SIR EDMUND HILLARY'S

HIMALAYAN TRUST ANNUAL REPORT

2024/25

HIMALAYAN TRUST
FOUNDED 1960
BY SIR EDMUND HILLARY










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"Human life is far more important
than just getting to the top of a mountain."
- Sir Ed

ABOUT US

Since its establishment by Sir Edmund and Louise Hillary in the 1960s, the Himalayan Trust (HT) has drawn together a large group of people dedicated to one philanthropic goal: breaking the cycle of poverty.

Through a legacy of giving, support and service, the Himalayan Trust has accomplished projects from the construction of the first school in Khumjung in 1961 to projects like the establishment of Sagarmatha (Everest) National Park and awarding life-changing scholarships to hundreds of students every year.

Himalayan Trust has fostered a dedicated community, committed to empowering the people of Nepal through education, health, water, infrastructure and environmental projects.



DETAILS

The Himalayan Trust is a New Zealand-based NGO with no political or religious affiliations and prioritises high standards of operations, public accountability, financial management, transparency and governance.

HT is a registered charity with the New Zealand Charities Commission and is a signatory to the Council for International Development and the Fundraising Institute of New Zealand's Code of Conduct. Himalayan Trust is also compliant with MFAT's Due Diligence framework.

The Himalayan Trust is governed by a Board of Trustees, drawn from a Membership — as covered in the Constitution adopted by the Board in March 2012, and revised 11 October 2023.

OUR VISION

We envision a thriving Everest region where communities are empowered, resilient, and self-sustaining. By fostering education, advancing healthcare, improving infrastructure and preserving heritage, we aspire to create lasting change that honours the legacy of Sir Edmund Hillary and uplifts the peoples of the Himalaya for generations to come.

OUR MISSION

In the spirit of friendship and goodwill, retaining the spirit of Sir Ed Hillary, the Himalayan Trust partners with the peoples of the Himalaya to achieve their aspirations through education, health, cultural, economic and environmental development.

OUR APPROACH

Power in Partnership

The people and the communities of the Everest region are at the centre of all our work. Ed established the Trust to operate in an inclusive way. As such we listen to the community, provide assistance where we can, and support their vision for a better future.

Adventure by Nature

Our approach is rooted in the spirit of adventure that Sir Edmund Hillary embodied. Our commitment to adventure means that we are always ready to explore new ideas, navigate the complex terrain of development work, and adapt to the changing needs of the people we serve.

Long Term Commitment to Change

We are committed to supporting the people of Solukhumbu and the Everest region for many years to come. Our projects and actions all work towards a long-term goal of breaking the cycle of poverty.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Right Honourable Winston Peters, His Excellency Patrick Rata and the NZ Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade

We warmly acknowledge the Right Honourable Winston Peters, His Excellency Patrick Rata, Ambassador to Nepal, and the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade for their visit to Nepal and their investment in their relationship with the Himalayan Trust. We are deeply grateful for the New Zealand Government's continued partnership through the QEPS Programme, which strengthens and sustains our work in the Everest region.

Lisa Choegyal MNZM

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Lisa Choegyal, the Honorary Consul for New Zealand in Nepal, for her outstanding commitment and support. Lisa is an incredible representative of our work, always championing the Himalayan Trust's interests and assisting with programme connections and fundraising endeavours. She is a huge contributor to our success, and we are both deeply grateful for her dedication and proud to have her as newly appointed honorary life member of the Himalayan Trust.

Thame Community

We wish to acknowledge with deep respect the people of Thame village, who have faced immense hardship following the Thame GLOF disaster. In particular, we recognise the young children of Thame School, who have endured difficult living conditions and great challenges throughout this year. Their strength, resilience, and determination inspire us, and the Himalayan Trust remains committed to walking alongside the Thame community in their recovery.

Himalayan Trust Nepal

We sincerely acknowledge the tireless work of Himalayan Trust Nepal, whose team delivers an exceptionally high standard of programmes while always prioritising value for money and respecting the contributions of our donors. This team brings a wealth of experience to our programmes, and we are proud to feature their profiles in this report, as the achievements we share are the result of their dedication and hard work.

We also extend our gratitude to the Board of Himalayan Trust Nepal, whose expertise, dedication, and generosity of time are invaluable in furthering our mission and strengthening our impact in Nepal.



Above | Sir Edmund Hillary and Ang Tshering Sherpa. Ang Tshering was Sir Ed's Sirdar and a critical figure in the Himalayan Trust's early accomplishments



Above | Hostel students from a high Himalayan school supported by the Himalayan Trust.

MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIR

Peter Hillary



Namaste to the Himalayan Trust members and supporters,

The 2024 and 2025 year to September has been a huge year for the Himalayan Trust and the Solukhumbu. We have had to respond to a changing environment in every sense.

This year, the Thame Valley was struck by a devastating glacial lake outburst flood (GLOF), a stark reminder of how climate change is reshaping life in the Solukhumbu. Our work must continue to evolve so we can stand alongside our friends in the region with resilience and foresight. There are more glacial lakes that are considered dangerous at the head of Himalayan valleys and that could trigger more GLOFs given the right circumstances of tremors or monsoonal downpours. For Thame there is the construction of a new school and health clinic but also changes in the demographics of the area caused by the disaster.

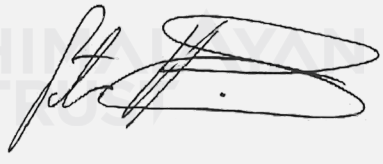
The road into Khumbu has reached Surke below Lukla and is moving slowly up valley. Road infrastructure will change so much of how things work in Khumbu and this has been seen down valley in Solu.

To help meet these challenges, the Trust has completed a governance and capacity review. This strengthens our systems, accountability, and partnership with Himalayan Trust Nepal, ensuring we remain effective and ready for the future. Alexander has worked with MFAT to renew the education programme we run with them in Nepal – QEPS. This will be its third five year programme and given the cutbacks in government in New Zealand we are very pleased that the NZ-Nepal connection has been supported. This programme benefits 108 schools in Solukhumbu. We also continue our collaboration with Mike and Cheryl Chisholm with Edutech and the building of computer laboratories in schools around the region. In the 21st century literacy is not just using a pen and paper or reading a book it is also IT literacy so these labs are an important development.

Of great significance was the visit of New Zealand's Deputy Prime Minister, the Honourable Winston Peters, to the Everest region in May of this year. The impeccably dressed Mr Peters flew by helicopter into Khunde Hospital at 3900 metres along with HC Patrick Rata and other MFAT staff. Mr Peters announced the new QEPS programme and during his address at Khumjung when some school children started talking during his speech, he said, "quiet children, I was a teacher once!" The visit to Khumjung School highlighted the deep bond between our two countries and the significance of the Trust's work at community and national levels.

The impact of the Himalayan Trust is only possible thanks to the generosity of donors and partner organisations, from longstanding institutions to individuals who give quietly and consistently. Members play a vital role too — not just through their support, but by introducing new donors and sharing our story. Together, we are building a strong community that sustains the Trust's mission. Here in New Zealand it is that support for the HT programmes that is key to sustaining the education, environmental, healthcare and infrastructure programmes that we are requested to assist with by the Himalayan communities and local government there. It is more than 60 years since the founding of the Himalayan Trust and our vision and our collaboration with the communities of the Everest region continues to honour Sir Edmund's legacy

Thanks again to our supporters who keep giving so that the Himalayan Trust can support the people of the Himalaya.



Peter Hillary
Chairperson, Himalayan Trust

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Introducing the Himalayan Trust Board

We are privileged to be guided by an excellent Board of Trustees for the 2024/25 financial year. Their time, expertise, and commitment - offered entirely on a voluntary basis - are crucial to the success of the Himalayan Trust, and we are deeply grateful for their leadership and support.



David Simmons - Deputy Chair



Miranda Cahn - Education Trustee



Georgia Cervin - Strategy Trustee



Michael GIll - Finance and Education Trustee



Bruce Arroll - Healthcare Trustee



Emma Heydon - Healthcare Trustee



Kirsten Nicholson - Water Trustee



Phurenje Sherpa - Fundraising Trustee


TASHI DELEK





Above | Alexander with Khumbu Pasanglhamu Ward Chairperson and Himalayan Trust Nepal Staff and Chairperson during a coordination meeting in April.

MESSAGE FROM OUR GENERAL MANAGER

Dear Himalayan Trust members, donors, partners and supporters,

The 2024–2025 year once again brought significant challenges to the Solukhumbu region. Yet I am proud of the action and support the Himalayan Trust has been able to provide, together with our partners. The work we do is vital, and the impact we have is significant. Over the many decades that the Himalayan Trust has worked in this region, we have seen the breadth of our impact, the evolving nature of the challenges faced, and the enduring importance of the values instilled by Sir Ed that continue to guide our work.

