



EDUCATION



GIVE THE GIFT OF EDUCATION TODAY.

A New School

Thank you for considering this unique opportunity to give freedom by supporting the construction of a new school campus in Pokhara, Nepal.

Once complete, the new facilities will provide child trafficking survivors—alongside local fee-paying students—with access to education and facilities aimed at giving them the best start in life.

Construction of the new school will begin once our funding target has been reached—and your generosity will take us a critical step towards achieving this important goal.

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”

— Nelson Mandela





The Cause

Every child deserves an education—it is a fundamental human right. Yet globally, one in every three victims of human trafficking is a school-aged child and denied the opportunity to learn.

In Nepal, school is out of reach for many children from the most disadvantaged families, despite the great strides made in improving the education system over the decades. In numbers this means around 770,000 children aged 5-12 years are still not in school!—a heartbreaking reality that puts each and every one of their futures at risk.

So what are the issues preventing children accessing education in Nepal?

As you would expect, they are multifaceted and include inequity in access, geographical remoteness, and gender, socioeconomic and ethnic differences. Key barriers to enrolment and attendance include poverty, social exclusion, disability, migration, child labour, social norms and gender bias.

Poverty remains the most significant barrier to education in Nepal, a country which despite making notable strides forwards, has almost five million people² (17% of its population) living in poverty. Children are still the poorest age group, in numbers this means 2.2 million children living below the poverty line.

Poverty is forcing these children away from the classroom and into child labour. It is also making them highly exposed to the tactics of traffickers, who prey on the poor and vulnerable.

Child labour is defined by the International Labour Organisation as “work that deprives children of their childhood, their potential and their dignity”. It can take many different forms, including domestic labour, agricultural work and slavery. In Nepal, of those aged between 6 and 24 who never attended school, a quarter couldn’t go as they had to help at home. Children who work will find it hard to make the most of schooling, and those engaged in child labour are at a much higher risk of dropping out.

Statistically, the prevalence of child labour is highest for children from the poorest families, and for those whose mothers do not have an education.

The **geographical area** in which children live also impacts their access to education, with the fertile Terai plains in the south that border India having some of the lowest school attendance figures and the highest student-teacher ratios. Not enough is understood about the root cause of this disparity, though some claim the high work migration from these areas places an emphasis away from education and on to labour.



On top of these challenges, children in Nepal continue to face **caste discrimination**, despite it being legally prohibited by the Government. It means youngsters from the lower castes, and in particular the Dalit castes, have out-of-school rates far above the national average.

Education matters. It enables upward socio-economic mobility and is key to escaping poverty. It helps to reduce inequalities and reach gender equality, and is crucial to fostering tolerance and more peaceful societies.

The new school will enable previously trafficked children, and those at risk of trafficking due to their caste, family income, or gender, to access an education. To learn the skills they need to be successful and to thrive.

¹ Source: <https://unicef.org>

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Only 11%

of Nepali school buildings are
earthquake resistant



Help Children Like Ditya

[Content trigger warning: child trafficking]

By partnering with us today you will forever change the lives of children in Pokhara, Nepal.

Children like Ditya*, who at just six years old was forced to make and sell alcohol by her aunt. She was denied the opportunity to go to school and was kept as a slave by the family who was supposed to be protecting her.

Ditya doesn't remember her parents. What little she does remember of her childhood is one of child exploitation and cruelty.

At six years old she was taken by her uncle to live with his wife. Instead of providing a loving home, they used her as a house slave and refused to let her go to school.

She was forced to make alcohol in the dark back room of their home and trudge through the streets selling it to the town's hotels. Ditya received no money in return, she was enslaved.

On top of making alcohol, she had to care for her young cousins and the family's goats.

"I did not feel anything good, all day I was sad," she explained.

"I would watch the other children going to school every day and it would make me cry.

"My neighbours told me to run away but I did not know where to go. It was the only home I knew."



I never thought I would go to school...but now it is the best part of my day.

Ditya lived this life for three long years before 3 Angels Nepal rescued this scared little one—taking her to live in the vulnerable children's home.

She is now 16 years old and time, love and counselling have helped heal Ditya's traumatised soul. "My aunt did not love me, I know that now," she said. "But I feel love here."

