

Rabbit Project - Nepal

OBJECTIVES:

Primary:

1. Increase household incomes of participating villagers through the benefits of raising and the sale of rabbit products.
2. Improve the nutrition status of families through consumption of much -needed additional protein.
3. Project sustainability.

Secondary:

1. Raise the status of women in their families and in the communities at large
2. Replication and expansion of the target group at minimal cost to the project. By means of the “pass on the gift.”
3. Increased knowledge of, and expertise in, building and sustaining rabbit projects.

SUMMARY:

This is a three-year, \$43,000 global grant proposal that falls within two Rotary areas of focus.: Maternal and Child Health & Economic and Community Development. It will introduce rabbit farming in rural Nepal villages. The project is designed to be sustainable, as it involves community management and the operation of “risk-management funds”. It will include the training of new generation farmers who will be receiving the “gift” of breeding stock from the original beneficiary rabbit farmers.

Host Sponsor: Rotary Club of Tripureshwor, Kathmandu, Nepal

International Sponsor: The Rotary Club of Kingsville, Texas, USA

WHO & WHERE

120 rural families of Wards 1 and 2 of Panauti Municipality, Kavre District, Nepal, to the east of Kathmandu.

WHY

This humanitarian project will foster economic development, provide nutrition for rabbit-farming families, foster gender empowerment, and give vocational training to people in rural Nepal.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Partner in this international project by making a monetary contribution from your club. To date the Kingsville has raised \$4,000 to contribute to this global grant, and an additional \$4,000 is budgeted to be raise this year.

A man happily shows off a large rabbit in one of the rabbit farm hutches in Nepal. The rabbit farms of the Chogau and Tiniple villages of Nepal were supported by the Rotary Clubs of Kingsville after the April 25, 2015 earthquake devastated Nepal. (Photo courtesy of the Kingsville Noon Rotary Club)