

BVS-Nepal Programmes

BVS-Nepal's mission is to reduce the incidence of burns in Nepal, improve the quality of services available to burns survivors and provide comprehensive support to enable burns survivors lead independent and active lives.

Objectives:

1. To support and provide quality and comprehensive services to survivors. (Medical, surgical, psychosocial and physiotherapy care)
2. To prevent the incidence of burns
3. To advocate for the recognition of burns as an important category of trauma and for the rights of burns survivors to improved services
4. To recognise burns as a component of gender based violence and promote the rights of such survivors

BVS Nepal helps and supports survivors of burns, resulting from accidents, or violence, such as attempted homicide attacks and cases of self immolation.



Testimony of a Partner



At 53 years old, Sister Kalpana has been working since 27 years as the main nurse in the Burn Unit of Teaching Hospital.

The main challenge of the Burn Ward is the very poor economic condition of the patients. They don't have any money to cover their medical treatment or even to feed themselves.

'Since 3 years, we've been really happy working with BVS Nepal, who's helping the patients with nutrition, counseling, financial support for their medical & surgical treatment. Also, the hospital, medical staff, survivors and the general public will get benefits from this ngo through the upgrade of the ward with medical equipment.' said Sister Kalpana.

STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN & CHILDREN

Chanda's brother in law doused a room with petrol, locked the door with his two nephews (Riyajul – 3 years old, Rihan -10 months) and his niece (Mariyam – 5 years old) inside and set it on fire because of a financial dispute with his brother. Chanda was hurt while she tried to rescue her children. After 4 days, Riyajul, who had 30 percent deep burn injuries, died from his injuries. Mariyam died after two weeks of treatment. The children had inhaled large amounts of toxic petrol fumes.

BVS Nepal is helping Chanda and her children for their medical, surgical, physiotherapy, nutritional, legal and psychosocial support. Thanks to DFID and Herods Foundation.



(Top) Chanda Salmani, (Bottom) Mariyam Salmani

Medical Support



BVS- Nepal helped Sekh at Kanti Children's Hospital with his medical treatment thanks to Reis met Mij. Sekh was playing ball with his friend when the ball went on the terrace where he went to pick it up. The terrace was full of electric wires. When he wanted to grab the ball, he accidentally touched the wires and get electrocuted.

His wounds were so deep that the hospital staff has to amputee his two arms. With the support of Ms Janine Duke , BVS is looking for prosthetics and rehabilitation solutions for him.

Counseling Training



In August 2013, BVS Nepal organised 2 days counselling training for 4 burn survivors and 16 medical staff working in Burn Unit of different hospitals in Kathmandu. who are working in the burn unit.

Everyday, they're facing and dealing with stressful situations. The medical staff need to have a basic understanding on he way to deal with the victims and families as well as developing their knowledge in prevention and violence against women and girls.

The counseling training helped them to define goals, make decisions, and solve problems related to personal-social, educational and career concerns.

Thanks to the Islamic Help to support financially this program and help medical staff of Burn Units to give a better care to the burn Victims of Nepal.

STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Rihana Sheikh (19 years old - Banke), a seven month pregnant wife, was set on fire by her husband and mother-in-law for not bringing enough dowry at her marriage. She faced torture, received lashes, her sensitive organs were singed with a lighted cigarette, then kerosene was poured over her lower limbs and she was set on fire. Her baby was still born.

BVS Nepal is supporting her for her nutritional, medical, surgical, psychological treatment as well as her rehabilitation and advocacy with the support of DFID, Mr. John Tyynela, Herrod Funds, Michael Jones and C.H.A.N.C.E for Nepal.



Year 2013 in Numbers

795 Nutrition Baskets were distributed in BIR Hospital and Kanti Children's Hospital.

More than **110** Patients received daily counseling & daily Physiotherapy were given to **82** victims in the main government hospital, thanks to C.H.A.N.C.E for Nepal.

65 Burn Patients got Plastic and reconstructive surgery and Medical support from all districts, thanks to Herrods Foundation, Reis Met Mij, Tanner Trust and Sandra Dauriol. .