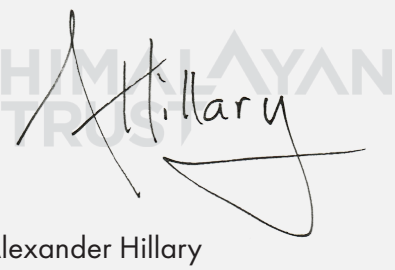
These values are critical in navigating our two core operations: delivering quality programmes and fundraising. As a small organisation, the Himalayan Trust has the advantage of being able to respond dynamically to challenges. This year we placed a strong focus on clarifying our mission, purpose, and values, while also strengthening our policies, processes, and capacity to deliver long-term impact. We have made excellent progress in this area and will continue to build on it in the coming years alongside our partners in Nepal.

Our implementing partners at Himalayan Trust Nepal continue to deliver outstanding work across our project areas. It has been a privilege to collaborate with them as our portfolio of work grows. Together, we have also made significant progress in strengthening our partnership and building organisational capacity and professional development. This provides the foundation upon which the next five years of our Quality Education Programme will grow.

This year, the fundraising landscape has been challenging, but we remain deeply grateful for the incredible support of our members and dedicated supporter base. Our stability and fundraising success are thanks to our loyal members, our unwavering regular givers, and the extraordinary generosity of major donors and corporate partners. Alongside our annual initiatives such as the Summit Challenge and Fiver for Ed, we also engaged with communities in new ways — including, memorably, when I had the chance to speak at a comedy show!

We also celebrated several significant milestones this year. The Sir Edmund Hillary Visitor Centre received an International Architecture Award from the New Zealand Architecture Awards. We successfully completed a five-year Quality Education Programme and secured a renewed five-year programme with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade. We were also honoured to welcome the Rt Hon Winston Peters, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and His Excellency Ambassador Patrick Rata to Nepal for the first ministerial visit from New Zealand in history.

While this year has brought challenges, setbacks, and much hard work, it has also been marked by progress, achievement, and the unwavering commitment of all involved. I am proud of what we have achieved together and look forward to what lies ahead. I hope you enjoy reading more about this in the following report.



Alexander Hillary

Introducing HTN's Kathmandu Office Team

For our core programme, the Himalayan Trust is privileged to have an excellent Education team working in schools across Solukhumbu. This team - who sometimes face challenging conditions - deliver strong results and bring amazing passion to their work.



Dr Mingma Norbu - CEO



Lhakpa Tenji Lama - Programme Manager



Baween Raj Tandukar - Accountant



Phurba Chheten Pradhan - Programme Officer



Pema Diki Sherpa - Admin Officer



Fura Yangee Sherpa - Finance Officer



Ang Chhiring Sherpa - Office Assistant



Man Bahadur Magar - Gardener and Cook

In addition to the Kathmandu office staff, Himalayan Trust Nepal is governed by a Nepalese-based board of trustees who are led by Chairperson Pasang Dawa Sherpa. This board brings a wealth of local expertise and community knowledge that strengthens our relationships, our impact, and our efficiency to the projects in the communities we serve.

OUR HISTORY

1533	Sherpas arrive in Khumbu
1667	Founding of Pangboche Gompa by Lama Sanga Dorje
1831	Founding of Khumjung Gompa.
1914	Tenzing Born
1919	Ed Hillary Born
1953	First ascent of Mt Everest by Hillary and Tenzing
1959	Nepal adopts a multi party constitution and the first elections are held.
1960	Sherpas ask Ed to build a school in Khumjung
1961	Khumjung School built and opened
1963	Smallpox epidemic and immunisation programme
1966	Khunde Hospital opens, providing essential healthcare services.
1967-1970	Dozens of schools are built across Khumbu, Pharak, Solu, and Rowaling.
1975	23 schools are now built and maintained with scholarships for students.
1976	Phaplu Hospital opens, extending healthcare beyond Khumbu.
1979	Sagarmatha National Park designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
1985	Himalayan teacher training programme shapes future of trust's priorities.
1990	Ed announces formation of the Sherpa Advisory Committee in Nepal.
1991	HT pivots to focus on education quality as Kathmandu school quality grows.
1997	Launch of the primary teacher training programme across 63 schools.
2001	40th anniversary of Khumjung School celebrating a generation of education.
2003	NZ Government commits annual funding to HT, strengthening sustainability.
2006	Himalayan Trust Nepal adopts its first constitution, formalising local leadership.
2008	Sir Edmund Hillary dies. The Trust reaffirms commitment to his legacy.
2015	Nepal earthquake devastates Solukhumbu.
2015 - 2018	Rebuild earthquake-damaged Solukhumbu schools project builds 70 classrooms and other facilities.
2016	Water system built in Musey and Monjo Villages.
2018	Partnership with EduTech Nepal to deliver computer labs in rural schools.
2019	Quality Education Programme 2 begins working in 106 schools.
2019	First Summit Challenge fundraiser held in honour of Ed Hillary centenary.
2024	GLOF hits Thame on August 16.
2025	First NZ ministerial visit to Nepal by Deputy Prime Minister Winston Peters.



MINISTERIAL VISIT TO KHUMBU

In 2024/25, the Himalayan Trust New Zealand was honoured to host New Zealand's Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Affairs Minister, the Rt Hon Winston Peters, on his historic visit—the first ever to Nepal by a New Zealand Foreign Minister.

Coinciding with the 72nd anniversary of Sir Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay's ascent of Sagarmatha / Mount Everest, Mr Peters paid tribute to the enduring bond between our nations, tracing back to that pioneering moment. It was a great privilege for The Himalayan Trust New Zealand and Nepal to welcome the Minister and New Zealand's Ambassador to Nepal, His Excellency Patrick Rata, to the Himalayas.

Their visit began at Khunde Hospital, where the delegation flew to from Kathmandu. There was a warm welcome by the local community, a tour of the hospital and its facilities and then breakfast, where we discussed the challenges and progress achieved in the region with the support of the New Zealand government. After this meeting, the delegation headed down to Khumjung school where over 200 students and members of the community waited to greet the minister and his party.

At Khumjung School, the Minister toured the school, visiting the Sir Edmund Hillary Visitors' Centre, school classrooms, computer labs, libraries, and the statue of Sir Edmund Hillary. Most memorably, the Minister spoke with students in their English and Nepali classroom about the importance of education, family and community. During a programme with local government and the school, the minister announced a NZ$1.8 million partnership to deliver Quality Education Programme Phase III over the next five years - ensuring continued investment in teaching, infrastructure, and opportunity across Solukhumbu.

This continued partnership by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, is incredibly important to the Himalayan Trust's ability to deliver impact and effect real change in the Himalayas.

The goodwill shown by Minister Peters and his excellency Patrick Rata - through their visits, meetings, and the funding announcement - reminds us that our mission is more than development. It is an expression of friendship - between Governments, organisations, peoples, and generations.

As we look ahead, the continuation of QEPS Phase III is more than a programme- it's a continued promise that Ed established. A promise that this enduring relationship will continue to lift young minds, strengthen schools, and honour the legacy of exploration and compassion that first brought us together.



Above | General Manager Alexander Hillary and the Minister for Foreign Affairs Winston Peters at the Khunde Hospital helicopter pad.



Above | A programme held at Khumjung Secondary School with local government and the school community. This event and the presence of the Minister and His Excellency were hugely beneficial in reinforcing the importance of the investment that is behind our work.



Left | The Minister with students in the Khumjung school computer lab. This computer lab was built by a partnership between Himalayan Trust and New Zealand-based IT charity EduTech Nepal.

MESSAGE FROM OUR DEPUTY CHAIR

David Simmons - Strategy Trustee

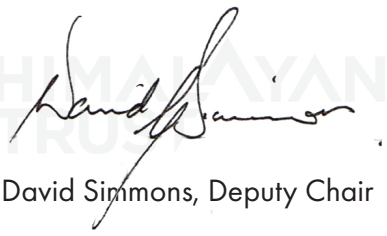
Dear Members, Supporters and Friends of the Himalayan Trust,
The 2024–2025 year has been one of steady progress. Guided by our renewed strategic plan, the Trust has remained true to its long-term goals: to be a small but agile organisation, effective and efficient in delivering human capacity development in the Everest region. Looking ahead, we intend to place particular focus on strengthening our membership base.

During the year the Board completed an organisational capacity review. Job descriptions for our General Manager and our Digital Fundraising and Marketing Manager were confirmed, and external remuneration reviews were undertaken and implemented. We have also sought to broaden the skills and experience of our Board through new appointments.

