



Featured program for December 2015

Little Sisters Fund

**Banke and Dang Expansion of
School Scholarship Program
for Girls**



Dining for Women



Changing the world one dinner at a time

Introducing Little Sisters Fund

The LSF mission is to provide hardworking, intelligent, but financially disadvantaged and marginalized South Asian girls the opportunity to obtain an education in the face of adverse conditions such as extreme poverty, deprivation or social prejudices.

LSF does this through school scholarships and holistic support encompassing health, mentoring and awareness raising. Now they seek to combat child sex trafficking, child labor, child marriage and lack of education in the districts of Banke and Dang, Nepal.



Where in the world?

The Little Sisters Fund is based in the Terai (non-mountainous) area of Nepal. Banke and Dang are on the Indian border.



Life Challenges of Nepali Women

Gender disparity, especially in education, is a critical issue in Nepal.

About 66 percent of men can read and write, while only 43 percent of females can. In rural areas, 7 out of 10 girls drop out of school by age 16.

Young girls who are not in school are particularly susceptible to trafficking for the sex trade, child labor and child marriage.

At 51 percent, Nepal's rate of early marriage is one of the highest in the world, with girls married four times as often as boys.

As many as 10,000 - 15,000 girls are trafficked into the sex industry annually.



What are we supporting?

- Dining for Women's \$40,000 will directly support 100 girls and 50 teachers in the two years of the project duration, and indirectly impact more than 1,500 students and community members.

DFW's grant will provide

- Two-year scholarships for 100 Banke and Dang girls.
- The costs of supplies and books for those 100 girls.
- Stipends for three school coordinators who will provide mentoring, problem-resolution, intervention and other supportive services.
- Support of primary educator training.
- Support of the girls' preventative and emergency healthcare.
- A portion of the cost of counseling and awareness raising to discourage self-limiting behaviors.

The Budget

How Dining for Women's grant of \$40,000 will be used (over two years):

		DFW Number	DFW Amount	DFW Total
		per year	per year	over 2 years
School Scholarship Program				
Tuition and fees	\$110per girl	100	\$11,000	\$22,000
Uniform and supplies	\$40per girl	100	\$4,000	\$8,000
Books	\$25per girl	100	\$2,500	\$5,000
School coordinators' stipend				
		3	\$900	\$1,800
Additional Programs				
Primary Educator Training			\$700	\$1,400
Preventative and Emergency Healthcare			\$400	\$800
Counseling and Awareness Raising			\$500	\$1,000
Total			\$20,000	\$40,000

About the Organization



The mission of the Little Sisters Fund is to encourage economically disadvantaged Nepalese girls to become empowered leaders through education, mentoring, and community support.

Established in 1998 by Usha Acharya and Trevor Patzer, the Little Sisters Fund has grown from a single scholarship to currently serving more than 1,700 girls in 19 districts through nine programs. Trevor's education in the United States was supported by a family friend. A decade later, he traveled to Nepal and saw the need for education funding. With the help of Usha, his mentor, Trevor helped fund the education of one girl, which ultimately sparked the creation of Little Sisters Fund.

December 2015 Sustained Program: Shining Hope for Communities



In Kibera, Nairobi Kenya, Shining Hope for Communities combats intergenerational cycles of poverty and gender inequality by linking tuition-free schools for girls to essential social services in Kenya's Kibera slum through a holistic, community-driven approach. Sustained funding will be used to support the Mother and Child Health Incentives program and the program staff.

The program is a conditional, in-kind transfer program provided for free to mothers in Kibera, and is aimed at counteracting the high child morbidity and mortality rates by encouraging mothers to seek regular prenatal, postnatal, and child welfare services to ensure positive health outcomes for themselves and their children. The program expects to see an increase in patients receiving post-natal care, increase in mothers receiving post natal and child welfare care. Long-term expectations include a reduction in infant and maternal mortality and a decrease in the number of children with developmental challenges. DFW will provide sustained funding in December 2015 – 2017.

Share Your Thoughts



- How do you think education can stop human trafficking in Nepal?
- Why should the focus be on such young girls?
- What would you say to the mothers of the Banke and Dang regions to offer support?



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