As a student at 3 Angels Nepal school, Ditya has learnt to read and write and her future is now brighter. She looks longingly at the world map and speaks of her dream to become an air hostess and travel the world learning new languages.

“I never thought I would go to school,” she said. “But now it is the best part of my day. I enjoy English a lot as my teacher makes me laugh!”

Your support today will give more children like Ditya an education and a hope-filled future.

**Name changed and representational image used to protect Ditya's identity.*







Education

Education can look different for everyone. At Give Freedom our goal is to deliver life-changing and sustainable development projects. We believe in a future where children can go to school. We also equip our Field Partner so they can educate adults and children about the threat of human trafficking.

In 2015, the leaders of all the United Nations Member States agreed to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development—a set of universally applicable commitments to be achieved by 2030. It is a blueprint for peace and prosperity for people and the planet, now and into the future.

At its heart are the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which are an urgent call for global action. They recognise that ending poverty and other deprivations must go hand-in-hand with strategies that improve health and education, reduce inequality, and spur economic growth.



Goal 4 is to **ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.**

Our roots as an organisation are planted firmly in the belief that education is a powerful force for change and with your help we will continue to empower our Field Partner to teach the next generation.







The School

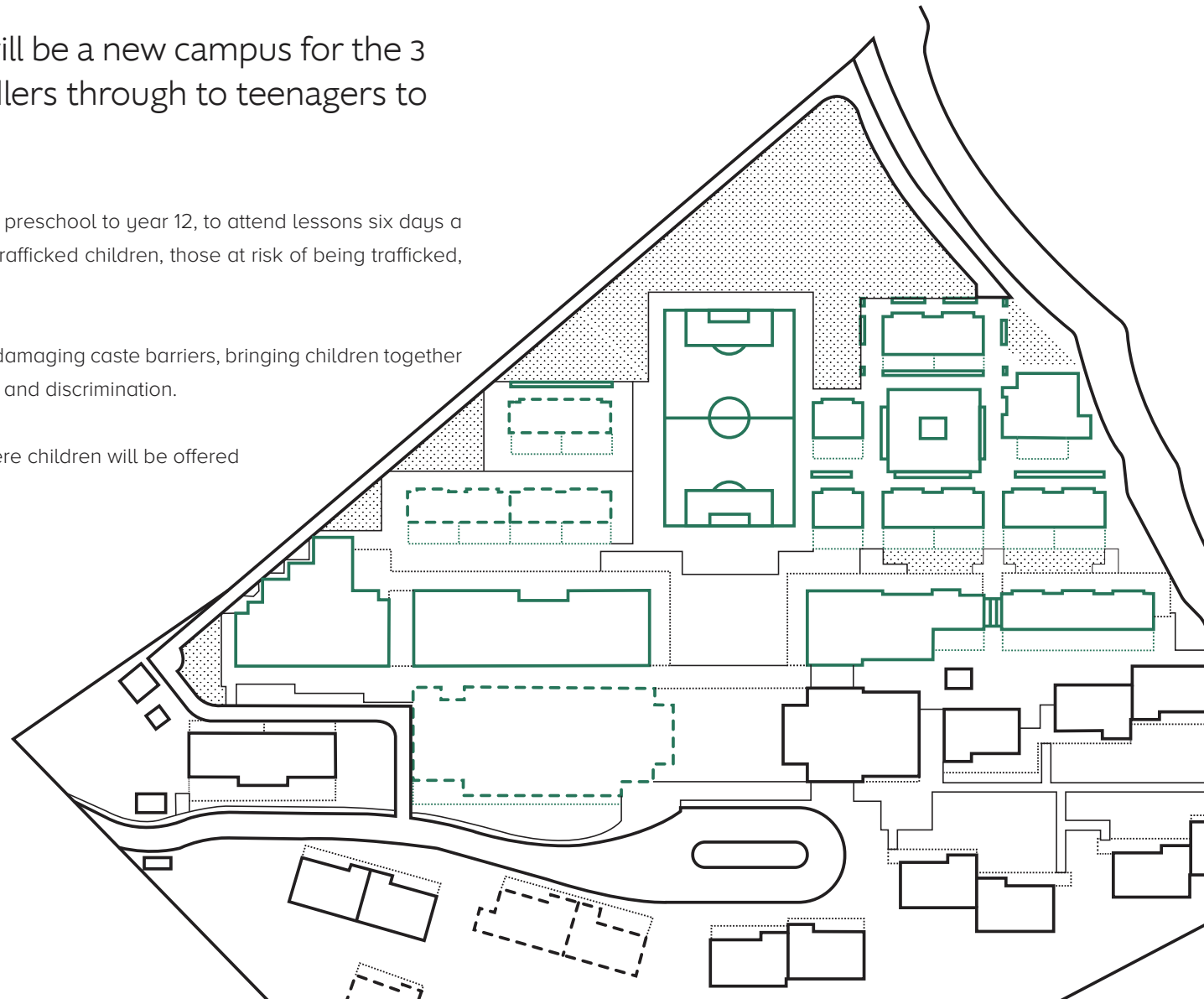
At the heart of The Pokhara Project will be a new campus for the 3 Angels Nepal school, a place for toddlers through to teenagers to learn, upskill and play.