This work has taken place against a backdrop of continuing global and national challenges. Many societies are still experiencing the lingering economic effects of COVID-19, which has made philanthropic fundraising increasingly difficult. In spite of this, the Trust has secured an additional five years of NZ Government funding for our education programmes and continues to receive strong support from our donors. We remain deeply grateful for the goodwill, advocacy, and engagement of our members. For the future we all have a role in ensuring that the unique Nepal–New Zealand partnership continues to be a source of national pride.

As Deputy Chair, I have met fortnightly with our General Manager, Alexander Hillary, to support and guide both strategic and tactical actions. Through his leadership and the dedication of our staff, we have achieved much this year. At the same time, we recognise that we operate in a constantly changing physical and social environment. New priorities, such as rebuilding infrastructure after the Thame glacial lake outburst and addressing water resource and environmental management, remain pressing concerns.

The Himalayan Trust has long been a steadfast supporter of education, health, infrastructure, and environmental programmes in Solukhumbu. Our commitment to this legacy is unwavering, and we will continue to build our membership and partnerships in support of these enduring development needs.
With thanks and appreciation,



David Simmons, Deputy Chair

WORKING TOWARDS OUR STRATEGIC PLAN

You can view our strategic plan by visiting himalayantrust.org and going to 'About' then 'Reports & Plans'.

GOAL 1: Healthy Lives

Kunde Hospital continued to deliver high-quality services under local leadership, with specialist units in eye and dental care operating consistently. The Hospital's outreach clinics in Thame and Phortse, supported with the help of our AHF partners, provided essential healthcare, while Phaplu Hospital remained a critical hub for public health in Solukhumbu. A pilot Menstrual Health in Solukhumbu project reached adolescent girls and women through schools and community-level education.

GOAL 2: Equitable and Quality Education.

- Access to quality schooling – The five-year Quality Education Programme in Solukhumbu received an extension from April to August 2025, which in the past financial year reached 108 schools with teacher training, literacy initiatives, scholarships, salary support, furniture, and teaching materials.
- Quality teaching – 33 schools received school-based teacher training, and 43 schools participated in Literacy through Integrated Learning (LIL).
- Teachers were supported in 14 schools, strengthening learning outcomes.
- Technological Literacy – Eight new computer labs were established in Solukhumbu and Khotang in partnership with EduTech Nepal.
- Equitable Access – Menstrual health education and product distribution were piloted in three secondary schools, with strong uptake and evaluation for future expansion.
- Quality teaching: 33 School based teacher training programmes. 18 teacher salaries covered.

GOAL 3: Greater Environmental Sustainability and Resilience.

The Himalayan Trust responded

rapidly to the Thame GLOF disaster in August 2024, supporting displaced families, students, and teachers with emergency relief, medical services, and household loss compensation. Reforestation efforts began in Thame with a pilot planting of over 1,200 seedlings of juniper and rhododendron.

GOAL 4: Long-term and Ongoing Funding of Our Work in Nepal

- Investment Strategy - Capital grew with steady returns of over $500,000 that continue to underpin programme delivery and stability.
- Fundraising Success: Our annual campaigns, combined with the Thame GLOF emergency appeal, raised over $600,000, reflecting both the generosity of our supporters and the Trust's ability to respond to urgent needs while sustaining core programmes.
- Broadened Awareness: Our outreach continued to grow, with over 5,000 new social media followers and 700 new email subscribers, increasing awareness of the Trust's work and impact.
- Regular Giving: Growth has been slow on regular giving and membership with only 46 new regular donors joined this year and 26 new members.

GOAL 5: Keeping Sir Edmund Hillary's Legacy Relevant

- Everest Day & Diplomatic Engagement – The Deputy Prime Minister of New Zealand visited Khumjung and Khunde during Everest Day, launching the third phase of the Quality Education Programme. This reaffirmed the enduring partnership between Nepal and New Zealand.
- Visitor Engagement – The Sir Edmund Hillary Visitor Centre's roof strengthening was completed, preserving the original 1961 Khumjung classroom building. The Centre also won an International Architecture Award, raising the profile of the Trust's legacy.
- Staff and board members delivered over 20 speeches on the Himalayan Trust's work and legacy to tourism groups, conferences and community groups.

GOAL 6: A Sustainable Organisation

- Governance Improvements – A governance and capacity review was undertaken to ensure efficiency and resilience.
- Corporate Partnerships – Partnerships expanded, with new collaborations through international foundations and businesses.
- Operational Efficiency – HTNZ's small team continues to deliver efficiently with improving systems in place, supported by active engagement between HTNZ and HTN leadership across the year.
- Policies - Significant improvements to policies have been made and new policies have been implemented throughout the year.
- Due Diligence - Himalayan Trust passed a comprehensive due diligence audit by BDO that was commissioned by MFAT.





Above | Rex Hillary (left in the beanie) and Edmund Hillary (right) with the Khunde community when building Khunde Hospital.



Above | Distributing Juniper trees to members of the Thame community.



Above | The glacial lake outburst flood (GLOF) in Thame

A YEAR IN NUMBERS

Alongside our partner organisation Himalayan Trust Nepal, here is an insight into what we have achieved.

76 Scholarship students. Including 48 Sir Edmund Hillary Memorial Scholarships, 23 Bachelor Level Scholarships and 4 Mountain Disaster Relief Scholarships.

108 Schools with stationery support.

18 Teachers with salary support. 14 male and 4 female.

51 Computer labs maintained and supported with 5 new labs built.

43 Schools engaged in the Literacy through Integrated Learning programme which improves literacy teaching, supports students and parents, and evaluates literacy progress.

6,691 Patients treated through Khunde Hospital, outreach clinics and medical camps. Up from 5,692 last year.

1,883 Patients treated at Phortse and Thame clinics

161 Students and 85 women participated in a menstrual health pilot project.

33 School-based Teacher Training programmes.

374 Summit Challenge fundraisers raising $119,666 (up 12% on last year) with the support of 958 donors

PROJECT MAP

Solukhumbu Himalaya Nepal

The Himalayan Trust has projects throughout Solukhumbu in education, healthcare and water. In the 2024/25 year the following locations had active projects. This map provides an indicative overview and does not display every project location.

- Education
- Computer Labs
- Healthcare
- Water
- Environment
- Other



HEALTHCARE REPORT

The Healthcare Subcommittee: Lindsay Strang, Emma Heydon, Bruce Arroll and Michael Gill.

Next year will be the 60th anniversary of the opening of Khunde Hospital. In the six decades since Sir Edmund Hillary and his team of Kiwi family and friends, worked with the local Sherpa people to build the first hospital in the region, support for the health of the people of the Solukhumbu has remained an integral part of the work of the Himalayan Trust. Providing high-quality healthcare services, which are responsive to the changing needs of the region, continues to be a key focus.

Outpatient work remains the dominant workload for the staff of Khunde Hospital. Over the last Nepalese fiscal year (16 July 2024 to 16 July 2025), Khunde Hospital's outpatient department recorded 4,021 patients, while the two outreach clinics in Phortse and Thame treated 1,883 patients. In total, 5,904 patients received medical care from Khunde Hospital and the two outreach clinics (Table 1). Diagnosis and management of non-communicable diseases, such as hypertension and diabetes, or screening for these conditions, are now common reasons for presenting to Khunde Hospital and the outreach clinics. Improving awareness and health literacy regarding chronic health issues, means that 41% of outpatient attendances at Khunde Hospital are now for routine check-ups and counselling (Table 2). However, large numbers of patients continue to be seen with illnesses due to infectious causes (Table 2), despite considerably increased access to running water in buildings in recent years.

Outreach village clinic services are provided in Phortse and Thame and are particularly important for providing healthcare to the elderly in these villages. Trained health workers at these clinics are supported by the Khunde Hospital team through regular case discussion, co-ordination of follow-up care and referrals, and provision of medical supplies. With improving access to technology, video consultations (telemedicine) are also now being used to strengthen clinical decision-making at the remote clinics in a timely manner. Since the destruction of the Thame Clinic building by the glacial lake outflow flood (GLOF) in August 2024, a temporary clinic facility has been operating in Thameteng, pending the construction of a new permanent clinic building.

