

ENHANCING RURAL HEALTHCARE

# **Nick Simons Institute**

Nick Simons Institute is a non-governmental philanthropic organization whose aim is to enhance rural healthcare services. It was established in 2006 in memory of Nick Simons by his parents Jim and Marilyn Simons. Currently, it is executing the Rural Hospital Strengthening Project for the period (October 2021 to July 2026).



## **Vision**

People in rural Nepal receiving quality healthcare services within their own communities.



## **Mission**

To innovate solutions in rural healthcare through training and hospital support, and to advocate for their scale up with the government of Nepal.



## **Objectives**

- Improve the healthcare services to the people residing in rural areas.
- Develop and expand programs to solve the health issues in rural areas.

## **Training**

Supports skill based clinical and non-clinical trainings to improve the competency of healthcare workers by enhancing their existing knowledge and developing new skills with the aim of fulfilling the gaps.

## **Curative Service Support Program (CSSP)**

CSSP aims to assist government hospitals to increase the effectiveness of surgical and clinical services.

## Major Activities

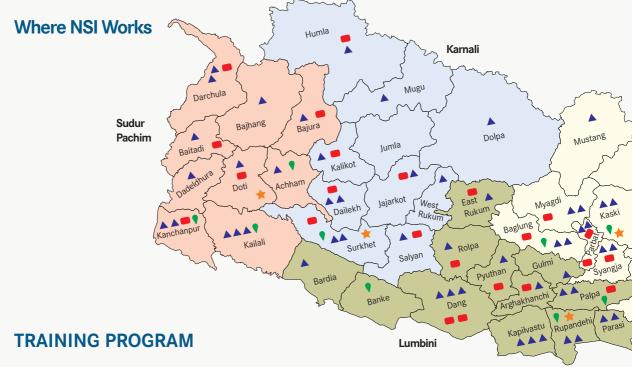
#### Research, Advocacy and Monitoring

(restructured as Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning-MEL)

MEL systematically tracks and assesses the progress, effectiveness, and impact of NSI intervention, to make informed decision and improve performance.

## Hospital Strengthening Program (HSP)

HSP aims to ensure the hospital's readiness towards quality services through Minimum Service Standards (MSS) tools.



## **Capacity Building**

Support skill-based trainings to the government healthcare workers

Trainings	2078-79	2079-80
Long Term		
Advanced Skilled Birth Attendant (ASBA)	32	34
Anesthesia Assistant Course (AAC)*	-	=
Diploma in Biomedical Engineering (DBEE)	20	20
Mid-level Practicum (MLP)	111	156
Skilled Birth Attendant (SBA)	107	177
Operation Theatre Technique and Management (OTTM)	35	45
Short Term		
Clinical Training Skills (CTS)	16	53
Emergency Critical Care Training (ECCT)	48	123
Hemodialysis Equipment Maintenance Training	-	12
NCD/Cardiac Conclave	-	21
Orthopedic Exposure	-	8
Primary Emergency Care (PEC)	85	132
SAFE Obstetric Anesthesia Course	-	23
User Maintenance of Laboratory Equipment	10	10
User Maintenance of X Ray Equipment	19	11
Total	483	825
*No graduates passed out because of delay in course due to COVID.		

## **Strengthening Training Sites**

Support National Health Training Center and Provincial Health Training Centers to strengthen Training Sites through:

Implementation of the trainings

Curriculum update and development

Accreditation and standardization of trainings

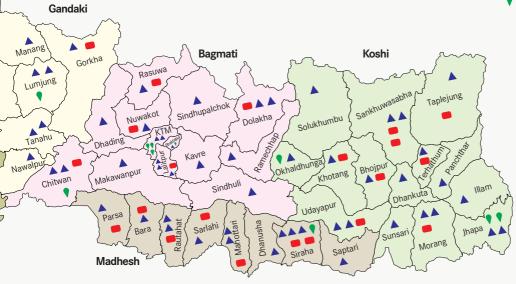
Trainer's Development

## **Midwifery Program**

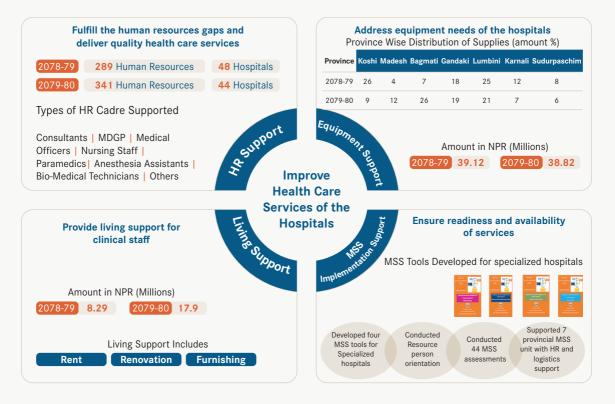
- Support the establishment of onsite SBA/ Midwife-led birthing unit at Bharatpur Hospital.
- Provided scholarship to 13 Bachelor in Midwifery students.



- ★ Biomedical Unit (4)
- CSSP Sites (44)
- ▲ HSP Sites (107)
- Training Sites (19)



## **CURATIVE SERVICE SUPPORT PROGRAM**



## Result Framework linked to the National Health Goals and Plans

#### SDG 3

# Good Health and Wellbeing

- **3.1** Reduce the global maternal mortality ratio
- **3.2** End preventable deaths of newborns and children under 5 years of age.
- **3.4** Reduce premature mortality from non-communicable diseases
- **3.6** Halve the number of global deaths and injuries from road traffic accidents
- **3.8** Achieve universal health coverage

#### 15th Five Year Development Plan

**Strategy 1**: Ensuring access to quality basic and specialized health services

Strategy 3: Address health needs of population of all age groups based on lifecycle approach

**Strategy 4**: Develop and expand HFs, and build technically sound and socially responsible HR

**Strategy 9:** Increase use of evidence-based decision making by strengthening health

RHSP Goal: A well-functioning hospital in rural setting providing quality curative services to the people of Nepal

Improved competency of healthcare workers by enhancing their existing knowledge and developing new skills.

- Increased number of Skilled health care workers
- Functional PBMU in all provinces and HBU selected hospitals
- Capacity of central and provincial training centers and training sites strengthened
- Updated curriculum in place
- Innovative approach-pilot, test and findings shared

Strengthened curative services at hospitals with improved quality of care

- Improved availability of a team of human resource to perform curative and emergency services at different levels of hospitals
- · Availability of clinical staff living quarters
- Improved availability of essential equipment to deliver curaive and emergency services at different levels of hospitals
- Improved competency of clinical staff to perform curative services at different levels of hospitals

Improved hospital readiness to deliver quality services

- Improved functionality of MSS at national and sub national level
- Availability of functional electronic health recording system

Improved ability to generate, use and disseminate evidence for decision-making process within and outside organization

 Surveys, research, assessments and studies conducted in priority areas to strengthen program and results/findings disseminated

## NHSS Goal Improved health status of every citizen

#### Strategic Objective 1:

Enhance efficiency and responsiveness of health system

#### **Strategic Objective 2:**

Address wider determinants of health

## Strategic Objective 3:

Promote sustainable financing and social protection in health

## Strategic Objective 4:

Ensure equitable access to quality health services

## Strategic Objective 5:

Manage population and migration



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