

THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC HAS MADE OUR WORK MORE ESSENTIAL THAN EVER



Like you, the Hospice Nepal Team are concerned about the impact coronavirus is having on our lives and the world around us.

In the UK and New Zealand, we are lucky to be living in countries with robust health services and significant medical resources. Most of us are able to self-isolate in our own homes and care for ourselves and each other.

However, families in Nepal have no way of protecting themselves and their children with their limited access to health care. As we face this global pandemic, the work of Hospice Nepal has never been more critical.

Throughout the Covid-19 pandemic, Hospice Nepal, with its small 8-bed in-patient care unit, has remained committed to delivering specialist palliative care to those in need right across Kathmandu and its rural area.

Earlier this year we were about to launch our fundraising campaign to rebuild Hospice Nepal on a new site. For twenty years, the Hospice has been struggling with limited resources. It desperately needs more beds, a unit for children and a teaching facility where doctors, nurses and associated healthcare workers can receive training in palliative care.

Since the Covid-19 outbreak started, we have had to adapt our strategy, working with our partners from around the world to do everything possible to reach families that need our help but, right now, we urgently need your support.

Our multidisciplinary teams are currently caring for many patients and families within their own homes and in our Inpatient Unit. However, during the lockdown the way we deliver care has had to change to ensure the safety of our patients, their families, our own staff and our wider community.

Your strength, belief and passion for our cause will help us to continue to provide the highest level of specialist palliative care now and into the future.

While this situation has been challenging for us all, we are keenly aware that there are challenging times ahead. As the coronavirus takes its toll, the demand for our already over-stretched services is set to increase. As a charity, we rely heavily on the generosity and support of the public and of our wonderful supporters - who help fund the overwhelming majority of our care. Yet, sadly, in light of the current situation, many of our planned fundraising events and activities cannot go ahead over the coming months.

We therefore ask as a matter of urgency for you to donate what you can to the project so that we protect both the existing and future programmes.

Please keep an eye on our website, our Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages as we update you on our plans.