Antenatal, obstetric and postnatal care for women and babies in the region is another important role for the Kunde Hospital team. The hospital coordinates with local government programmes, such as the Aama Program, which uses government-funded incentives to promote antenatal check-ups and institutional deliveries, as well as the Nyano Jhola Programme, which provides warm clothes for newborns and their mothers. Many of the overall small number of deliveries for women from the area occur at higher centres of care, but there were 4 successful deliveries at Khunde Hospital in the last fiscal year. Also, although

Table 1: Khunde Hospital and Outreach Clinics Attendances by Age and Gender

Month	Khunde Hospital					Outreach Clinics				
	Adult		Child/Adolescents		Total	Adult		Child/Adolescents		Total
	M	F	M	F		M	F	M	F	
Jul/Aug	81	186	52	27	346	61	70	6	10	147
Aug/Sep	91	196	45	57	389	134	157	14	7	312
Sep/Oct	82	182	34	32	330	79	90	7	1	176
Oct/Nov	91	184	31	22	328	87	81	0	0	168
Nov/Dec	52	93	23	28	196	26	22	2	0	50
Dec/Jan	53	93	43	36	224	24	25	6	0	55
Jan/Feb	52	90	35	26	203	22	16	2	1	39
Feb/Mar	96	159	100	95	450	55	71	1	1	126
Mar/Apr	79	150	95	60	384	38	53	1	0	92
Apr/May	120	191	24	28	363	92	80	20	23	215
May/Jun	117	173	47	20	357	69	75	23	15	182
Jun/Jul	98	204	54	45	401	70	80	18	19	187
Total	1046	1995	551	429	**4021**	798	921	90	74	**1883**

many of the deliveries occur outside of the area, these mothers and babies receive high quality antenatal (including screening, provision of vaccinations and medications, and ultrasonography) and postnatal care locally. Family planning and childhood immunisation programmes have also been very successful features of the Khunde Hospital work for decades and continue to be so. This has contributed to the Solukhumbu district being declared a fully immunised district. The National Immunisation Programme of Nepal this year introduced the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine to the national immunisation schedule, which is an important step towards preventing cervical cancer, and Khunde Hospital actively participated in the HPV vaccination campaign conducted at Khumjung School.

In addition to the services discussed above, the Khunde Hospital team continues to provide inpatient services (26 admissions in the past year), 24/7 emergency afterhours services, minor surgical and orthopaedic procedures, dental services (scaling, polishing, extractions, fillings) and dental camps, eye care services (eye screening, management of refractive errors, provision of corrective glasses) and eye outreach clinics, gastroscopy screening camps, and diagnostic services. Qualified laboratory technicians support the medical team to provide x-ray, ultrasound and ECG services, as well as a wide variety of laboratory tests, to support clinical care. Recent installation of a new solar power system at Khunde Hospital improves the ability of the hospital to maintain uninterrupted, high-quality health services all year round.

Introducing our Healthcare Team


Dr Kami Sherpa - Senior Consultant


Dr Mingma Kanchi Sherpa - Doctor in Charge


Fura Doma Sherpa - Staff Nurse


Samjana Basel - Staff Nurse


Phurba Tashi Sherpa - Lab Technician


Prazesh Dulal - Opthalmic Assistant


Bhupendra Chaudhary - Dental Hygienist


Ram Bahadur Basnet - Health Assistant, Phortse


Nirmala Badu - Health Assistant


Milan Rana Magar - Culinarian

Table 2: Khunde Hospital clinic attendances, by disease category				
Condition categories	**Female**	*	**Male**	*
Infectious or Parasitic diseases	7	↓	6	↓
Communicable vector, water and food borne diseases	39	↓	54	↑
Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD)	-	↓	-	–
Infections (Respiratory/urinary)	364	↑	398	↑
Nutritional and metabolic disorder	10	↑	2	↑
Skin diseases	100	↑	69	↓
ENT (Ear, Nose and Throat) related infections/disorders	67	↑	72	↑
Oral and dental health related disorder	21	↓	17	↓
Eye problem	19	↓	8	↓
Obstetric and gynecological problems	20	↑	-	-
Mental health related problems	21	↑	6	↓
Cardiovascular & respiratory related problems	11	↓	3	↓
Orthopedic problems	144	↑	134	↑
Surgical problems	5	↓	4	↓
Other diseases and injuries	174	↓	124	↑
General examination/routine general health checkup/counseling	1023	↓	613	↓
Common presenting symptoms	62	↓	63	↓
Obstetric, prenatal, postnatal & contraception	307	↓	-	-
Childhood Immunisation	30	↑	23	↓
	2,424		**1,596**	
Total Patients at Khunde Hospital	**4,020**			

* Arrows represent an increase or decrease in patient disease categories on the previous year.

ENVIRONMENTAL

The Education Subcommittee: Alexander Hillary, David Simmons, Kirsten Nicholson.

This year the Himalayan Trust continued to explore how we can best support environmental resilience in the Solukhumbu. Our work has focused on research, community engagement, and collaboration with government and partner organisations to understand where our contribution can be most effective. A key milestone was the trial planting of 1,300 trees at high altitude to test the potential for future reforestation initiatives. Forest cover in Upper Khumbu is at a high-level after decades of Himalayan Trust conservation as well as the work of the Sagarmatha National Park and local communities. However, erosion and destabilisation due to climactic, environmental and wild fire factors means that deforestation is occurring creating a need for plantation projects. The Himalayan Trust is currently experimenting with high-altitude tree-planting methods for a larger scale project in the next financial year.





Top | Seedlings at Phurte Nursery

Bottom | Erosion and damage in the Thame Valley.

EDUCATION

The Education Subcommittee: Michael Gill, Alexander Hillary, David Simmons, Miranda Cahn and Simone Goodall.

During 2024/25, Himalayan Trust New Zealand (HTNZ), in partnership with Himalayan Trust Nepal (HTN) and New Zealand's International Development Cooperation (MFAT), continued its commitment to improving access to quality education in the Solukhumbu region. Through the final year of the Quality Education Programme in Solukhumbu 2 (QEPS 2), HTNZ supported initiatives that strengthen teaching, expand access to technology, and enable more students to pursue higher education. This approach has borne great results with more schools reaching a 100% pass rate. This year Khumjung School was joined by Junbesi, Taksindu, Kharikhola, and Bhakanje with a 100% pass rate.

Teacher Support

HTNZ funded salaries for 18 teachers across 14 schools in Khumbu, ensuring quality English-medium instruction in English, Science, Social Studies, and Mathematics. In addition, HTNZ and MFAT jointly supported Sherpa language teachers at Junbesi School and two monastery schools, helping to preserve Sherpa language and culture.

Scholarships

HTNZ provided critical scholarship funding, enabling young people in Solukhumbu to continue their education:

- Sir Edmund Hillary Memorial Scholarships (+2): 48 students (20 boys, 28 girls) supported to complete higher secondary education.
- Bachelor-Level Scholarships:

Introducing our Education Team

For our core programme, the Himalayan Trust is privileged to have an excellent Education team working in schools across Solukhumbu. This team - who sometimes face challenging conditions - deliver strong results and bring amazing passion to their work. The Education team is funded with support from the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade.



Mahendra Khatet - Education Advisor



Deepa Niraula - Education Training (English)



Ishworman Rai - Education Training (Nepali)



Sangita Rai - Education Training (Science)



Srijana Thapa - Education Training (Early Literacy)



Bishnu Kumar Rayamajhi - Education Training (Math)



Gita Lama - Education Training (Early Literacy)



Nava Bahadur Bhujel - Computer Lab Officer



Above | Solukhumbu students by Virginia Woolf.

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The QEPS programme is part of the New Zealand International Development Cooperation programme. We are incredibly grateful to our partners at MFAT for their support in making this possible. Particular thanks to Peter Watson, Richard Dirks, and Rebecca Lineham for their involvement.

11 students from Khumbu (co-funded with Khumbu Pasang Lhamu Rural Municipality) and 12 from Southern Solukhumbu received support for university studies; 10 students graduated this year.

- Mountain Disaster Relief Education Support (MDRES): HTNZ continued support for 4 students affected by the 2014 Everest avalanche, including one who successfully completed Grade 12 this year.

Computer Labs and Digital Learning

HTNZ, in partnership with EduTech Nepal, co-funded eight new computer labs in 2024/25 (seven in Solukhumbu and one in Khotang). This brings the total to 51 labs across the district, transforming access to digital education. HTNZ also co-funded teacher training for 15 computer teachers and monitoring visits to ensure effective use of the labs.

School Infrastructure and Resources

- HTNZ funded child-friendly furniture (36 desks and benches) for Lukla Basic School.
- Through the QEPS small grants programme, HTNZ supported schools with smart boards at Khumjung, Junbesi, Mahendra Jyoti, Himalaya Basic (Namche), and Lukla schools .
- Teaching and learning materials were distributed across 108 schools, reducing the financial burden on families and improving classroom learning.
- QEPS Phase II successfully concluded in April 2025, with HTNZ support reaching 76 schools through teacher training, literacy programmes, scholarships, digital learning, and classroom resources.
- QEPS Phase III was launched from Khumjung School, ensuring the next five years of strengthened education partnership between HTNZ, MFAT, and HTN.

