

HEALTHABITAT / CHDS VILLAGE SANITATION PROJECT, NEPAL

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Anna is an architect by training. She joined the Center for Sustainable Urban Development at the Earth Institute at Columbia University, New York in May 2012. Previously she was Associate Professor in the Faculty of Architecture, Design and Planning at the University of Sydney. A member of the UN Millennium Project Task Force on Improving the Lives of Slum Dwellers (2002-04), she initiated Global Studio (www.theglobalstudio.com), an action research project to assist urban professionals to work effectively with the urban poor. Working with academic partners, local government and NGOs, the programme has attracted over 600 students, academics and professionals from 66 universities in over 30 countries to its programmes in Istanbul, Vancouver, Johannesburg and Bhopal. She recently received a SAPPI Ideas that Matter grant for 'People Building Better Cities: Participation and Inclusive Urbanisation'. This travelling exhibition will go to 12 cities in six countries, with the aim of raising awareness of participatory planning and design.



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Kabir is a senior lecturer at the Department of Architecture, BRAC University, Bangladesh. Since 2005, he has been active in facilitating design studios for community-led housing projects. He has also been working on disaster resilient housing projects in Bangladesh and Haiti. After receiving a Bachelor in Architecture from Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology in 2000, he worked as a project architect for two years. He also worked in participatory action research projects for developing building-for-safety options in different flood-prone rural areas of Bangladesh. He obtained an M.Arch in Landscape Design from the University of Sheffield, UK in 2004. As a landscape architect, he provides consultation to various landscape projects. In 2003 he took a postgraduate course in 'Organised Self-help Housing, Planning and Management' organised by Lund University, Sweden and FUPROVI, Costa Rica. His research and practice focus on 'Ecological Landscape' and 'Aesthetics/Ethics of Housing and Development.'



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Dhendup completed a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from North Eastern Hill University, India in 2009. Soon after completion of his studies, he was selected to attend the BPO skills training programme which was held at Infosys, Mysore in 2009. He worked at the Bhutan Power Corporation as an intern for four months. Since 2010, he has been working at the Tarayana Foundation as a Programme Officer, managing a project area under the Tarayana Foundation Head Office. He is responsible for managing the project, monitoring, micro-credit and also web designing. He was trained in Social Mobilisation, Business Plan for Enterprise Promotion supported by the Japan fund for poverty reduction through the Asian Development Bank from 21st -24th December 2011 in Paro and trained in Team Building, Leadership, Innovation and Challenges by Focus Adventure, India. He is also a focal person for sanitation and hygiene. He attended the SACOSAN IV conference in Sri Lanka in 2011, which was held to discuss issues of water, sanitation and hygiene in South Asian countries.



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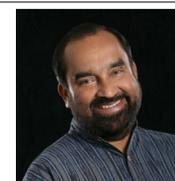
Kavneet works in the Communication Solutions Branch of Development Alternatives (DA) as Executive – Communication. Her areas of focus are the Habitat programme, where she works extensively on basin-South Asia platform activities, and the WATSAN programme, where she coordinates two projects. The first project focuses on advocacy around the issue of Household Water Treatment and Safe Storage in the slums of Delhi, including schools. The second project focuses on Installation of Water Filters and Construction in 100 schools in India. Both projects also focus on the behavioural change issues that are considered to be an important aspect in bringing change at the practice level in these communities. Kavneet has a Postgraduate Degree in Resource Management and Design Application with specialisation in Environment Management and Sustainable Development from Lady Irwin College (Delhi University). She also has a Diploma in Environmental Law and Management from the Indian Law Institute, New Delhi. Having worked in a CSR foundation as well as at DA, she brings a good combination of community level exposure along with management and thematic know how.



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Joe is the Founder and Executive Director of Gram Vikas, working in the eastern coastal state of Orissa in India since 1979 in water and sanitation, renewable energy, education and environmental interventions. Gram Vikas uses water and sanitation for 100 per cent inclusive growth for all people. Its Rural Health and Environment Programme was a recipient of the World Habitat Award in 2003. At present, Gram Vikas is working in over 1,200 villages with a population of over 400,000 people. Quite a large proportion of its constituency is comprised of indigenous people.



