

PROJECT PROPOSAL

Nangi Rural Healthcare Center

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1. Summary

The Center for Rural Healthcare & Telemedicine was established in 2016 under Public Health Concern Trust, Nepal. The sole purpose of CRHT is to reach the unreachable. With this mission, the first project undertaken by CRHT is the Nangi Rural Healthcare Center in Myagdi. This project has been established to some extent with support from Give2Asia Foundation. However, much more needs to be done in terms of making it fully functional. Therefore this proposal has been submitted to further improve the existing condition of Nangi Rural Healthcare Center. The requested support is an amount of NRs. 26, 30,000.00 (Twenty six lakhs and thirty thousand only).

2. Introduction

Public Health Concern Trust, Nepal (pfect-NEPAL) is a secular, non-political, not-for-profit, national level non-government organization committed to improving the health sector in Nepal. The organization was established in 1991 with a mission “To build a society with healthy individuals”. Pfect-NEPAL strongly advocates that every individual has a right to health and therefore strive to provide a better and affordable health care services to people in both urban as well as rural areas of Nepal.

The organization serves the sick through two tertiary care hospitals in the capital, Kathmandu Model Hospital (KMH) and Kirtipur Hospital (KH) while in the academic sector, the organization runs Kathmandu Model Hospital School of Oral Health (KAMHSOH) and Kathmandu Model Hospital School of Nursing (KAMHSON). Through these various institutions, pfect-NEPAL runs a number of services and programs at community level to reach out to those people who are deprived of medical care, provide mass awareness on

health issues and also provide counseling and other services as per the need of the communities. Recently in 2016, it established the Center for Rural Healthcare & Telemedicine with the purpose to extend its services in the remote and rural areas of Nepal. CHRT has already been working in Myagdi with its unique model designed to provide healthcare facilities to the hard to reach population deprived of basic medical services. Utilizing the innovations in science and technology with support from Dr. Mahabir Pun, CHRT intends to provide its healthcare services by using telemedicine and infrastructure with an MDGP, medical officers and other healthcare personnel in its hub station in Nangi. This team of doctors will also be rotating to smaller stations located in the periphery of the main hub station.

3. Needs/Problems

The basic infrastructure at Nangi has been established with support from Give2Asia Foundation. This rural healthcare center at present has the human resources as well as some equipment to provide healthcare services in this remote setup. However in order to provide the better services, we further need additional equipments and other medical/surgical supplies.

The geographical and demographic realities pose several challenges in healthcare both from public health and clinical perspectives. Relatively small 'vote bank' makes these places less important for the politicians, small 'sample sizes' make academicians and public health experts less interested in these mountains and, of course, for-profit health industry in private sector obviously will not be willing to make investments in these rural areas. Thus, the health needs of these people have not been addressed properly. Although the population of our target area is nominal, our main aim is to provide healthcare services to those sparsely populated area because every individual has the right to basic healthcare irrespective of the remoteness of the locality they chose to live.

4. Goals/Objectives

In order to strengthen the services in Nangi Rural Healthcare Center, the following are our main goals:

- Goal 1 - Provide X-ray prints to patients:

The Center is equipped with a CR Xray machine. However, patients in the rural area have often been requesting for a copy for them to take home or to other healthcare centers. So far digital images were taken and sent to pfect-NEPAL Kathmandu Model Hospital Department of Radiology for referral.

- Goal 2 – Provide medical/surgical supplies and stock up lab and pharmacy consumables

The Nangi Rural Healthcare Center is being operated as a Not-for-profit institution. Consumables that are purchased at nominal costs turn out to be expensive to CRHT due to transportation costs. Despite this, the center has been providing all its services at the low costs understanding the economic condition of the target area.

- Goal 3 – Develop patient waiting area and furnishings

During the construction of Nangi Rural Healthcare Center, focus was only towards the basic infrastructure. This part was basically overlooked.

5. Budget

The proposed costs and budget of the project is as follows:

	Description of Work	Estimated Cost
Goal One	X-Ray Printer	6,30,000.00
Goal Two	Medical/Surgical Supplies and lab consumables	5,00,000.00
Goal Three	Renovation of patient waiting area	15,00,000.00
	Total	NRs. 26,30,000.00

6. Key Personnel

The key person involved in this project:

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