Identified Needs:

- Centres of Excellence: developing resilient and high performing schools through infrastructure, planning and

capacity building.
- Scholarship support: wraparound support for scholarship students including career counselling and internship opportunities.

Education Outlook

Looking ahead, the needs in Solukhumbu remain clear: stronger teaching support, better resources and infrastructure, and more opportunities for young people to continue their studies beyond secondary school. Challenges such as remote geography, limited infrastructure, and the growing impacts of climate change make access to quality education even more vital. Over the next fice years, our Quality Education Programme will address these needs by strengthening teacher training, expanding digital learning, supporting scholarships, and ensuring that schools have the resources they need to give every child the best chance to learn and thrive.

Scholarships and Recipients by Gender	Male	Female
Sir Edmund Hillary Memorial Scholarship	20	28
Khumbu Pasang Lhamu Rural Municipality and Himalayan Trust Bachelor Level Scholarship (for students of KPLRM)	5	6
Himalayan Trust Bachelor Level (for students of Southern Solukhumbu)	6	6
Mountain Disaster Relief Education Support (MDRES) Scholarship	1	4
	32	**44**
Total Scholarships		**76**





Top | Students working with Himalayan Trust provided text books.
Bottom | Students in one of the new Edutech and Himalayan Trust computer labs.

About the Quality Education Programme 3

The Quality Education Programme Solukhumbu is the Himalayan Trust's 5-Year programme designed to achieve the following goal:

Improved teaching and learning outcomes through quality education for all children in Solukhumbu.

The programme is constructed around three critical long-term outcomes (LTO's) that all our interventions and activities contribute towards:

1. Students achieving higher levels of success in literacy and core subjects
2. Increased student retention through higher grades and tertiary
3. Increased local ownership of education outcomes.

Within these long-term outcomes are a series of other outcomes and interventions. For instance, our school infrastructure and classroom support interventions, aim to 'Improve access to modern learning material in quality and healthy school'. This in turn will 'Improve the number of schools meeting quality standards' and result in LTO 3: 'Increased student retention through to higher grades and tertiary'.

Phase 3 of the programme begins in August 2025. This new phase incorporates learnings and improvements from the last 5 years, delivering more impact and value for money while shaping the programme to be more sustainable and future proof. In Phase 3 we are implementing a 'Centres of Excellence' approach to our programme that will focus material resources and training on key educational centres improving the sustainability and impact of our investment in Solukhumbu education. The result of this will be schools of high teaching and infrastructure quality that reflect the success and accomplishment that we have achieved in Khumjung School.

SCHOLARSHIP STORY: ANG TASHI SHERPA

Sir Edmund Hillary Memorial Scholarship

Ang Tashi Sherpa grew up in Kharikhola in Solukhumbu, where beautiful forests and hills sit alongside long walks to school and scarce resources. Household chores and farm work left little energy for study, and the cost of notebooks, uniforms, and tuition pushed her dream of nursing out of reach.

That changed with the Sir Edmund Hillary Memorial Scholarship—funded by Himalayan Trust New Zealand and the NZ Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade—which lifted the financial burden, paid key fees, and restored her confidence. With support covering learning materials and half her college fees, Dawa completed her +2 in Biology and moved a step closer to her goal of becoming a nurse. "It was more than just financial support, it was a light of hope for me and my family."

"My life took a positive turn when I received the Sir Edmund Hillary Memorial Scholarship from Himalayan Trust. It was more than just financial support, it was a light of hope for me and my family."

SCHOLARSHIP STORY: DAWA FUTI SHERPA

KPLRM & Himalayan Trust Bachelor Level Scholarship

Raised in Khumjung, Dawa Futi Sherpa set her sights on hospitality and tourism, but the cost of university in Kathmandu made staying enrolled a constant worry. The KPLRM & Himalayan Trust Bachelor Level Scholarship—co funded by Himalayan Trust New Zealand and partners—removed the fear of dropping out and enabled her to focus on learning.

Today, Dawa Futi is studying at the Nepal Academy of Tourism and Hotel Management and interning at Tribhuvan International Airport through Nepal Airlines—experience she calls "vital" for her future career. She credits the scholarship with giving her the stability to participate fully in practical learning and to aim higher: "Receiving the Himalayan Trust Scholarship was a turning point in my life... I truly believe it wouldn't have been possible without the generous support of the Himalayan Trust."

"Your support has changed my life and continues to inspire me to work hard and give back in the future."

"Currently, I am thriving academically and gaining real-world experience through my internship. I am proud of the progress I have made and grateful for the opportunities that have come my way. The Himalayan Trust Scholarship has empowered me to dream big and work towards a successful future. One of the most valuable lessons I've learned is that with the right support, dedication, and resilience, it is possible to overcome challenges and achieve your goals. I am deeply thankful to the Himalayan Trust and all its donors for believing in me and so many other students from remote areas. Your support has changed my life and continues to inspire me to work hard and give back in the future. Thank you all Himalayan Trust family!"



Above | SEHM Scholarship students receiving their scholarships.



Above | Ang Tashi Sherpa speaking at the Nepal Academy of Tourism and Hotel Management



Above | Scholarship students of the Himalayan Trust with Himalayan Trust Nepal staff during an orientation.

THAME GLOF

On 16 August 2024, a Glacial Lake Outburst Flood (GLOF) swept through Thame Valley in the Khumbu region, causing widespread destruction. Homes, lodges, the school and student hostel, health clinic, power supply infrastructure, and farmlands were severely damaged. Thankfully, no lives were lost.

Our Response Measures

In response, Himalayan Trust Nepal (HTN), alongside Himalayan Trust New Zealand and other donors, mobilised rapidly to support the community. An emergency clinic was first established in a tent at Thameteng to care for flood victims, and later moved into a stable community building in Thametheng until a permanent replacement can be built. To ensure students' education was not disrupted, 46 students and 10 teachers from Thame School were relocated to Khumjung Secondary School. HTN provided affected families, students, and teachers with essential relief items such as blankets, warm clothing, bedding, school bags, stationery, toiletries, and supplies for the hostel which were delivered by Mi-17 helicopter.

On August 29, 2024, HTN distributed Rs. 3.5 million to the Khumbu Pasang Lhamu Rural Municipality for direct relief to impacted households. In addition, guidance was provided to teachers and school management for adapting teaching and learning to the temporary setting, with HTN committing to cover meal costs for the relocated students through April 2025.

Rebuild and Recovery

This disaster underlines both the vulnerability and resilience of Himalayan communities facing climate-driven hazards. Thanks to strong partnerships, and donor support, the rapid actions of HTN helped maintain continuity of health and education services. While the immediate financial aid and relief materials provided urgent assistance, the long-term task of rebuilding essential community facilities will require sustained commitment and resources to ensure true recovery and future resilience. The Himalayan Trust Nepal has developed plans and designs for both the clinic and the school. Rebuild projects will be implemented in 2026.



Above | The Boulder Debris at Thame School after the flood.



Above | Thame students relocated to Khunde.



Above | The Temporary Medical Clinic in Thame.



Above | Supplies being flown in.



Above | Mingma Norbu in a destroyed classroom.

SIR EDMUND HILLARY VISITORS CENTRE

The Sir Edmund Hillary Visitors Centre was built in 2023 with minor support from the Himalayan Trust and was inaugurated by Rt Hon Helen Clark and many distinguished guests. The centre stands as a tribute to Sir Ed's enduring legacy in Khumjung and tells the story of the first Himalayan Trust school and the students who studied there.

In 2024/25, the Centre received a major upgrade with a new roof designed to withstand heavy snow loads, replacing the increasingly fragile original aluminium roof. This new roof will also stop leaking that was damaging the exhibit. This important work was generously funded by the Hillary Himalayan Foundation under the leadership of Peter and Sarah Hillary. Design work was generously conducted by Rick Pearson of Pearson & Associates Architects.

Looking ahead, the Centre will be formally handed over to Khumjung School and the local community in FY 25/26, who will take responsibility for its ongoing maintenance and management. The centre is becoming an important tourism asset to the village and it is our hope that this will contribute to the development of Khumjung Schools independence and sustainability.



Above | Signs about the centre throughout the EBC trekking trail.



Above | The new steel roof over the 1960s aluminium schoolhouse.

Introducing our Engineering and Construction Team

Over the past 60 years the Himalayan Trust has engaged in significant engineering and construction projects from bridges and airstrips, to water systems and schools. Today, the Himalayan Trust Nepal has a small engineering and design team who develop designs and supervise construction of Himalayan Trust projects.



