



# **Rebuilding Bhawani Higher Secondary School Boarding House (Himali Chhatrabas)**



The new boarding house block after completion



*Bhawani Higher Secondary School Boarding House immediately after the Earthquake*

Back in 2013 during our Gorkha Charity Trek, Sambhav Nepal visited Bhawani Higher Secondary School for the first time and we noticed its hostel lacked proper furnishing and learned the students have most difficulty during winter when the area is too cold. So in the same year we furnished the interiors of the hostel and made it comfortable.

Then, on April 25, 2015, when a massive earthquake of magnitude 7.8 struck Nepal, Bhawani sustained major damages, and its hostel lost the bedrooms and the kitchen. The hostel used to house 40 students who were from poor backgrounds and the majority of the hostel students were from faraway villages. And because of the earthquake, their state was very sorry and terrible. We realized we had to do something for them.

Through fundraising in Switzerland, we were able to start the project “Rebuilding the Boarding House of Bhawani Higher Secondary School”. **Exactly one year after the quake, on April 25<sup>th</sup> 2016, we started Phase I. Four rooms could be completed within one year. Another year later, Phase II has been completed.**

## May Progress Update – 2018 (Latest Update)

The construction of the second floor of Bhawani Higher Secondary School Boarding House (Himali Chhatrabas = Himalayan Boarding House) comprising of 4 rooms, 4 toilets and 3 bathrooms that started in November 2017 has come to an end. The construction work, interiors including attaching curtains, laying a carpet, adding bunk beds, providing mattresses, blankets, cupboards etc. has finally come into completion. The boarding house has been handed over to the school authorities successfully and the students have started residing in the newly constructed rooms. With this, the “Rebuilding Bhawani Higher Secondary School Boarding House (Himali Chhatrabas) Phase II” is successfully completed.



*Full view of the boarding house after completion*



*Happy girls and boys boarders after opening of second floor*



*Painted rooms of the boarding house*



*Girls sitting on their bunk beds in their new room*

**For more photos, please follow the below link:**

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1-q2I7KoRVNDdz9dTcuVelk3726llqcEz>



*Toilets and bathrooms of the boarding house*

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### March Progress Update - 2018

The construction of second floor consisting of 4 rooms, 4 toilets and 3 bathrooms had started according to the phase second in November 2017. The rooms were to accommodate 40 boarders. By the end of March 2018 the construction of the walls is completed. The roofing of all the rooms is taking place at the moment. As soon as the roofing is completed, the work for the interiors will be on process. The interiors will include attaching curtains, beds, mattresses, blankets, tables, chairs, cupboards, carpets etc. The hostel will fully be ready for handing over and inauguration by the end of April 2018.



## December Progress Update – 2017

The second phase of the project started from the month of November. In this phase the construction of second floor consisting of 4 rooms for the accommodation of 40 male boarders has been started. The construction of 4 toilets and 3 bathrooms will be started by early February. Along with the toilets and bathrooms, furnishing for the rooms which includes attaching curtains, beds, mattresses, blankets, tables, chairs, cupboards, carpets and all the other necessary items will be completed too.

We could not start Phase II on time due to various reasons such as arrival of monsoon, the local elections and our annual festivals Dashain and Tihar.



## May Progress Update – 2017



On May 2nd, Sambhav Nepal held an inauguration ceremony for the successful completion of the first phase of the hostel rebuild project. It's the hostel of Bhawani Higher Secondary School for which we rebuilt a four-room block. The ceremony had the presence of two main donors (Melanie Kreuzer and Bruno Ruedisueli) and our founder. Moreover, Melanie has brought solar lights, a donation she offered in cooperation with Yonc.ch, so that the hostel can use them whenever there is a power outage. We are currently doing final furnishing to the hostel block.



## April Progress Update - 2017

We are nearing the end of the first phase of the project. By now we have completed 85% of the works. The walls and the roof have been built. We are done with plastering too. What is remaining is finishing, painting and furniture. We are currently doing these. We have scheduled an inauguration ceremony for May 2nd.



## January Progress Update - 2017



Back in November 2016 we started building the foundation for the hostel building. And by the month of February, we have built the foundation, which is considered 30% of the entire construction, and have erected walls and pillars. You can see in the image above how much progress we have made.

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## Foundation Stone (Cornerstone) Laying – April 25, 2016



After working on land survey, visiting government offices, many meetings between Sambhav Nepal and the construction company, designing the new hostel buildings, calculating estimated budget and raising fund, on April 25, we organized a foundation stone (cornerstone) ceremony.

In the program attended by the Building Construction Company for the school and hostel, our founder Prem K Khatri laid the foundation stone as per Hindu traditions. This marks the beginning of the construction phase of this project. In the ceremony, our founder instructed the Building Construction Committee not to compromise on the materials for the buildings.

## Procedure

Since we did not have the entire necessary funds, we are constructing Bhawani Hostel in different phases. In the first phase which was completed in April 2017, we made a 4-room block; second phase was completed in May 2018 with another 4 rooms, toilets and bathrooms. The project has approval from concerned government authorities such as Nepal Reconstruction Authority (NRA), District Education Office of Gorkha (DEOG) and Social Welfare Council (SWC) of Nepal.

**Phase III, IV and Final Phase will be done together. According to our planning, they will be completed in May 2020.**

### Phase III & IV

In these two phases, our objectives are:

1. Construction of a spacious kitchen, large enough to prepare food for 150 plus students and staff
2. Fencing to cover the whole hostel area
3. Implantation of biogas plant in the toilet for cooking food for the hostel
4. Construction of 1 large dining hall
5. Construction of 1 large living hall plus computer labs
6. Construction of staff quarters with separate toilets and bathrooms

### Final Phase

This final phase will involve:

1. Construction of a second dormitory room block which will be in a double-storied building with 8 rooms; 4 on the ground floor and 4 on the first floor (same as in Phase I)
2. Construction of 4 toilets and 3 bathrooms
3. Furnishings (curtains, beds, mattresses, blankets, tables, chairs, cupboards, carpets etc.)

When we started the construction of the hostel, there were only 42 students in total but as we started building in April 2016, the number of students staying in the hostel gradually increased to 105. According to our assumption the students are increasing every day in number, due to the fortunate circumstances, that Manbu School is offering Agriculture Studies (college years 13 & 14). By the time we will complete the project, which means offering 160 beds in Himali Chhatrabas, we are in no doubt that the number of students both girls and boys will be increased to 150 plus.

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## Donors' Details

The funding for the reconstruction of the hostel of Bhawani Higher Secondary School is currently on-going and will continue until we have the entire estimated fund. Himalaya Experience Consultant Melanie Kreuzer from Switzerland is leading the fundraising.

**Melanie Kreuzer** came to Nepal for the first time in 2007 and fell in love with the country. From 2008, she has been helping Sambhav Nepal in education and health based programs. After the Earthquake of 2015, she registered an organization named Sambhav Nepal Switzerland to support victims of Gorkha and took a lead on this hostel rebuild project. Her organization provides access to tax deductibility.

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We, on the behalf of the entire Manbu village and the students and teachers of Bhawani Higher Secondary School, deeply thank all those who are attached with this project and have helped us in any way they could. Our deepest thank to Melanie for her endless support and hard work.

We wish you all prosperity and wellbeing.

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