

EPSA-NEPAL

NEWSLETTER

EMPOWERING LIVES WITH SKILL, SUPPORT
AND SOLIDARITY

2024/2025

With the generous support of **ABILIS Nepal**, we successfully conducted the second round of our Rug Weaving and Felt Item Production Training Program. This time, 15 new participants trained in rug weaving and 20 in felt production. Their dedication and creativity culminated in a proud graduation ceremony, marking another step forward in vocational empowerment for persons with disabilities.

GRADUATION OF SECOND BATCH: RUG WEAVING AND FELT PRODUCTION TRAININGS

LABOUR DAY CELEBRATION AT KARNOR: A DAY OF JOY AND UNITY

Our annual Labour Day program was hosted at **Karnor**, bringing together all our weavers for a vibrant day filled with dancing, games and laughter. It was more than a celebration, it was a reminder that we all are members of the community.

EDUCATIONAL SPONSORSHIP FOR WEAVER'S CHILDREN

Thanks to the unwavering support of **VEREIN Surya**, two children of our weavers have received educational sponsorship. This support is not just an investment in their future but also a testament to how our partners are building brighter paths for entire families.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership.



WASHROOM RENOVATION PROJECT: ACCESSIBILITY FOR ALL

With heartfelt thanks to **Michael Kloeters**, our shared washroom facilities at EPSA-Nepal have undergone a full renovation, making them fully accessible to members with all forms of disability. This upgrade has positively impacted the lives of over 20 resident members, significantly enhancing daily comfort and independence.



SECOND FLOOR CONSTRUCTION PLAN: EXPANDING OUR FAMILY

We are excited to share our vision of constructing a second floor at EPSA-Nepal to house 12 more members and offer a leisure space for all. This dream is being realised with the contributions of Master Hueiguang Shi, VEREIN Surya, and Ten friends who believe in growing our safe, inclusive community.

KIVO Volunteer Exchange

We were thrilled to host volunteers from **KIVO Japan**, who brought energy, color and compassion to our home. During their time with us, the volunteers painted the walls of our facility, bringing brightness and a fresh, welcoming environment for all our members.



A HEARTWARMING VISIT: TEN FRIENDS AT EPSA

We had the pleasure of hosting **Mark, Bruce, Marie, Monica and some students** at our home recently. Their visit not only uplifted our spirits but also came with incredible support and sponsorship:

- A resilient burn survivor, Bikash who used to work as a bus assistant to support himself is now pursuing his Bachelor's degree, turning adversity into ambition and hope for a better future.
- Saluja, one of our members, has long struggled with severe seizures,. Thanks to this timely medical support, she now has access to the care she needs.



We extend our deepest gratitude to Master Hueiguang Shi, whose generous contribution has played the most vital role in bringing our vision to life. Thank you for believing in our mission of a safe, inclusive community.

CSR COLLABORATION WITH HITACHI: HEALTH AND LIVELIHOOD SUPPORT

We're proud to announce our second partnership with Hitachi through their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative. This collaboration focuses on improving livelihood opportunities and hygiene standards for our members, strengthening both well-being and dignity.



DASHAIN GIFTS FROM ANNELIES: DRESSES FOR ALL

The festival of Dashain was made extra special thanks to Annelies and family, who gifted a beautiful new dress to each of our members. Her thoughtful gesture brought smiles and festive cheer to our entire home.

A NOTE ON RECENT CHALLENGES AND A CALL FOR CONTINUED SUPPORT

Due to the recent nationwide protests in Nepal, several of our planned collaborations with government agencies have been delayed or restricted, affecting the pace of some of our ongoing and upcoming initiatives.

While these external circumstances are beyond our control, our commitment to our members remains unwavering. In these uncertain times, we are once again turning to the strength of our supporters, partners and friends. Your continued encouragement, contributions and advocacy are more vital than ever.

Together, we can overcome these hurdles and keep building a more inclusive, dignified future for all.

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