Bijay Shrestha - Engineer and Project Coordinator



Dipu Sherpa - Field Supervisor

MENSTRUAL HEALTH

The Menstrual Health Solukhumbu (MHSK) Project, launched by Himalayan Trust Nepal from June 2024 to May 2025, was a pilot initiative designed to improve menstrual health education, promote the use of sustainable menstrual products, and reduce stigma among adolescent girls and women in remote areas of Solukhumbu. With funding from the New Zealand High Commission in New Delhi the intervention targeted three secondary schools—Junbesi, Taksindu, and Mahendra Jyoti—and their surrounding communities, combining baseline surveys, stakeholder engagement, a Training of Trainers programme, comprehensive school and community awareness sessions, product orientation and distribution, and sustained post-distribution follow-up. In total, 246 beneficiaries were reached, including 161 school students and 85 community women, with knowledge scores among girls improving from 59.8 to 93.3 and boys from 33.3 to 84.4 after intervention.

Adoption rates were notably high: 94.1% of girls used period underwear and 84.7% of women adopted menstrual cups, with the majority reporting greater comfort, increased confidence, and improved school attendance. Community engagement and inclusive sessions also led to a visible reduction in stigma, involving boys, teachers, and parents in openly addressing menstrual health. Key achievements included tailored education materials, successful awareness sessions using creative and culturally sensitive approaches, and strengthened partnerships with local governments, schools, and PTAs. Challenges included geography, cultural hesitation, and gaps in WASH infrastructure and product availability, underscoring the need for ongoing support and future scale-up.

Based on positive feedback from students, teachers, and local leaders—as well as clear evidence of demand and readiness in remote communities—the project is now set to expand to additional schools and villages in the next financial year. This new phase will be conducted in partnership with Hello Period, a New Zealand-based company, building on community trust and proven project strategies to ensure that menstrual health education and access reach even more girls and women across Solukhumbu.



Sushma Adhikari - Menstrual Health Coordinator



Left | Access to quality menstrual health supplies in rural areas is challenging.



Right | Students with the MHSK information booklet in a menstrual health awareness session.

"Our students used to ask to leave to go home in between classes... They gave different excuse reasons and don't want to say it's because of their period. "

- Sarita, Teacher

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial Statements for 2024/25

The Himalayan Trust Finance Subcommittee can report a stable financial year that exhibits progress towards our strategic and financial goals.

Finance Subcommittee: Michael Gill, Peter Hillary, Alexander Hillary.
Auditors: JSA Audit Limited.
Accountant: Jason Edwards, HLB Mann Judd.
Bankers: Bank of New Zealand.
Investments: managed by Private Wealth Advisors.

Financial Position

Financial position as of 30 June, 2025.

Assets	30 June 2024	30 June 2025
BNZ Bank Accounts	242,837	337,341
Petty Cash	426	425
Receivables	83,156	0
Prepayments	14,587	24,963
GST	707	3,716
Assets Sub Total	**341,713**	**366,445**
Non-Current Assets		
Property, Plant and Equipment	-	-
Investments	4,290,896	4,706,442
Non-Current Assets Sub Total	**4,290,895**	**4,706,442**
Total Assets	**4,632,609**	**5,072,888**
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	23,180	15,413
Income in Advance	131,333	178,789
Credit Cards	-	471
Provision for Leave Entitlements	15,607	15,289
Total Liabilities	**170,120**	**209,963**
Trust Equity	**4,462,489**	**4,862,925**

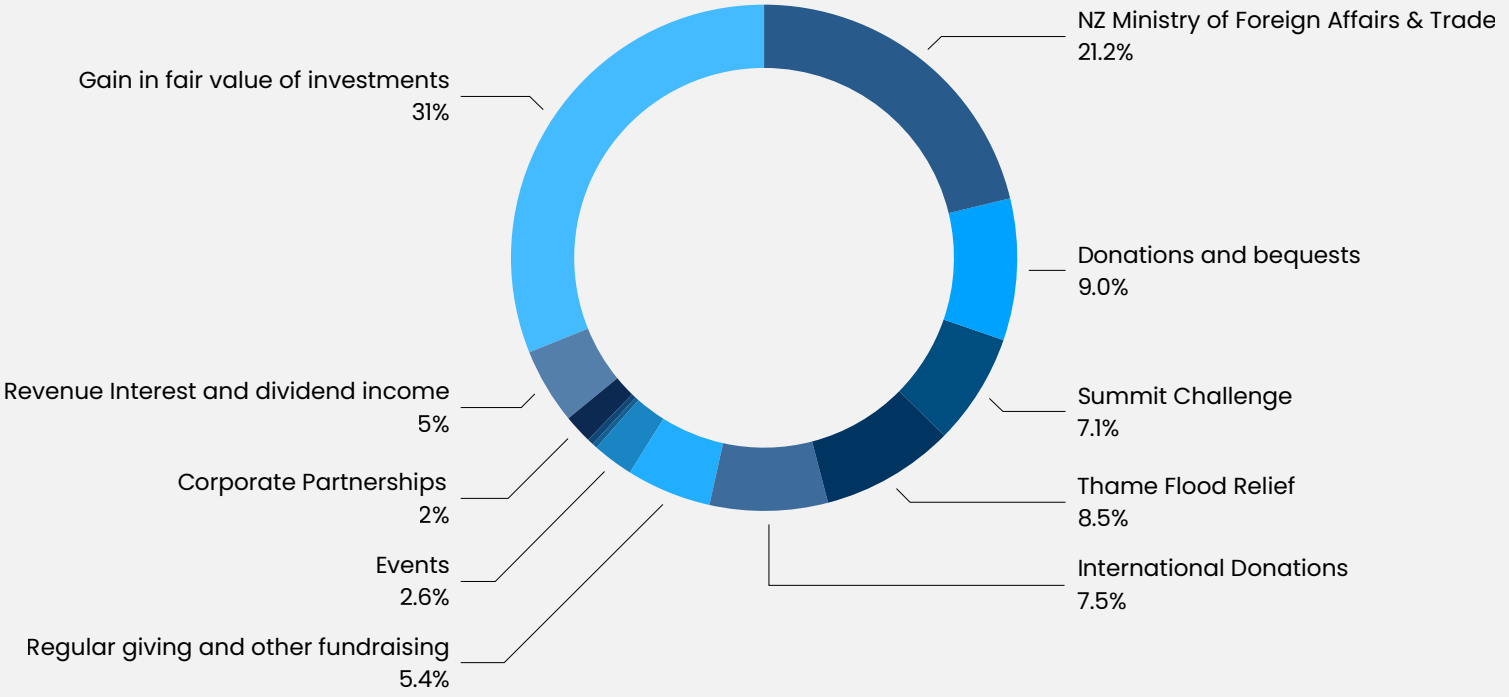
Revenue Statement

Total income ($1,651,422) for year ending 30 June, 2025.

Revenue	30 June 2024	30 June 2025
NZ Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade	385,000	348,751
Donations and Bequests	147,270	148,685
International Donations	-	123,828
Thame Flood Relief	n/a	140,380
Corporate Partnerships	33,048	30,067
Events Income	41,947	43,118
Treks	-	-
Summit Challenge	104,206	116,999
Major Donors	455,010	-
Bank Interest	6,769	6,612
Other Revenue	77,422	102,435
Investment Revenue	100,476	79,623
Gain in fair value of investments	423,133	510,924
Total Revenue	**1,774,281**	**1,651,422**

Revenue Breakdown

This revenue statement is broken down as follows:



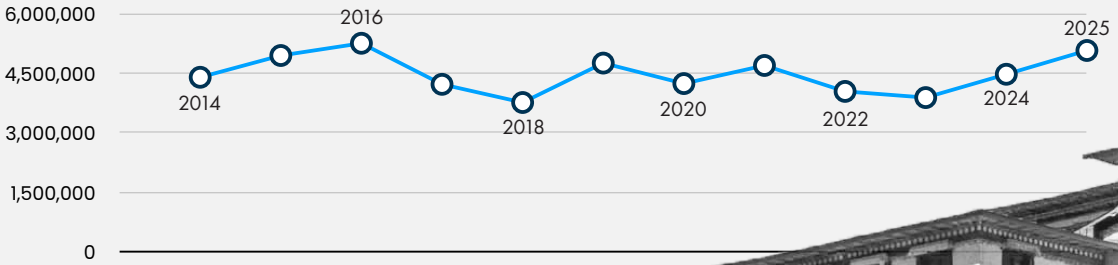
Expenditure Statement

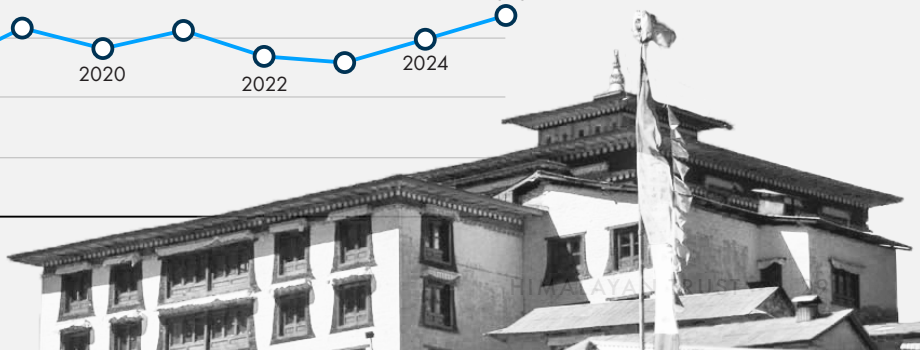
Total expenditure ($1,250,986) for year ending 30 June, 2025.