Classrooms will create space for hundreds of children, from preschool to year 12, to attend lessons six days a week. Importantly, the students will be a mix of previously trafficked children, those at risk of being trafficked, and fee-paying children from the surrounding community.

This intentional blend of backgrounds will help break down damaging caste barriers, bringing children together as friends, and help create a generation free from prejudice and discrimination.

Your support will enable us to build a centre of learning where children will be offered opportunities that give them a future free from trafficking.

Dotted lines represent future expansion of the development site to accommodate the predicted growth of 3 Angels Nepal. Solid lines will be constructed as part of The Pokhara Project.





Early Years Education

For the youngest children there will be nursery rooms, where creativity and fun are encouraged and kids are given the freedom to learn through age-appropriate activities, toys and resources.

Lower and upper kindergarten classrooms, along with year 1, will line a central village square, providing a safe, open area for the younger children to play and learn.



Design

The new school campus has been carefully designed to be low maintenance, sustainable, and able to withstand Nepal's level 5 earthquake zone and extreme monsoon conditions.

Alongside the classrooms, sports grounds, performing arts and additional facilities, there will be rooftop classrooms, specially designed to allow outdoor learning in a space protected from the monsoon rains and shaded from the summer sun.



Facilities

A large cafeteria will provide a nutritious lunch for all the students and give the children a chance to socialise across year groups. Meals cooked on site will promote the benefits of healthy eating and mean no child will go hungry during the day.

The new school will give young people a chance to learn vocational skills—including woodwork, welding and plumbing—to increase their employment opportunities.

A food tech and hospitality centre will also support those interested in working in the local tourism industry to graduate into employment.

Bigger and better equipped science labs, as well as a large library, art and music rooms will feed the student's curiosity.



Sport

There will be zoned outdoor play areas for different age groups to play and be active. Sports facilities will include a half football field and 80m sprint track, and plans also include a sports store to safely house equipment and protect it from the elements.

All these together will enable students to be introduced to new games, including basketball, badminton, soccer, cricket and volleyball. They will nurture untapped sporting talent and give children the opportunity to be active and learn through play.





Shalva's Story

[Content trigger warning: child bereavement]

Shalva's* parents did everything they could to give him an education. His father worked tirelessly as a labourer on building sites, saving every penny to send his three children to school, but when an accident left him paralysed he was no longer able to work.

His mother picked up the baton, she too worked long days on a building site, but fortune was not in her favour when doctors found advanced, terminal cancer and gave her just months to live.

Shalva was 11 years old when his mother died and sadly, just four years later his father too passed away, leaving Shalva and his younger brother and sister orphans.

“ There is someone to look after us, and read to us and we have all learnt new things.

Our Field Partner has been caring for and educating them ever since, ensuring they are safe from the traffickers who prey on vulnerable children like them and they have the opportunities an education offers.

“There was no one to look after us,” Shalva explained.

“But 3 Angels Nepal is giving us everything and we are all so very happy—I feel like I am meant to be here.”

When Shalva started at the 3 Angels Nepal school he couldn't read or write and had no understanding of the English language. Today, he is passing his exams with high distinction, speaks fluent English and has been elected head prefect by his peers and school teachers.

“My mother and father were not well educated,” said Shalva.

“They tried to teach us to read and write and solve maths, but it was hard. After we came to 3 Angels Nepal there was someone to look after us, and read to us and we have all learnt new things.

