



The Centre for Learning and Children's Rights (CLCR) Heartland Academy Palpa

Reshaping perceptions of education – join us in transforming lives

Welcome to CLCR's second school Heartland Academy Palpa, nestled in the remote hills of Jabgadi Nepal.

At Heartland Palpa, we're rewriting the narrative of education, providing over 90 children from nursery through to primary grade 5 with a chance to thrive in a nurturing, positive and child-centred environment.



Heartland Academy Palpa (HAP)



The Principal, Hemraj Dawadi

Where we differ from conventional Nepalese schools is that we focus on providing equal opportunities for girls and boys within a safe environment, with a special emphasis on educating children from lower castes and disadvantaged backgrounds. We are proud that parents are entrusting their children's academic and social development to us, rather than sending them to schools in faraway towns where they are cut off from their connection to their land and family.

Our dedicated teachers and support staff live locally, giving them a unique understanding of our students' educational, social, cultural and psychological needs.

Challenging the present

For young adults around the globe, life choices and opportunities depend upon the quality of their education. In Nepal, most remote schools have basic facilities and resources, limited access to technology, and some still embrace capital punishment. Teaching in English – critical for future

career opportunities – is sporadic and initial teacher training and ongoing professional development are almost non-existent.

We want to challenge the present by fostering an education that equips students with the skills and mindset needed to navigate an ever-changing future. We aim to foster an educational environment where curiosity, creativity, communication and critical thinking thrive through the use of technology, the development of both the English and Nepali languages, and the building of children's skills and confidence within an interactive, caring and safe classroom. Heartland Academy Palpa will challenge its teachers through professional development to enrich their teaching skills, extend their knowledge of the science of learning and enhance their content knowledge and classroom management, thus better preparing our students for the complexities of the modern world.

Our vision

Our vision is ambitious – to create a positive and supportive learning environment where every student can reach their full potential.

We are working toward this vision in three ways:

1. **A new school building:** Like many remote Nepalese schools, our current facilities are very inadequate. Plans are in motion to construct a new, fully equipped school building, expanding our capacity to include students up to Grade 8. From Pre-Primary to Grade 8, students will have the opportunity to continue their education at HAP, eliminating the need to relocate to larger towns. Moreover, if parents wish for their children to complete their education in the Heartland model, they can consider Heartland Kathmandu – a comprehensive school with a hostel that offers additional training in business, education, or science and mathematics in their college years.
2. **Teacher development:** Educational research shows that the biggest lever on educational outcomes is the quality of teachers, yet sadly in Nepal teacher training is woefully lacking. Often a teacher's first day in the job is in front of their class, without any formal training. We are working to change this by investing in teacher development and opening up spaces for teachers to learn new and better ways of enabling learning.
3. **Technology-enabled, interactive learning:** The lack of technology-enabled educational materials, along with the failure to stimulate students to think, are significant stumbling blocks to creating an enriched learning environment where children thrive. Your investment will make a difference, by providing laptops, audio-visual equipment and other resources for the school.



Meet Riddam and Anjal – both proud and happily sponsored students at Heartland Palpa. Without financial support they would not have been able to attend HAP. Both come from single parent families. Riddam wants to be a teacher, Anjal a doctor.

Creating the community's future

Heartland's comprehensive professional development programs, devised by leading Nepali and Australian educators, give teachers the skills and knowledge to inspire the next generation to step into the world with confidence. By investing in our teachers' professional growth, we are investing in the community's future, challenging the status quo that sees local education as inadequate.

Our commitment to education and lifelong learning doesn't end there. By sharing our teacher training programs with other schools, we hope to change the shape of teacher education in Jabgadi and beyond.



The HAP teachers learning about play-based learning, with Merisha and Kalpana from Heartland Academy



Merisha doing a demonstration lesson at HAP.

Krishna is an Early Learning teacher and Co-ordinator at HAP. After the professional development she said that, as a result of the PD, she become determined to “help the students feel emotionally secure through love, care, respect, norms, values, honesty and discipline.” Further she wants to guide them be of good character, work hard and develop leadership skills.

Stories of impact

Your donation has a tangible impact – from giving underprivileged children the chance to attend a technology-enabled, safe, interactive and English-speaking school, to supporting teacher training programs and contributing to the construction of much-needed facilities. Your gift will be pivotal in setting up essential food programs for hungry students and providing transport for those who walk for hours, over rough tracks, to school.



Grades 4 & 5 students doing a science experiment



The Principal showing student around a laptop

Your contribution to Heartland Academy Palpa has a direct and meaningful impact on our students. Specifically, your gift supports essential aspects such as construction costs, Nepali teacher salaries, teaching materials, professional development, student uniforms etc, with a very small percentage used for bank fees and exchange rate costs. There are no administration fees. Your donation plays a crucial role in shaping a promising future for students like Rittik. If you wish to target your donation to a specific program, please indicate this on your bank transfer. Please note that donations are tax-deductible through the Global Development Group.

Together, let's reshape perceptions and transform lives.

Link to GiveNow donation here

These are examples of the projects you could support, either in part or full. Every donation, no matter how small, is gratefully received and will contribute meaningfully to the quality of education received by the children of Jabgadi and surrounding areas. General donations are also very welcome!

<p><i>New School build (8 – 12 classrooms) Total around \$400 000</i></p>	<p><i>Classroom in new school \$30000</i></p>



Canteen in new school
\$40 000



Playground in new school
\$20 000



Laptops/AV equipment
\$600 each



Transport - a second-hand jeep or small bus
\$10000



Teacher training
\$5000 per annum



Food program
\$10 000 per annum



Full annual scholarship for one student
\$495 per annum