

File Form 0693

Construction of a Birthing Centre and Maternity Clinic in Chhinnamasta Rural Municipality, Saptari District, Nepal

Interim report for the Eagle Foundation – June 2024

Donor name: Fondation Eagle

Fondation Eagle reference: FF 693

Name of Charity: IMPACT UK

Introduction: Your grant was awarded to construct a Birthing Centre in a rural part of Saptari District, where there are no existing women's health services. The aim of this project is to provide quality medical care for women during pregnancy, birth and the postnatal period, replicating the successful Eagle-funded project in Auraiya (File Form 0444-04). Ultimately it is planned that the Birthing Centre will become a hub for a wide-range of IMPACT initiatives to make motherhood safer and ensure child survival: including regular mother and baby clinics; door-to-door child health monitoring and vaccination record-keeping; nutritional support for malnourished families; Mothers' Clubs to promote home-gardening and key health messages; extra support and training for government health workers; a menstrual health project for women and girls; and the promotion of income-generating activities for women, such as livestock rearing and reusable sanitary pad making.



The land for the new Birthing Centre was gifted by a local philanthropist and the ownership has been formally transferred to IMPACT Nepal

Date of grant accepted: 06/12/2023 (funds received by IMPACT UK 22/12/2023)

Amount: GBP 54,975

Conversion rate, date & amount in local currency: NPR 8,246,250 - exchange rate based on 1 GBP = 150 NPR (06/11/2023)

Expenditure: GBP 3,817

Amount carried forward: GBP 51,158 – this will be expended as soon as construction begins in earnest towards the end of June 2024

Name and exact location of the project: Mahuwa Village (in between Khudi Bhakari and Kupahi Tole villages), Ward no.6 of Chhinnamasta Rural Municipality, Saptari District, Nepal

Period of Project: 22nd December 2023 – 21st December 2024

Project beneficiaries: Once built, the Birthing Centre will serve a population of 34,800 people living in the Mahuwa Village and the surrounding rural hamlets. Each year, 1,300 women will benefit from ante and postnatal care and 245 women will give birth at the Centre

Details of the project:

Mahuwa Village and its surrounding hamlets, are located in Saptari District in the Terai Region of Nepal, just 7km from the Indian border. The area is one of the country's most deprived, according to the 2021 Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI). The official MPI poverty level here is 24.2%, compared to 17.4% nationally. There are stark disparities between rural and urban areas. Saptari District has a high concentration of Dalit communities, particularly the Chamar sub-caste, who face significant social, economic and political discrimination. Most residents in the project area are landless, daily wage labourers, with limited access to healthcare.

'Chinnamasta Rural Municipality in the Saptari District remains an area lacking adequate health services. Due to the absence of a local health post and birthing centre, pregnant women need to travel to neighbouring municipalities for antenatal care (ANC) checkups. Additionally, many are unaware of the importance of seeking health services during pregnancy' – **IMPACT Nepal**

IMPACT Nepal has been active in the area since 2010 and thanks to Fondation Eagle, it is now in the beginning stages of constructing a Birthing Centre close to Mahuwa Village to improve maternal health outcomes, as the nearest hospital is 15km away and is inaccessible during the monsoon season.

A local landowner had pledged to give IMPACT Nepal the land upon which the Birthing Centre would be built, and as soon as your donation was received, this arrangement was formalised. After some weeks of negotiation by the local IMPACT team in Saptari, the donor (Mr Jogendra Bhagat) was invited to IMPACT Nepal's head office in Kathmandu to sign over the deeds. To recognise his generosity amongst his local community, the Birthing Centre will be named 'IMPACT Nepal Jogendra Bhagat Birthing Centre'.

Once the legal ownership was in place, IMPACT Nepal organised for staff from their central office in Kathmandu and local field officers to meet with the engineer and local technicians to conduct a final survey of the site. The meeting was also attended by local government representatives, including the President of Chhinnamasta Rural Municipality, the President of Ward-6 and other Ward advocates.