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Dev is a civil engineer with an advanced degree in Social Science and has more than a decade of practical experience in the development sector, particularly in civil engineering works such as water supply, sanitation and irrigation along with project monitoring in various districts of the country. He has been working with Practical Action Nepal Office for about five years and is involved in managing infrastructure development work as well as the overall management of projects, such as WASH (water, air, sanitation and hygiene) for urban dwellers, micro irrigation and community building. He previously worked in SAPPROS Nepal, a national NGO, for nearly 8 years as a district coordinator and was responsible for the overall management of the projects related to civil engineering works being carried out in mid- and far Western regions of Nepal.



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Mehrunissa is a Manager of the Built Environment Improvement Programme at the Aga Khan Planning and Building Service, Pakistan – an agency of the Aga Khan Development Network. She possesses over 12 years of professional experience in Social Mobilisation and Rural Development, primarily in the southern region of Pakistan. She is currently leading a number of built environment projects in Pakistan that are targeted towards the rural as well as urban communities. Her first degree was in Architecture and after three years of working as an Architect, she decided to enter the development sector as a Community Mobiliser. In 2009, she graduated from the University of Guelph in Canada with a Masters Degree in Rural Planning and Development. Mehrunissa hails from Tarr Khuwaja – a small village in Sindh, Pakistan and is the first female Architect and Community Development Professional in the area. Her areas of expertise are in Project Management, Community Development and Social Mobilisation.



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Qayum has a Bachelor's degree in civil engineering and a Master's degree from Canada in Planning (International Rural Planning and Development). He is currently heading the Building and Construction Improvement Programme (BACIP), which is operational in Northern parts of Pakistan and was a recipient of the World Habitat Award in 2006. He has been associated with BACIP since its inception in 1997. The Programme deals with housing-related issues, in particular cold, smoke, space planning, and earthquake resistance of the non-engineered housing units. BACIP has successfully introduced a range of thermal insulation techniques, fuel efficient and energy-efficient cook stoves and products. The programme has won more than six international awards including the Ashden Awards 2011, National Energy Globe Award 2008, Global Leadership Award 2009, PCIA Award and Alcan Prize jointly with WASEP (Water and Sanitation Extension Programme) for sustainability in 2005.



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Sumathie was a nursery teacher from 1997 to 2000 and has worked as a Social Mobiliser for a food security and sustainable development project funded by the Norwegian Embassy from 2008 until the present year. Sumathie has a diploma in sustainable agriculture from the Asian Rural Institute in Japan. She has work experiences in social mobilisation of plantation communities, CBO development, water supply, health and sanitation, capacity building for women, entrepreneurship development, home gardening demonstration and establishing good stakeholder relationships. She has knowledge of English and Sinhala languages and is able to undertake translation work in Sinhala.



Mr Chawanad Luansang

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Since 2001, Nad has been working as an architect with communities in Thailand and other countries in Asia to develop a process through which people can be main actors and participate in planning and design to find solutions for housing and community development. He works with the Asian Coalition for Housing Rights (ACHR) as an architect and has coordinated the Community Architect Network (CAN) in Asia since 2009.



Mr Peter Williams

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Peter is an architect and social entrepreneur who prioritises the link between housing and health as an important means for improving the lives of the world's poor. For over 10 years, he has worked on building projects on five continents and has taught at universities around the world. Peter holds two Masters degrees in African Studies and Architecture respectively from the University of Oxford and Columbia University, a first class honours degree from the City University of New York and a diploma from the University of Technology in Jamaica. Peter has received numerous awards for research including the Kinne Fellowship from Columbia University that led him to form ARCHIVE. He has also been a visiting researcher at the UNAIDS Secretariat in South Africa and has worked for the World Bank. In 2009, Peter was named among the 22 best emerging social entrepreneurs in the world by Echoing Green and in 2011 he was recognised as one of London's '40 under 40 International Development Leaders' by Devex. In the same year, Utne Reader also named him among the '25 visionaries who are changing the world'. Peter is a Fellow of the Royal Society for Public Health, a member of the American Public Health Association and lectures widely on architecture, public health and international development.



