

Fundraising for the Kathmandu Institute of Child Health



*“We believe all children in Nepal deserve the best healthcare,
no matter where they live or whether they are rich or poor.”*

The Kathmandu Institute of Child Health (KIOCH) is initiated by Prof. Dr. Bhagawan Koirala, the first Heart Surgeon to perform open heart surgery in Nepal as well as an experienced Hospital Director and Mr. Deepak Raj Sapkota, specialized in Child Rights & Welfare and Executive Director of Karuna Foundation Nepal. Dr. Sudah Basnet - Professor of Pediatrics at Tribhuvan University Institute of Medicine, Kathmandu- was asked to join KIOCH. Together, they are beyond comparison in the field of child health.

KIOCH will provide healthcare services to children, coming from both rich and poor communities. In order to make this possible, KIOCH will implement a cross-subsidy mechanism whereby patients with a higher economic status support the treatment for those who cannot afford it.

High-quality pediatric care is essential for young Nepali population

Over 40% (of Nepal’s population is under the age of 18. High-quality pediatric care to keep these 12 million children healthy is essential. Lack of access to pediatric care leads to higher morbidity and (premature) deaths. Moreover, it can come at a cost for society: children in need of care might not be able to enjoy education, resulting in less-educated population and lower standards of sanitation and welfare.

Currently, Nepal faces major problems in pediatric healthcare:

- Shortage of qualified healthcare professionals and facilities. Moreover, the available healthcare facilities do not offer the complete range of healthcare services that are needed. Especially specialty services are limited.
- Low accessibility of healthcare facilities: most of the available hospitals and specialized care facilities are concentrated in the Kathmandu Valley. Due to Nepal’s infrastructural and geographical challenges the accessibility of hospital care and specialized care is low.
- Absence of a healthcare network: healthcare facilities operate primarily on their own, there is little collaboration between healthcare facilities. Moreover, Nepal does not have an effective referral system. This results in inefficiencies in care provision and inability to provide comprehensive care.

KIOCH requests NPR 960 million – 8 million euro to make this important change in Nepal’s health care.

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KIOCH's goals for providing healthcare are to:

- Establish a multi-specialty, referral, children's hospital in Kathmandu
- Create a care network throughout Nepal
- Set up prevention services throughout Nepal to prevent diseases rather than curing them or treating their symptoms
- Organize education and training for doctors and nurses to improve healthcare for future generations
- Conduct scientific research to further improve children's healthcare

KIOCH plans to implement its strategy by way of a three-phased plan:

- Phase 1: Establish a children's hospital in Kathmandu that provides three high quality specialisms: oncology, cardiology and psychiatry
- Phase 2: Expansion with other (sub)specialisms within the hospital
- Phase 3: Set up regional satellite clinics in other provinces and connect to local health facilities

Donor funding and impact investments will be the basis of the funding for KIOCH (building the hospital, recruiting staff, set up referral networks, medical equipment etc.).

KIOCH costs in million NPR*	2019	2020	2021	2022	Totals
Building & start-up costs through donor funding	220	220	120	400	960
Working capital to start the operation through debt funding			200	200	400
Totals**	220	220	320	600	1,360

KIOCH costs in thousand EUR*	2019	2020	2021	2022	Totals
Building & start-up costs through donor funding	1,850	1,850	1,000	3,350	8,050
Working capital to start the operation through debt funding			1,650	1,650	3,300
Totals**	1,850	1,850	2,650	5,000	11,350

* Currency converted at EUR 1 = 120 NPR

** Budgets are including 10% costs for contingency, marketing & fundraising



Are you interested, or do you know a person, foundation and/or company who wants to become a part of this impactful change in children's health care in Nepal?

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This initiative is endorsed by private and public parties and individuals, such as the Board of KIOCH, the Kathmandu local government, Children's Hospital Directors in Nepal, international medical managers and practitioners, IT & Health professionals and philanthropic experts; each helping us to improve our plans. Prof. Dr. Bob Pinedo (Founder VUmc Cancer Center) has committed himself to act as a technical advisor to the Board. Reach Out Too coordinates international partnerships and fundraising.

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