Right: The land donor, Mr Jogendra Bhagat, meeting with representatives from IMPACT Nepal and the local government meeting at the construction site



Summary of progress made so far:

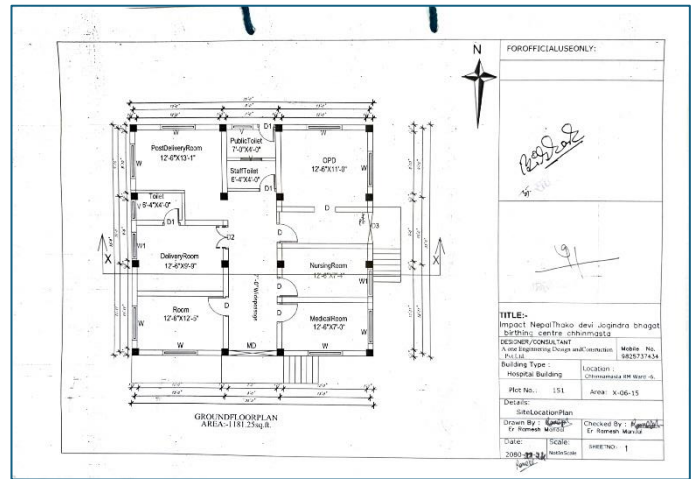
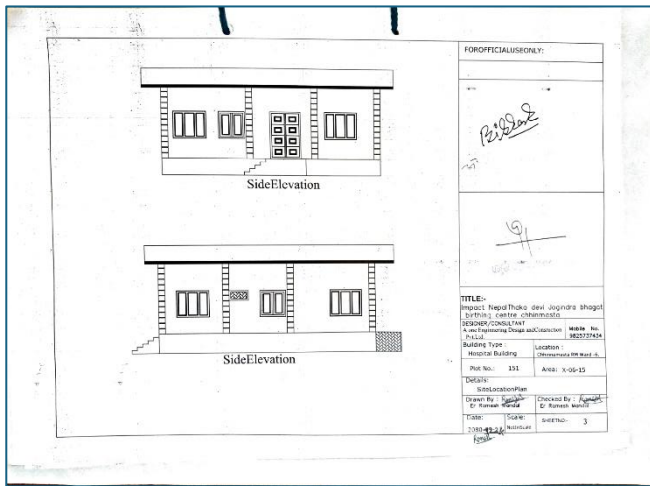
- ✓ The landowner met with the trustees and staff of IMPACT Nepal to formally handover the land
- ✓ The architectural drawings and structural calculations for the birthing centre were prepared by Engineer Ramesh Mandal from A-One Engineering Design and Construction
- ✓ The drawings were then approved by authorities of the Chinnamasta Rural Municipality and permission to proceed with construction was granted
- ✓ Local construction companies were invited to tender and 'Buildana Construction Private Limited' was selected as the contractor
- ✓ The contractor has committed to commencing the building work on 15th June 2024 and will complete the project by the end of November 2024
- ✓ Chhinnamasta Rural Municipality, which functions as the local government within the federal structure, has pledged to ensure the health personnel to operate the Birthing Centre around the clock once it is operational



Top: The site where the Birthing Centre will be constructed and the construction team preparing the calculations

Bottom: The land donor, Mr Jogendra Bhagat, meeting with IMPACT Nepal staff and trustees in Kathmandu

Structural drawings:



Summary:

We are so grateful to Fondation Eagle for making the dream of a Birthing Centre in Chinnamasta Municipality a reality. So many mothers and their babies will benefit from quality care once it is operational. Construction begins in earnest on 15th June 2024 and we look forward to keeping you abreast with progress.

Expenditure statement:

Item cost	Budget GBP	Expenditure GBP
Structural calculations and architectural design	920	920
Earth work excavation	420	0
Flat brick soiling	1,260	0
Concrete work, form work and reinforcement	15,079	0
Brickwork	6,140	0
Doors, windows and external gate	3,780	0
Plastering, external render and paintwork	4,620	0
Earth filling	1,680	0
Site clearance	120	0
Internal electrics	1,425	0
Sanitary and water supply installation	2,100	0
Total construction cost	37,544	920
VAT@13%	4,881	0
Labour and site engineer	4,766	1,588
Patient beds; basic furnishings; delivery instruments	3,333	0
Air conditioning unit & power back-up	1,833	0
Sub-total	52,357	2,508
Project management @ 5%	2,618	1,309
Total	54,975	3,817

Budget note: The balance carried forward is GBP 51,158 – this will start to be expended as soon as construction begins.