17 Survivors received rehabilitation support

Prevention programs were hold in **12** schools in Kathmandu Valley and Manakamana

BVS is working with **10** hospitals in Nepal.

5 new videos of survivors testimony were realised.

Vocational training

In partnership with FOST (Foundation for Sustainable Technology), BVS-N provided traineeship to 6 survivors to learn more about sustainable solutions for the household energy and the environment.

During the 3 days training, they learn how to make briquettes from waste materials and use solar cooker. From that day, they become empowered women and produce their own energy and save lot of money from fuel in their daily life. Also, they are able to resell the briquettes and earn some money themselves.

This project was funded by DFID and Mr. John Altman.



Success Story

8 years ago, Sagar Pandey from Nawalparsi, was walking home from school through a field. He saw a goat on the ground lying on a electric wire and got closer, thinking that the goat was sick. He touched the goat and was electrocuted for 45 minutes. His injuries were so severe that he had to have both legs amputated. Afterwards, he went to HRDC to receive nutrition and physiotherapy support. After some months, he returned to his family in Nawalparsi and got a scholarship to attend the local school. Sagar worked extremely hard and finally passed his SLC exam in first division. To be able to continue his studies, he came to Kathmandu and applied to many colleges where he was rejected because of his physical condition. Thanks to the generosity of Mr. Umesh Shrestha, General and Ms. Limbu, he received a full scholarship for two years at Little Angels School .



BEFORE

During all these years, BVS Nepal supported Sagar with medical, physiotherapy, nutrition, counseling, transportation and school materials. BVS is also managing to get prosthetics for him.

Now, Sagar is a confident young eighteen year old doing a pre-med course in Kathmandu. He dreams of becoming a doctor so as to be able to help people himself. Therefore, BVS Nepal is trying to find a solution for his scholarship.



AFTER

Facts on Burns in Nepal

- Approximately 55902 people suffer from new burn injuries every year in Nepal, which represents 153/ day, 6/ hour, 1/10 minutes- Annual report 2008-2009 – Ministry of Health & Population, Dpt of Health Services, Gvt of Nepal
- There are only 15 plastic surgeons for 28 millions people.

Fundraising Events

In the year 2013, BVS Nepal organized 2 fundraising events: one in London and the other one in Kathmandu.

The 28th september 2013, BVS Nepal organised a fundraising event, a Greek Island Party, in Soaltee Crowne Plaza, Kathmandu.

The event was a huge success, with 250 people enjoying the evening. 2 flight tickets to Greece were offered by Qatar Airways as door prize.



In October, Alison Marston and some designers organized a two-day Designer Sale at the Manchester Square in London. His Excellency, Dr. Suresh Chandra Chalise, the Nepalese Ambassador to the UK was the guest of honour.

20% of all proceeds of sales were donated to BVS Nepal.

Left to the right: Annaliza Stevens, His Excellency Dr. Suresh Chandra Chalise Nepalese Ambassador to the U.K., Sasha Ratiu and Lady Stevens

16 days campaign : Stop Violence against women

On the 7th December 2013, BVS Nepal organized a musical afternoon with a lottery withdraw in the beautiful garden of 1905 Restaurant in Kantipath, Kathmandu where around 300 people came to enjoy this awareness program.

Thanks to all the artists who supported our program and performed during this afternoon: Treble Cleff, Shree Tara Band, Shreya Sotang, Sugam Pokharel, Rajina Rimal, Nima Rumba, Kamal Khatri, Dharmendra Sewan & band, Joint Family International and Adrian Pradhan & friends. Thank you to Mr. Yogeswor Amataya, who kindly made a generous contribution to BVS Nepal.



YOUR SMALL CONTRIBUTION CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE

We would like to thank all our partners, supporters and well wishers for their consistent dedication and support throughout and we look forward to continuing our work together in the coming years for burn survivors in Nepal.

A special thank to Mrs. Wendy Marston whose support contributed significantly towards achieving our set of objectives for the year.

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