Nepal

Project Reference: 32

► How will this project help?

This is the only girls school in this rural region and is funded by the local community. The school runs on a very tight budget and they are not able to provide any access to information technology for the girls. This school educates 500 girls from the region. Literacy rates for females are only 25.5% and their participation in secondary school is around 1%. In Nepal, women are still widely discriminated against. It is believed that the only real way to overcome this is through improved education. It is essential that girls are given the opportunity of a good education and this must be encouraged wherever possible. Kalika Secondary school is the only girls school in the region and they are dedicated to promoting education for girls. It is a community school which means that the local community have raised the funds needed to run the school. The school feels it is essential for the girls to have some experience and knowledge of computers and hopes to have 2 computers that the students can use. Working knowledge of computers is a huge benefit in this day and age and will improve opportunities available to girls leaving school. The school also hopes that it will encourage families to send their girls to the school. Your support with this project will provide access for 500 girls to the most important and influential technology in the world. It could potentially open up many doors for them in the future and will also help promote the school for girls living in nearby rural areas.

► Cost of Project

Cost breakdown

One assembled pentium-4 computer costs = 50,000 NRS

Transportation of the computer to the school = 1,500 NRS

Project Implementation costs = 3200 NRS

Local bank charges to receive funds = 350 NRS

Total cost of project in local currency = 55050 NRS

► **Total Cost of Project in Pounds =**
£458.75

► Who needs help with this Project?

Kalika Girls Secondary School

► Where is this project needed?

Western Nepal, Nepal



► Nepal Factfile

- ◆ Population: 23.1 million
- ◆ Average annual income: US\$ 220
- ◆ Often described as the "country of villages" with over 80 % of the population living in over 40,000 villages, some of which are located in remote mountainous regions.
- ◆ Only 28% of the population have access to adequate sanitation
- ◆ Every year 35,000 children still lose their lives due to diarrhoea.
- ◆ 76% of adult females are illiterate



"The education of girls is key to real progress in overcoming poverty," UNICEF