

Economic and Community Development Comes to Successful Completion in Nepal

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The Rotary Club of Kelowna Sunrise’s International project in Dang, Nepal, has been successfully completed. Closure recently came about with the completion of the Global Grant report for The Rotary Foundation by the Rotary Club of Dang in Nepal.

The Kelowna Sunrise with a financial contribution of \$US 6,000, and with financial support from the Kelowna Ogoopogo club, the West Kelowna Daybreak club and the Kelowna club, were able to gain matching funding from Rotary District 5060, a Government of Canada Fund matching grant and The Rotary Foundation Global Grant, which provided over \$US 84,800 for an Economic and Community Project in the Dang area of Nepal. The project was initiated in the latter part of 2018, approved in 2000, commenced in early 2021 and finally completed in the early part of 2023.



The project was established to develop employment skills training for hundreds of impoverished and marginalized women, men and youth. Training was focused on basic literacy, financial literacy, small business/entrepreneurship, vegetable cultivation, basket weaving, plumbing, bicycle repair, masonry, carpentry, electrician and beautician skill development scheduled at different times during the two year period.



In communication with Brenda Bell, the 2018-2021 Club International Chair, Pradeep Majgaiyan, the 2023-24 Rotary Club of Dang president-elect, on behalf of his Rotary club, the Dang club leaders for the project and Creating Possibilities Nepal, expressed that the impact of the training provided in the Dang area was and continues to be highly valued by the community members; and serves as the means to explore further opportunities for collaboration and ways to continue to develop the means to continue to further improve economic and community development going forward.

Pradeep Majgaiyan stated that *"the completion of the grant required collective effort, dedication, and coordination from all involved,"* and that *"we appreciate your Club's help and commitment to making this project a success."* Majgaiyan added that *"we also want to*

extend our heartfelt gratitude to you (Brenda Bell) and the Rotary Club of Kelowna Sunrise for your unwavering support and contribution. Your club's dedication and generosity have played a significant role in the success of this initiative."

It is through partnerships like this, enforced with the words of Majgaiyan that Rotarians around the world can "*truly make a positive impact and contribute to the betterment of communities.*"