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## ➤ THIRD ANNUAL K-PALS NETWORKING EVENT

We are thrilled to announce the **Third Annual Networking Event of Kioch Partners of America, K-PALS Inc.**, taking place on Saturday, **September 7th, 2024**, at Puritan Center in New Hampshire. This year's theme, "Global minds, local hearts: Bridging gaps with technology and compassion" beautifully captures our shared vision of making a meaningful impact through innovation and empathy. The K-PALS third annual networking event aims to foster collaboration, share insights, and strengthen our collective mission. We believe that our mission is made stronger through collaboration and shared purpose.

Join us to connect with fellow leaders and organizations dedicated to philanthropy and healthcare. This event offers an invaluable opportunity to work together towards better healthcare for children in Nepal and beyond.

Mark your calendars, and we look forward to seeing you on September 7th!

### Event Details:

- **Date:** Saturday, September 7th, 2024
- **Venue:** Puritan Center, New Hampshire
- **Theme:** Global minds, local hearts: Bridging gaps with technology and compassion

If you're in Damak or Kathmandu, please stop by to meet our wonderful team. We'll be delighted to show you the progress .



## ➤ **OPENING OF THE "HEARING CENTER"**

AT KIOCH-DAMAK CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL.

We are thrilled to announce the opening of the "Hearing Center" at KIOCH-Damak Children's Hospital. This center is dedicated to ensuring that every child, regardless of age, can have their hearing checked and cared for.

This initiative is made possible through the joint efforts of the Wilde Ganzen Foundation, the Netherlands, Kind en Oor (Bachha ra Kaan), the Netherlands, the Warm Nest Foundation, the Netherlands and the Karuna Foundation Nepal. Their support has been essential in bringing this service to our community.

At the Ear and Hearing Center, children can receive comprehensive hearing assessments, including initial screening and detailed confirmatory tests. If further medical management or surgery is required, we are here to provide those services as well.

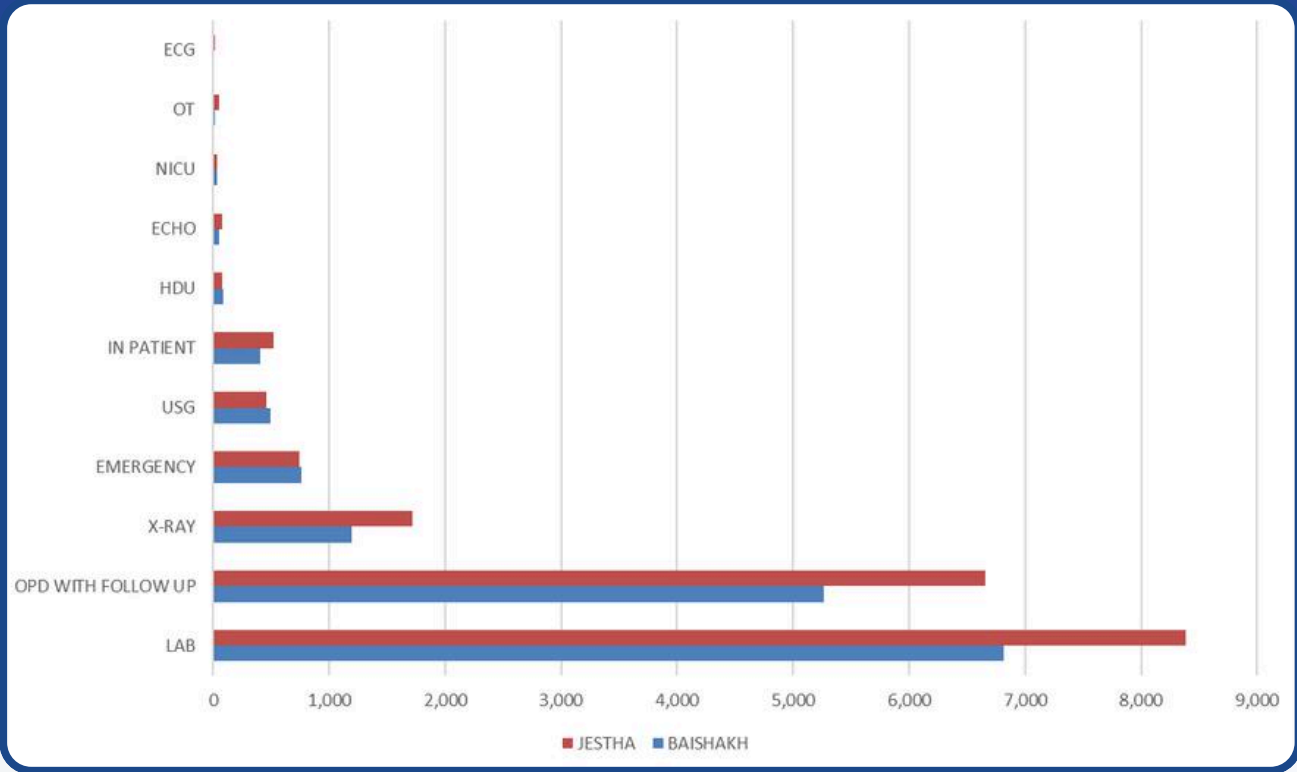
Our goal is to ensure that every child has the opportunity to hear and communicate effectively, enhancing their quality of life and future opportunities. We are committed to providing the best care possible.