Expenditure	30 June 2024	30 June 2025
Nepal - Education	715,465	583,317
Nepal - COVID	9,122	-
Nepal - Khunde Hospital	61,159	132,765
Nepal - Programme Management	5,286	10,575
Volunteer and Employee related costs	198,268	204,627
Nepal - Thame Flood Relief	n/a	81,756
Nepal - Other Projects	-	7,650
Treks	-	-
Audit Fees	14,901	10,780
Depreciation/Loss on Disposal	2,721	-
Foreign Exchange Translation Loss/(Gain)	4,717	437
Other Expenses	185,268	219,079
Total Expenses	**1,196,907**	**1,250,986**
Net Surplus for the year	**577,374**	**400,436**

Trust Equity

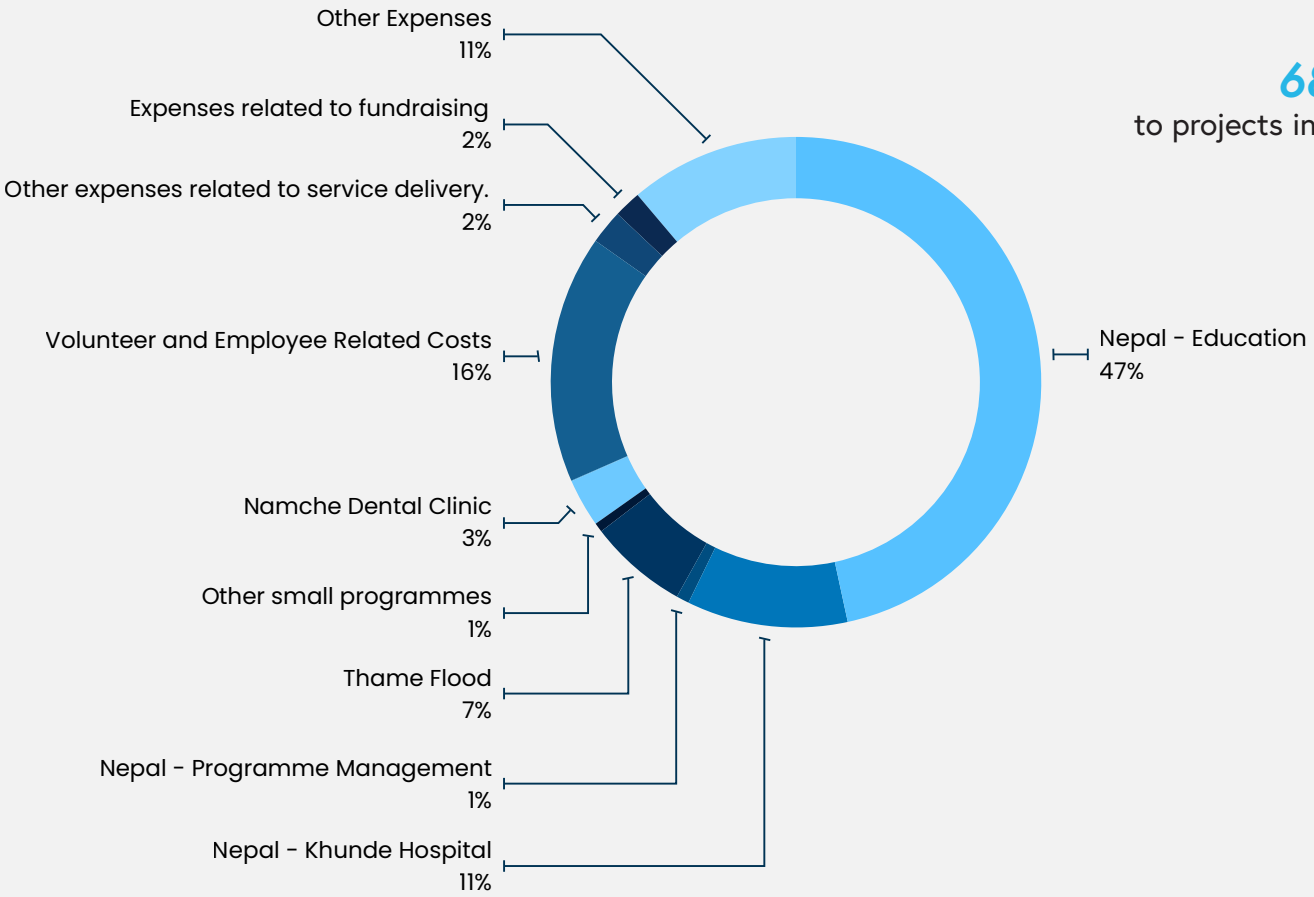
Trust equity over time for years ending 30 June.





Expenditure Breakdown

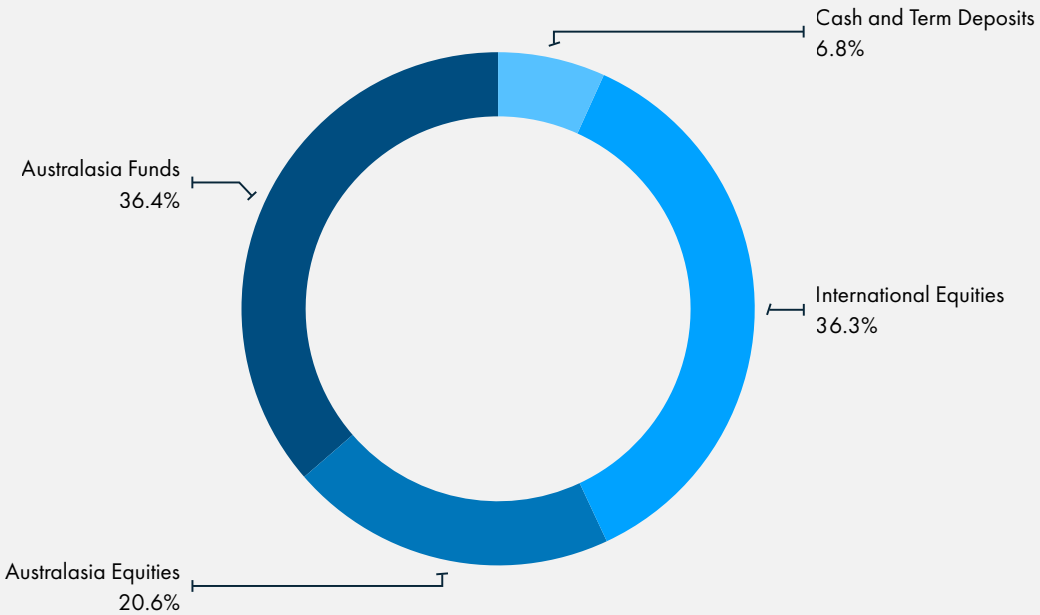
This expenditure statement is reflected in the chart below:



68.4%
to projects in Nepal

Investments Overview

The Trust's investment portfolio is managed by Private Wealth Advisors, independent investment advisors, in accordance with the investment policies of the Trust (SIPO,2023). These investments are overseen by the Finance Subcommittee and have seen a $590,547 NZD return (including investment gain).



An excerpt from Sir Ed's will: *I declare that I have had a full life with much happiness and a share of sadness. I have little cause for complaint. If however some people in New Zealand feel I have made some contribution to the prestige of my country then they could best demonstrate this by continuing modest support to the Himalayan People I have worked with for so many years."*

FUNDRAISING OVERVIEW

The year was not without its challenges. Giving across New Zealand and globally was softer, and our public campaigns were harder to convert donations than usual. The cancellation of our planned gala dinner reminded us of the importance of keeping events accessible and community focused. We also experienced reduced capacity following a staff injury, with our Fundraising and Marketing Manager unable to work for most of the year. Thanks to contractors, volunteers, and the extra effort of our General Manager, we were able to continue our programme of campaigns and events, though some projects slowed and opportunities for new business were limited.

