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**Sent:** Sunday, April 21, 2019 10:57 PM  
**To:** Julia Shepardson  
**Cc:** 'Dr. Saroj Dhital'  
**Subject:** RE: Nangi Rural Health Care proposal

Dear Julia,

Greetings from pfect-NEPAL!

This is Puja. Dr. Dhital has asked me to respond to your email regarding our Nangi Healthcare Project.

Thank you very much for your reviewing our proposal. This is in response to your queries. We have tried to all of the questions and if I am not clear please feel free to write to me.

- How long will the requested supplies last?

As the cost of these supplies will be recovered, they will not be completely depleted. The request for the laboratory and pharmaceutical supplies is to strengthen these two departments. Despite its remote location, we are providing the services at a minimal costs. Yes, we do charge for the medicines and lab service but it is at a decent rate. When supplies are scarce and not available in nearby areas like Beni and Pokhara, the transportation costs turns out to be more expensive than the cost of the supplies. However, we have still been providing them at low costs.

Also, part of this fund will be allocated for providing lab tests and medicines to the poor and the need from that vicinity. This will be done free of charge.

- What is the expected life span of the requested x-ray printer? And how will it be maintained?

According to the vendor and specifications, the requested printer will last for at least 5 years on standard operation. With less number of patients, it will last longer depending on the patient flow. Our initial plan for this healthcare center was only for a digital imaging system since we are working more and more aggressively into telemedicine and the recent advancement in digital technology in radiology. However, a majority of our patients prefer to have a printout that they can carry when they go out to other centers and also to feel that some report has been dispatched to them. Thus, our working experience made us request for an X-ray printer for the satisfaction of our patients.

The maintenance for this machine will be covered for a period of 1 year by the vendor. After that it will be maintained with the help of technicians available in Beni and Pokhara, the nearest places from Nangi.

- Is the Nepal Govt helping with supplies and medicines?

Not from the federal government but we are in a meaningful relation with the local and provincial government and they are very positive. You might be aware of the problems in the implementation of the federal system in our country. Once things are in place, we are hopeful that they will also help us with the supplies and medicines.

- Is the Nepal Government helping with the staffing costs in Nangi?

Partially yes. Let me explain that our “Nangi Healthcare Center” is actually designed as the “headquarter” of our experimental healthcare model. We are working together with the government owned health centers in Annapurna rural municipality. The staff in health posts from villages like Ramche, Aula, Shikha , Saliya and Paudwar have been all been working together. These health posts only have healthcare assistants and they are in regular contact with our MDGR and Medical officers in Nangi and are working together as a team to improve the health conditions in Annapurna rural municipality. Although a direct support for the staffing costs has not been discussed with the Government, we are providing the services with the help of Dr. Mahabir Pun’s network.

If there are any more questions, please let me know.

Thank you!  
Warm regards,  
Dr. Puja Lama