

Sonoma & Nepal Architects Collaborate On Hospital Design

Phect-NEPAL, a collaborative partner with Children's Medical Aid Foundation (CMAF) united to provide impoverished Nepalese with access to quality health care. In Nepal there is **1 doctor for 18,000 people and 1 nurse for 4,000 people** with the majority concentrated in city centers, such as Kathmandu.



Free quality healthcare is not available in most rural areas. Thousands live without basic medical care while depending on traditional healing methods of Shamans, Buddhist Lamas and folk medicine. Primitive methods of treatment result in pain, disability and despair. In remote areas a Buddhist Lama will sometimes use fire to “cure” a wound, often leaving a patient with a third degree burn. Medieval maternity practices create severe mother and child risks. An old wives tale directs mothers to rub cow dung on the end of the umbilical cord after delivery.

Children's Medical Aid Foundation celebrates five successful years of working side-by-side with Public Health Concern Trust (Phect-NEPAL) improving lives of children with disfiguring birth defects. This project continues as we grow to take on new challenges. Phect-NEPAL is now a collaborative partner with CMAF building a 50 bed hospital to serve a population of 300,000 in Itahari, Nepal. We are in the development stage with **STRATA a/p, a Bay Area architectural firm and Vastukala Paramarsha, a Nepal architectural firm** working together on design and implementation. Children's Medical Aid Foundation believes that all people independent of caste, religion or political affiliation have the right to a healthy and fulfilling life.

Access to affordable and quality healthcare is essential for wellbeing, reducing poverty, and realizing this entitlement.