In spite of these challenges, the generosity of our supporters shone through. Regular giving remained the backbone of our fundraising, with 260 donors contributing regularly throughout the year (Average gift $33). Membership also remained steady, with 158 members staying connected to the Trust through our Standard and Summit tiers. One-off donations also grew reflecting the impact of clearer communications and timely updates (Average gift $85). Corporate partnerships continued to provide strong support, with The Hermitage Alpine Museum, Pounamu Tourism Group, and Special Group together contributing over $30,000. Campaigns were a highlight of the year. The annual Summit Challenge once again brought together our community, with 374 participants collectively logging nearly two million vertical metres — the equivalent of climbing Mount Everest 219 times — and raising over $110,000 (median gift of $52). Everest Day raised just under $20,000 (Median gift $37), focused on continuing our menstrual health programme, while our Christmas Appeal, though smaller than in previous years, provided vital support during the holiday season. We also hosted two sold-out community dinners in Christchurch and Auckland, both of which reminded us of the strength of our supporter network when we come together in person.

A particularly significant milestone was the MTB Nepal trip, a small-group mountain biking journey in lower Solukhumbu. The trip blended philanthropy with impactful, sustainable tourism in a way that reflected the adventurous spirit of the Trust. Participants engaged with local communities in Nepal and helped build local trail infrastructure. This innovative approach demonstrated the potential for adventure-based experiences to foster generosity, long-term commitment, and meaningful cultural exchange.

Our communications has seen significant growth in the past year, with Facebook and Instagram growing by +562 and 639 followers respectively and our main newsletter recieving incredible attention with +2,635 new subcribers.

Looking ahead, our aim is to build on these foundations by continuing to grow dependable income streams, strengthening our connection with supporters through clear storytelling, and nurturing long-term relationships with both individuals and organisations. In the spirit of Adventure by Nature, we will keep room for innovation — trying new approaches, listening to our community, and improving as we go. Thank you for your support!



Above | Summit Challengers during the Mt Iron MEGA Challenge in Wanaka with Kinisi Running.



Above | The Intrepid MTB Nepal group on the summit of Pikey Peak (4,065m) near Phaplu in Lower Solukhumbu.

INDEPENDANT AUDITORS REPORT

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Trustees of The Himalayan Trust

Opinion

We have audited the performance report of Himalayan Trust (the Trust) on pages 2 to 14, which comprises the entity information, the statement of service performance, the statement of financial performance and statement of cash flows for the year ended 30 June 2025, the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2025, and the statement of accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In our opinion, the performance report on pages 2 to 14 presents fairly, in all material respects:

- the entity information for the year ended 30 June 2025;
- the financial position of Himalayan Trust as at 30 June 2025, and its financial performance, and cash flows for the year then ended; and
- the service performance for the year ended 30 June 2025 in that the service performance information is appropriate and meaningful and prepared in accordance with the entity's measurement bases or evaluation methods

in accordance with the requirements of the Tier 3 (NFP) Standard, issued in New Zealand by the New Zealand Accounting Standards Board.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit of the statement of financial performance, statement of financial position, statement of cash flows, statement of accounting policies and notes to the Performance Report in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand) (ISAs (NZ)), and the audit of the entity information and statement of service performance in accordance with New Zealand Auditing Standard 1 (Revised) 'The Audit of Service Performance Information' (NZ AS1 (Revised)). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Performance Report section of our report.

We are independent of Himalayan Trust in accordance with Professional and Ethical Standard 1 'International Code of Ethics for Assurance Practitioners (including International Independence Standards) (New Zealand) issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Other than in our capacity as auditor we have no relationship with, or interests in, Himalayan Trust.

Information Other Than the Performance Report and Auditor's Report

The Trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the Trust Directory on page 1 but does not include the performance report and our auditor's report thereon.
Our opinion on the performance report does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of audit opinion or assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the performance report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the performance report or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of the Trustees for the Performance Report

The Trustees are responsible on behalf of the Trust for:

- The preparation and fair presentation of the performance report in accordance with Tier 3 (Not for Profit) Standard issued in New Zealand by the New Zealand Accounting Standards Board;
- The selection of elements/aspects of service performance, performance measures and/or descriptions and measurement bases or evaluation methods that present service performance information that is appropriate and meaningful in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework;
- The preparation and fair presentation of service performance information in accordance with the entity's measurement bases or evaluation methods, in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework;
- The overall presentation, structure and content of the service performance information in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework; and
- For such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of a performance report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the performance report, the Trustees are responsible on behalf of the Trust for assessing the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the entity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Performance Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the performance report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (NZ) and NZ AS 1 (Revised) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate or collectively, they could reasonably be expected to influence the decisions of users taken on the basis of this performance report.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (NZ) and NZ AS 1 (Revised), we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the performance report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Trust's internal control.

- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management and Trustees.

- Obtain an understanding of the process applied by the entity to select its elements/aspects of service performance, performance measures and/or descriptions and the measurement bases or evaluation methods.

- Evaluate whether the selection of elements/aspects of service performance, performance measures and/or descriptions and measurement bases or evaluation methods present an appropriate and meaningful assessment of the entity's service performance in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework.

- Evaluate whether the service performance information is prepared in accordance with the entity's measurement bases or evaluation methods, in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework

- Conclude on the appropriateness of the use of the going concern basis of accounting by those charged with governance and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Trust to cease to continue as a going concern.

- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the performance report, including the disclosures, and whether the performance report represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Restriction on Responsibility

This report is made solely to the Trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 42F of the Charities Act 2005. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

JSA Audit

JSA Audit Limited
Parnell, Auckland
24 September 2025

POLICIES

Throughout the 2024/25 financial year, the Himalayan Trust undertook an extensive process of developing and strengthening our policies. This comprehensive review covered all areas of our operations, ensuring greater clarity and accountability. The updated policies are designed to safeguard everyone connected with our work - from staff, trustees, and members in New Zealand to our partners, donors, and the communities we serve in Solukhumbu.

Policies Implemented

The Himalayan Trust has undertaken a significant review and update of our organisational policies to ensure we are well-prepared for potential risks and equipped with robust systems to guide our work. This process has engaged our board, staff, partners and advisors, resulting in updated policies covering key areas, including:

- Child Protection Policy,
- Anti-Fraud Policy,
- Financial Policy,
- Complaints Policy,
- Code of Conduct
- Risk Management Policy
- Counter-Terrorism Policy
- Health and Safety Policy
- Whistleblowing Policy

These updates strengthen our accountability, improve our ability to respond to incidents, and provide a more reliable framework for serving both our donors and the communities we support in Nepal.

Complaints

The Himalayan Trust takes complaints very seriously. If you have a complaint about our programmes or our fundraising, you can find information on how to make a complaint through the following link: https://himalayantrust.org/policies-and-complaints.

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The enduring impact of our work would not be possible without you; our donors and supporters

Get involved in other ways and support the Himalayan Trust's work with communities in Nepal:

Organise a fundraising event: There are so many fun and creative ways our supporters have been raising money for us: mufti days, bake sales, quizzes, Fiver for Ed days, auctions and dinners. If you would like to organise your own fundraising event, we'd love to hear from you.

Sign up for a challenge:
Sign up for a challenge! Summit Challenge in March, or create your own fundraiser at fundraise.himalayantrust.org for a physical challenge that will motivate and inspire, while doing good for the people of Solukhumbu.

Give a Fiver for Ed:
A Fiver for Ed is part of our annual fundraiser: Everest Day, which is held on the 29 May. Get involved to celebrate Ed's Himalayan legacy and the lasting relationship between Nepal and New Zealand.

Trek with us:
Join our treks to the Everest Region — exploring the beauty of the Himalayas, the warmth of Sherpa culture and the impact of our work.

Leave a legacy/Bequests:
By remembering the Himalayan Trust in your will, you will enable us to continue Sir Ed's legacy of helping the people of Nepal for generations to come. Contact fundraise@himalayantrust.org

Regular giving:
Our founder, Ed Hillary wrote in his will: "I declare that I have had a full life with much happiness and a share of sadness. I have little cause for complaint. If however some people in New Zealand feel I have made some contribution to the prestige of my country then they could best demonstrate this by continuing modest support to the Himalayan People I have worked with for so many years".

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Charities Registration:
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