Thank you for your support and trust. We look forward to serving the children and families in our community with dedication and care.

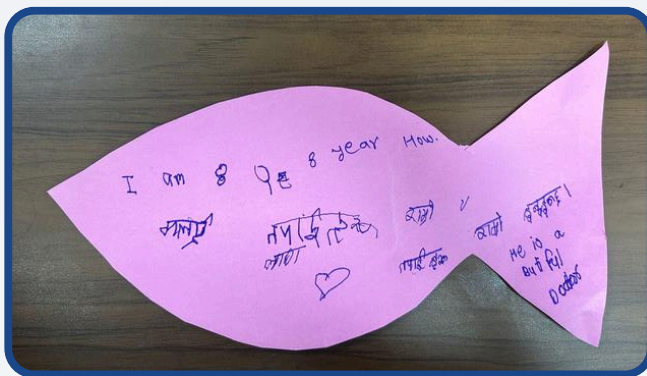


## ▶ LATEST DATA FROM KDCH

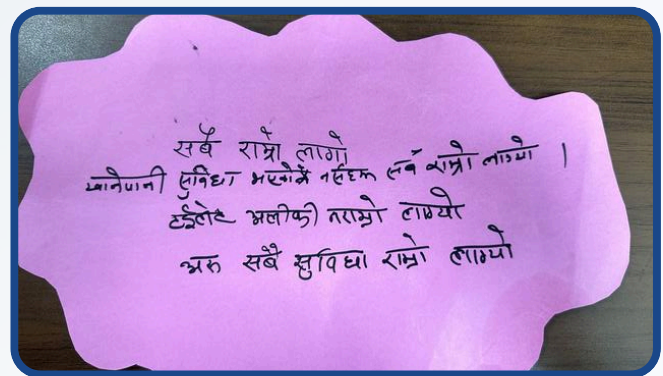
### DATA FROM 2081 BAISHAKH TO 2081 JESTHA



## ▶ PATIENT FEEDBACK



“ I am 8 years old now. I like you all very much. He is a beautiful doctor



“ I like everything here. Nurses, drinking water. Toilet facility is not so good. All other facilities are nice and I like it.



## ➤ RECENT SUCCESS STORY

### FROM DOUBTER TO BELIEVER!

#### POST-CPR STATUS: GOING HOME

A preterm baby delivered at Panchtar Hospital received CPR during delivery and again at our hospital's ER. The baby stayed on a ventilator for 4 days. The post-extubation course was complicated by a complete collapse of the right lung and other issues. The NICU team never gave up hope (bronchoscopy was not possible according to the pediatric intensivist) and improvised the management. Finally, the baby is going home today after a 22-day hospital stay. Neurologically, the baby is fine.

P.S. The child received 100% free treatment under the Koshi scheme.



