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Executive Director's Report

Dear Friends,
COVID-19 has caused us all major health-related and financial hardships since the beginning of the year, and its threat continues to adversely affect our collective physical and economic health beyond 2020.

In consideration, this year's Annual Herb Paterson Golf Tournament which was re-scheduled to August 31st, and our plans for a Gala Dinner and Auction fundraiser in November must be further suspended to a 'safer' period in 2021. The launch of our new Spring Event 'Night In Nepal' rescheduled to September 11, must also be moved to next year. More details to follow in a separate note.

In lieu of our 2020 fundraising events we must count on you, our supporters, more than at any time in our history, for financial assistance by any means you are comfortable donating!! New donors are also welcome! We ask the Help of everyone who can, to HELP US HELP OUR SHERPA FRIENDS. Your contributions mean so much more as we all face COVID-19.



COVID-19 Report – The Zeke O'Connor School, Phaplu

As of May 22, 2020. The country of Nepal is still under lockdown. The number of COVID cases reported for Nepal is rapidly increasing as testing becomes available.

The Zeke O'Connor High School and the primary school remain closed. Teachers returned to their families when the lockdown began and the transportation system throughout the country - by land or air is shut down. The students are unable to continue studies in any way because of poor internet service. However, the teachers have reached out to the parents with ideas on how to keep the students prepped and ready for the country wide exams which were postponed before the pandemic but will happen when school resumes.

As always, the spirits are hopeful in Phaplu. Our contact, Ngima Tendup advises that our school will regroup quickly when allowed to do so, and that the students will happily return to their studies!

COVID-19 Report – Kunde Hospital and Phaplu Hospital

As of June 5, 2020, there were no cases of COVID-19 reported in the Khumbu Region. The region is currently in strict lock-down mode. Kunde hospital is now equipped with 100 sets of PPE and COVID-19 related prevention materials.

One suspected patient in Phaplu hospital was tested positive and Phaplu hospital was sealed for two weeks. One doctor is assigned to operate the emergency section while the rest of the hospital staff are still in a self quarantine situation.

In Nepal, the rate of infection and fatality is unfortunately rising fast. Nepal now has more than 2,700 cases, 11 deaths, more than 20,000 people are in quarantine and 300 plus people have recovered from the infection. We will continue to update you as the information becomes available.

On behalf of our Board of Directors and The SEHF Associates, I thank all who help us now and in the past! Please stay safe!

Namaste,

Founder, Past President & Executive Director

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