



Join The Rosie May Foundation in Nepal...

Months before our fundraising trek across the Himalayas, a devastating earthquake struck Nepal, killing over 8,000 people. The Rosie May Foundation pledged to use the money raised to support the people of Nepal, and now we're excited to tell you more about it!





Mangri Village

A team from the Rosie May Foundation were lucky enough to visit Mangri Village, in the rural Mugu district of Nepal. RMF, in partnership with [SAHAS Nepal](#) have supported the construction of piped water for the village, particularly a hostel for girls travelling to the school from far away. The girls used to feel unsafe going outside at night to wash, and now have their own toilet facilities on site. We also provided piped water for the community of Mangri, 145 households. Mary and Graham Storrie, co-founders of the Rosie May Foundation received an incredible welcome in the village, completing a seven-day round trek to open the facilities at the hostel. RMF are also providing school uniforms for all 500 children at the local school, and planning hygiene training for local families. Their work continues to empower girls to achieve their potential. [Read the full story of our trip by clicking here.](#)

Chitwan Women's Progressive Group

After the success of this summer's *RMF's Day At the Farm*, we will be working with The Eco Centre in collaboration with an incredibly powerful group of women close to Nepal's national park of Chitwan. These women support their community through commercial farming, and have had to face lots of struggles to do this! We learnt about these women's lives and were welcomed into their community. [Read more about The Amazing Power of Female Farmers here.](#) The Rosie May Foundation, [The Eco Centre](#), and [SAHAS Nepal](#) will be using the money raised at the farm day to help these women build a water tank to improve their farming.



Photos show Mary Storrie, Director and Co-founder of RMF with Dr Surendra Shrestha, executive director of SAHAS Nepal in Mugu District (above left), and RMF team along with SAHAS and the Eco centre with the inspiring women's group at Chitwan.

RMF Join SAHAS for Professional Development Group Meetings

Thank you to our partner [SAHAS](#) for inviting RMF to two professional training group meetings in Nepal. The first focussed on strengthening methods to address food security, while the second involved training on taking a rights based approach to development. This was a great opportunity to share knowledge and build the capacity of both SAHAS and RMF staff, while learning about NGO work in Nepal.



Photos show SAHAS and RMF staff at training weekend (above) and volunteers undertaking a home garden visit (right).



Take Time Out and Make It Extraordinary...

We are very excited to offer the opportunity to volunteer in Nepal from 2017. Our ethical volunteering programme will support Chitwan Women's Group, as well as a variety of education projects. This is an incredible opportunity to visit the beautiful country and become part of an enriching experience for both you and the community. Come along to the Eco Centre, Bingham on Thursday 5th January from 6.30pm – 8.30pm for more information about life in Nepal!



Mary Storrie, Director of RMF, along with Dr Surendra Shrestha, talking to girls in Mugu about the difference piped water has made to their lives.



At a Glance: What have we achieved...

- Piped water for the village of Mangri in the far west of Nepal.
- School uniforms for 500 children in Mangri Village
- Desks and improved sanitation facilities for a hostel of 45 girls in Mangri village.
- The construction of an earthquake resilient school to encourage more families to send their children to school and achieve their potential!
- Knowledge and exchange between the Rosie May Foundation and a variety of NGOs.

The Future for RMF in Nepal...

The Rosie May Foundation make a long term commitment to communities it supports, which means you will be hearing much more about our work in Nepal in the future. We currently have our Advocacy and programme Development Coordinator working in Nepal, thanks to SAHAS Nepal for giving her a desk in their office!

So What's Next?

RMF will be providing solar lighting to the village of Mangri to ensure that children have enough light to do their homework!

We will also be developing child rights training to give to local communities in our working areas.

We are particularly excited to develop a knowledge exchange programme between British and Nepali farmers through our ethical volunteering programme.

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