## ➤ K-PALS TEAM MEMBERS VISIT TO KIOCH SITE

On their recent visit to the Kathmandu Institute of Child Health (KIOCH), the K-Pals team members were filled with hope as they witnessed the significant progress in the construction of the KIOCH- Kathmandu Children's Hospital. The K-Pals team expressed their optimism for the hospital's future, envisioning the tremendous impact it will have on children's healthcare in the country.





## ➤ **STAFF CORNER: DR. DILLI BHURTEL**

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT K-PALS



As the Coordinator of the Clinical Council and the PRERANA webinar course, Dr. Dilli Bhurtel, MBBS, DCH, MRCPCH, FAAP, has shown extraordinary dedication to supporting children's healthcare in Nepal. Serving as the Medical Director of the Fetal Cardiology Program at VCU, Dr. Bhurtel is also a member of the Board of Directors at K-PALS.

Dr. Bhurtel's belief in having "two homes but one heart" fuels his passion for aiding children with heart defects. He has been instrumental in inspiring pediatricians and healthcare workers, raising funds, and enhancing the quality of care through KiOCH hospitals. His efforts in organizing educational webinars and promoting collaboration among healthcare professionals have significantly advanced pediatric healthcare in Nepal.

Dr. Bhurtel's unwavering commitment and leadership are pivotal in driving the mission of providing top-notch healthcare to all children, regardless of where they are born.

We are incredibly grateful to have Dr. Bhurtel on our board and as an active voice for child healthcare in Nepal. Despite his busy schedule, he consistently volunteers his time and expertise to improve and promote healthcare in Nepal, demonstrating his unwavering commitment to this cause.





## DONOR UPDATES

### **DONATION RECEIVED FROM THE LION'S CLUB DAMAK UNITED**

Children are enjoying the tricycle ride at KIOCH-Damak Children's Hospital despite their illness as they visit their doctors for treatment. We are grateful to the Lion's Club Damak United for the donation of a dozen tricycles to KIOCH-Damak Children's Hospital. We are hopeful that this gesture will be helpful to minimize stress for children during their visit or hospital stay.



### **DONATION FROM PARENTS OF K-PALS'S PRESIDENT**

Mr. Keshav Raj Kharel and Dr. Gita Kharel Shiwakoti, parents of Dr. Binita Kharel, President of KIOCH Partners of America (K-PALS), donated NPRs. 3,00,000 towards the construction of KIOCH-Kathmandu Children's Hospital.



### **DONATION FROM TWO ENTREPRENEURS**

KIOCH-Damak Children's Hospital received cash donations from two entrepreneurs for the running of hospital services. Mr. Laxman Shrestha and Mr. Arun Adhikari have provided a sum of NPR 2,50,000 and NPR 2,22,000 respectively.



### **AGREEMENT WITH SIDDHARTHA BANK LTD.**

KIOCH has signed an agreement with Siddhartha Bank Ltd. under their CSR to support child healthcare in Nepal. The bank has pledged NPR 10 million for the construction of KIOCH-Kathmandu Children's Hospital. Availing affordable and quality health care in the country is everyone's responsibility, and we would like to thank Siddhartha Bank for sharing this responsibility with us.





## A GLIMPSE INTO THE ONGOING CONSTRUCTION OF KIOCH-KATHMANDU CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL CONSTRUCTION SITE

In our monthly newsletters, we provide updates on the construction progress of KIOCH-Kathmandu Children's Hospital, highlighting milestones achieved and significant strides made.




**Rapid Progress:** We are delighted to inform you that there is a lot of progress in the construction of the KIOCH-Kathmandu Children's Hospital. The visible changes reflect the combined commitment and effort of our team.

**Continuous Work:** The dedicated team at KIOCH is tirelessly working day in and day out to bring the vision of KIOCH-Kathmandu Children's Hospital to reality. Their passion and dedication serve as a driving force, propelling the project forward and inching closer to the realization of the hospital's mission of providing top-notch pediatric care to the community.

Stay tuned for further updates as we progress towards the completion of KIOCH-Kathmandu Children's Hospital. Your support makes a positive impact on the lives of children in Nepal. Thank you for being a part of this meaningful journey.



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