“I love science and computers. At school there are so many facilities and I enjoy studying with my friends, particularly making presentations online. I want to be a computer engineer when I leave school.”

With your help we can build a future for more children like Shalva, and give them the best start to life.

**Name changed and representational image used to protect Shalva's identity*



Take Action

Your generosity today will give trafficked and at-risk children a safe place to learn.

We invite you to consider funding the school in its entirety or a specific area that appeals to you directly—find out more in the supporting proposals.

The school campus is part of The Pokhara Project, a sustainable building development that will also include vulnerable children's homes, a women's safe haven, community medical centre and vocational training facilities.

So far, the land for the new facilities has been purchased, architectural designs are ready to go, and vital engineering works to stabilise the riverbank have been completed. Now we need to raise the funds required to complete the build.

We have carefully planned the most efficient and cost-effective approach to ensure the construction process—including the school—achieves the best outcome for our Field Partner and their beneficiaries.

The Pokhara Project will take time and resources to do well—and for good reason! This project will be built to last, providing care and education to vulnerable women and children for many, many generations to come. But the sooner we reach our funding goals, the sooner construction can begin.



Our Promise to You

Your generosity will be maximised by our 100% Giving Model, which guarantees that every dollar you give goes directly to the field. Our model is highly unique among Australian charities and is made possible by our generous Give Freedom Foundation members who cover all operating costs, including fundraising and administration.

FAQs

Why is the new school campus needed?

The current 3 Angels Nepal school operates out of rented buildings and continues to equip 3 Angels Nepal to serve trafficked and at-risk children. But often, these buildings are poorly built and easily damaged by earthquakes and seasonal monsoons. They are also costly to maintain and repair.

Give Freedom's goal is to increase the capacity and impact of established, locally run NGOs like 3 Angels Nepal, through sustainable infrastructure projects. The new school campus will secure the rescue and rehabilitation work of 3 Angels Nepal for the long term.

What will happen to the current school?

Once students have moved into the new campus, the lease on the current school will be terminated. Given the long-term nature of The Pokhara Project there is a possibility the lease on the current school will require further renewal, or an alternative site will need to be found before the new campus is ready.

The new school will be 100% locally owned and operated, which in turn will significantly reduce overheads for our Field Partner as they no longer have high rent, maintenance or energy bills to cover. Your help building the new, energy efficient school will therefore free up valuable funds to use on other projects supporting trafficked and at-risk children.

Will the new school be sustainable?

Yes! Architects have purposefully planned the buildings and infrastructure to ensure their longevity using earthquake-proof engineering and passive solar principles.

High quality, cost-effective building materials will maintain the structural integrity long into the future and the project will be locally managed and maintained. Alongside this, the school aims to be financially sustainable through its 60/40 enrolment policy. This intentional mix of trafficked children with fee-paying students will break down damaging caste barriers and help create a generation free from prejudice. All these factors mean 3 Angels Nepal will be the owner of this school now and for generations to come.





A Life-Changing Venture

Education is one of seven key international development objectives of The Pokhara Project—a sustainable building development designed to increase the capacity and impact of established anti-human trafficking work in Nepal.

This life-changing venture will also include a women’s safe haven, vulnerable children’s homes, a community medical centre and vocational training facilities, all designed to bring new life and hope back into the lives of those who have been trafficked.

Construction of the new facilities will begin once funding targets have been reached—and your generosity will take us a critical step towards achieving this important goal.

The Pokhara Project and its land is not owned by any individual entity and is legally protected to be used indefinitely for its intended purpose. This means, should 3 Angels Nepal cease as a charity or should The Pokhara Project be taken on by a new charity, the facility can only be utilised for education—such as schooling, vocational training, awareness programs—and all the buildings used for their original, intended purpose.



Education



Sustainability



Children



Women



Health



Protection



Water &
Sanitation







Questions?

Our partnership managers are available to answer your questions and talk with you about this giving opportunity in more detail. You can contact them on **1300 081 190** or **partners@givefreedom.org.au**

Thank you! Your generosity will make a significant and lasting impact in the lives of vulnerable and at-risk children. You can give online or contact our partnership managers for more ways to give.

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Free. Restore. Educate. Empower.