



MONGOLIA
Operation Open Heart
Education, Equipment & Infrastructure
Program
RAWCS #97-2000/2001

NEPAL
Nepal Eye Program Australia (NEPA)
Treating Cataract Blindness in Nepal
RAWCS #100-2000/2001

Description:- The Rotary Club of Wahroonga, D9680 has helped in setting up and sponsoring the visit to Mongolia of Cardiac surgical teams from the Sydney Adventist Hospital in Wahroonga, NSW, and the training of Mongolian Cardiac surgeons in Australia.

Description:- The Nepal Eye Program Australia (NEPA) is a voluntary organisation working with The Fred Hollows Foundation to treat cataract blindness in Nepal and the surrounding region.

The project has been an outstanding success, transferring technical knowledge to very talented surgeons from Mongolia, and equip them with the capability to conduct lifesaving operations in their own country.

With funds raised by NEPA and The Foundation, The Tilganga Eye Centre has been established in Kathmandu. The Eye Centre trains surgeons and technicians in Nepal and produces high-grade intraocular lenses (IOLs) which are sold in developing countries for use in local eye health programs. Around 55,000 patients are seen at the surgicentre at Tilganga every year.

Further Information:- The project began in 1995 through the initiative of the Rotary Club of Wahroonga, having brought Hishigzul, a 3 years old girl, to Sydney from Mongolia, to undergo a successful hole in the heart operation, conducted by Dr. Tim Cartmill, at the Sydney Childrens Hospital.

Since then Dr. Alan Gale has lead two visits to Mongolia, with specialist surgeons, theatre staff, technicians and medical engineers, who paid their own fares and expenses, and travelled during vacations, to assess future surgical needs and conduct open heart operations in that country.

Dr. Gale was instrumental in bringing several Cardiac surgeons and staff to Sydney for training in modern surgical methods, funded by the Rotary Club of Wahroonga, who propose to expand the project. It is also proposed to develop a close relationship with the Rotary Club of Ulaanbaatar, (the Capital of Mongolia) to co-ordinate future expansion.

Money raised will purchase equipment and supplies and improve the infrastructure at the Mongolian Hospital.

Cost:- A\$250 would be most welcome, A\$1,000 would upgrade medical equipment and supplies for future visits.

Donations and Copies of Correspondence:-
 Project Funding Contact, PP Garry Gunnell
 PO Box 807, STRATHFIELDSAYE VIC 3551

Local Contact:- PP Rob Giacometti,
 Rotary Club of Wahroonga, PO Box 13,
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NEPA support is essential to Nepal's Eye Camps, which screen over 10,000 patients each year and restore vision to over 3,000 cataract blind people. NEPA sponsor these camps by maintaining and supplying equipment to keep them operating.

Further Information:- The Tilganga Eye Centre in Kathmandu, Nepal was opened in 1994. The Fred Hollows Intraocular Lens Laboratory in the Eye Centre produces world standard intraocular lenses (IOLs), which are necessary for sight restoring cataract surgery. The Centre also provides Ophthalmic Microsurgical training for surgeons from Nepal and from the surrounding region.

NEPA has equipped the surgicentre at Tilganga as well as conducting and sponsoring eye camps in remote areas of Nepal. NEPA funds are used to purchase operating microscopes and other essential ophthalmic equipment necessary for the surgical eye programs.

Costs:- A donation of A\$25 can restore one person's vision in a developing country. A\$550 will purchase one cataract surgical set, a box of 100 intraocular lenses can be bought for A\$1,000. A\$3,800 will purchase a portable operating microscope. To totally equip a trainee surgeon costs A\$6,310. To sponsor an Eye Camp in Nepal costs A\$5,000 or A\$1,300 for an Eye Screening Camp.

Donations of any amount will help to restore sight in Nepal. Donations of \$2.00 or more are tax deductible.

Donations and Copies of Correspondence to:-

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Local Contact:- Sarah Elliot, The Fred Hollows Foundation,
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PAKISTAN
Hearing Aids for Deaf Children
RAWCS #112-2000/2001

Description:- Sponsored by the **Rotary Club of Ruryiala** for the Pakistan National Institute for the Deaf Children of Rural Areas, to provide hearing aids for children who otherwise would continue to live in a silent world.

Further Information:- The Institute currently provides for over 100 deaf children, in the school and hostel at Kamoke. A recent survey carried out in Kamoke and surrounding villages, put the number of deaf children at 3,000. This Institute is the only facility that is helping these children, a large number of whom are orphaned. The following letter is from the Australian Ambassador to Pakistan, following a visit to the Institute:

"It is some three years ago that I heard about the work that was going on at the National School for the Deaf in Gujranwala and was then able to visit it. This visit confirmed all that I had heard. I was most impressed by the profound dedication and service of Mr. Shiekh and all the staff at the School to this difficult work before them. On subsequent visits I was able to see how children had progressed from class to class. The progress achieved, especially among some of them, was both remarkable and heart-warming. The school has already grown and strengthened, but the problem of the deaf children is a great one and the task ahead most urgent. The school needs help to see it grow further, to maintain the high standards set for it and to enable it to sustain the most valuable part it is playing in the community welfare of this country."

(Signed - J.D. Petherbridge - Ambassador)

Cost:- A\$200 will provide a child with a hearing aid. A\$400 will provide two hearing aids.

Donations and copies of correspondence to:
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