

Full Legal Organization Name	America Nepal Medical Foundation
City/Town/Village	USA
District	USA
Social Welfare Council (SWC)	Not Registered
Contact Person	Sangita Basnet
Title	Pediatric fundamental critical care support course
Organization Mission Statement	Advancing Healthcare in Nepal
Brief Description of Organization	America Nepal Medical Foundation (ANMF) was established in 1997 by a group of Nepalese doctors, originally from Nepal, and American doctors who loved Nepal with the mission to help in advancing health care in Nepal. To achieve this goal, ANMF has supported various training programs, research, patient focused projects, and infrastructure development.
Project Title	Pediatric Fundamental Critical Care Support Course
Project Location	Patan Hospital, Kathmandu, Nepal
Total Project Budget	\$1580
Grant Amount Requested	\$1580
Conversion Rate	\$1 = NPR 114
Project Start Date	Apr 28, 2020
Project End Date	Apr 29, 2020
Social Welfare Council (SWC)	Not Applied For
Project Approval Proposal Summary	<p>This is a request for \$1580 to conduct the Pediatric Fundamental Critical Care Support Course (PFCCS) in Nepal on April 28-29, 2020.</p> <p>This year PFCCS course is a pre-congress workshop that will be conducted just prior to the biennial conference (NEPCON) of the Nepal Pediatric Society (NEPAS).</p>
Statement of Need and Background	<p>With improving mortality rates and preventive measures, the general burden of critical illness is increasing in Nepal. The demand and need for well-trained critical care staff is also increasing. However, like most developing countries, pediatric ICU (PICU) physicians in Nepal are not fellowship trained. Instead, their PICUs rely on general pediatricians to function at the level of an intensivist. That's a difficult task for someone without adequate training, and leaves an area to improve upon.</p> <p>PFCCS</p>

PFCCS is a 2 full day course developed by the Society of Critical Care Medicine (SCCM) as a resource for those interested in learning to recognize critical illness and care for the critically ill pediatric patient in the absence of an intensivist. The course, that is licensed by SCCM, and its companion text serve as valuable education tools. After attending the course and completing the requirements, the participants receive a PFCCS Provider Certificate from SCCM.

PFCCS in Nepal

We have conducted the course in Nepal for the past 4 years now. It has been well received by the 114 pediatricians who have been trained so far. Several faculty travel from the United States to teach this course on a voluntary basis. They pay for their own flight and logistics in Nepal. We have also trained local faculty, 3 of whom are instructors of PFCCS recognized by the SCCM.

We partner with the Nepal Pediatric Society (NEPAS) and Patan Academy of Health Sciences (PAHS), Patan Hospital. In fact, NEPAS recognized the need for the annual course and approached us to conduct it under its banner. NEPAS recruits and registers participants and helps with local logistics. Patan Hospital is the venue where the 2-day course is held every year.

ANMF (ERC Project)

ANMF has supported this project as it's own education project (an ERC project) for the past 2 years. We would like to submit this application to request funding support to conduct this course April 28-29, 2020. In the past ANMF has purchased the license and books directly from SCCM. SCCM then sends the book to Nepal from its headquarters in Illinois.

Population Served:

Anticipated number of healthcare professionals attending the course: 30

What are the goals of the program?

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The ultimate goal of this program is to improve the care of critically ill children in Nepal by training Nepalese pediatricians. We also want to emphasize the importance of group collaboration and team work that is an integral part of this course.

1. Provide a fun, 2-day, Pediatric Critical Care course that not only advances medical knowledge and skills, but also reinforces educational concepts through case-based learning and simulation.
2. Continue this recurring course to physicians who care for many children but lack formalized curriculum/training in pediatric critical care.
3. Create a self-sufficient educational model by training Nepalese instructors who can teach/direct subsequent courses; thereby making them independent of external (international) teachers.
4. Reinforce a long-term educational/clinical partnership based in trust, compassion, and substantive education.
5. Ultimately, provide better care to the Nepalese community by advancing local medical knowledge and clinical skills.

How will you evaluate success or failure for each goal?

Evaluation of the course

1. There is a pretest and a post test that is a requirement to complete this course.
2. A minimum of 70% on the post test is required of all participants to pass the course and become a provider.
3. Passing the course on the first attempt by all participants confirms the success of course.
4. Improved collegiality amongst participating physician trainees and faculty members.
5. A minimum of (but not limited to) 2 local physicians who successfully complete the training course and serve as course instructors within the next 1 year; with at least 1 local physician becoming a course director within the next 1 year.
6. Feedback from each participant to ensure that future courses continue to serve this community's needs well.