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Diane is the Director of the Building and Social Housing Foundation and is a qualified urban planner and company secretary. She has published widely in housing related areas and represents the United Kingdom on the European Liaison Committee for Social Housing (CECODHAS Housing Europe). In addition to her work at BSHF, Diane acts in a voluntary capacity as a trustee of a regional rural housing association, a regional homeless charity and a local charity addressing issues of domestic violence. She is a fellow of the RSA.



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Jelly is a Research Officer within the International Programmes team at the Building and Social Housing Foundation (BSHF). Born and raised in the Philippines, she has an undergraduate degree in Sociology and worked for four years in the private sector in the Philippines and China. With a keen interest in climate change and sustainable development, she pursued an MSc degree in Environmental Governance at Albert-Ludwigs Universität Freiburg, Germany. She worked as an intern with GTZ-Mekong River Commission in Laos on integrating climate change adaptation and watershed management. She also worked in Vietnam for two years with a local NGO in raising public awareness of environmental issues and sustainability. Her current research follows the themes of energy efficiency in housing, housing-health linkages, and climate displacement.



Mr Jeff Standen

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Jeff is the Manager of the Aboriginal Environmental Health Unit for New South Wales Health, Australia.

He has led an environmental health team within a state government, to manage the Housing for Health programme in NSW (Australia's most populous state) for over 10 years. The Housing for Health programme is often a starting point for Jeff's team to work with Indigenous communities on a wide range of health projects. He initiated and completed an independent health review on the Housing for Health work showing a 40 per cent reduction in hospital separations for environmentally related illnesses for people living in houses improved by the Housing for Health programme.



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Sandra is a public health dentist working mostly in rural and remote Aboriginal communities in Australia. Her experiences include the establishment of new partnership dental programmes in remote areas, training local staff, and developing resources to support dental professionals in remote clinical practice. For the last 12 years, she has worked on dental projects in Nepal and East Timor, focussing on community-based clinical and prevention programmes that are managed by local staff. Her involvement in general health has now extended to the development and coordination of a village sanitation project in rural Nepal.



Mr Bishnu Shrestha
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Bishnu manages all of the programmes of the Community Health Development Society (CHDS). He supervises the administration and finance section and provides approval for all requisitions, purchases and financial transactions. He also manages all aspects of planning, implementation, mentoring, monitoring and evaluation of the programmes. Bishnu provides programme information and conducts programme orientation events with the CHDS construction team, village committees, selected families and traders. He conducts field visits to maintain the quality of sanitation work and advises the team as needed. He also runs a dental programme that provides dental services both in community camps and static clinic. He prepares programme reports quarterly, semi-annually and annually and presents them to the programme supporters and donor organisations.



Mr Jaya Mangal Baidy
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Jaya manages the day to day admin work of CHDS, purchases necessary supplies as requested and keeps logistical updates. He is also responsible for the arrangement of vehicles for the programme and admin work as required and develops relations with government offices and officers and other stakeholders.



Ms Punam Kayastha
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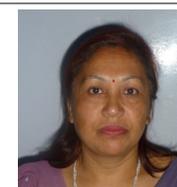
Punam manages the accounts of CHDS Nepal and prepares all necessary documents to pay to the traders. She presents and updates the team regarding the account status every month as well as preparing salaries and making payments for the staff as per the implemented rules of CHDS Nepal. Punam also provides support in the dental camps and static clinic as required and prepares the financial reports of the CHDS programmes, which are submitted to the programme coordinator prior to being submitted to programme supporters and donor organisations.



Ms Gita Devi Shrestha
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Gita provides health information and education to the families benefiting from the sanitation programme as required and checks the vital signs of the dental clients prior to performing dental services. She provides quality control on equipment processing, keeps the patients' records and receives their payments for the services provided by the static clinic. She also prepares the clinical service data and supports the programme coordinator on preparing reports. She is in charge of requesting and storing all of the necessary medicine as well as keeping the medicine records.



Ms Renu Thapa

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Renu supports the admin officer in the procurement process and other admin work and manages petty cash to run day to day office operations. She also supports and assists the dental service provider in the dental camp and clinic, keeping the area clean and in good condition. Renu assists the medical staff nurse as required and prepares all of the supplies for day to day clinical services.



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Sabita keeps the office clean, processes and sterilises used equipment, manages laundries as required and provides support in all kinds of day to day work of the organisation.

