



## Summary

The Children's Peace Home is situated amidst beautiful unspoilt countryside and fertile farmland in the small village of Parsa in the Dang valley, about 7km from the town of Ghorahi.

The Peace Home is a charitable initiative providing care, education, support and vocational training to underprivileged children in the Terai valley of Dang, Nepal. The children supported by the Peace Home include several orphans whose parents were killed as a result of the political conflict between the Maoist insurgents and government troops, while others are from impoverished families unable to support them and send them to school.

All the children in the Peace Home receive an education at the Hindu Vidyapeeth school in nearby Ghorahi, to which they are taken by school bus. Outside school the children receive support with their studies from residential Peace Home staff, a caring family environment, and additional vocational training and experience in skills that will enhance their future opportunities and sense of empowerment.

## Aims and Objectives

- To provide a high standard of education to children who would otherwise be denied the opportunity for any education at all.
- To improve the quality of life for children from impoverished families or those orphaned as a result of the recent political conflict.
- To empower children with vocational skills and an understanding of their own potential.
- To increase the children's opportunities for employment and further study, and to support them to achieve the best possible future.
- To engender in the children being supported a sense of responsibility towards and respect for society and their role within it.
- To encourage children to support other members of their communities when it is within their power to do so.
- To provide an example for other organizations and individuals seeking to improve the lives of the underprivileged or marginalised in society.

## Background

Unemployment in Dang is high, and many families live by subsistence farming alone. Many families are unable or unwilling to send their children to school, either because they need them to work on the family land, or because the books and uniform necessary for children to attend a government school are out of reach of the family's income.

The recent conflict between the government and Maoist rebels yielded casualties on both sides, resulting in a large number of orphans in the villages and towns throughout Nepal. These children are often overlooked by the government schooling system and receive very little support from their guardians or the government support program. The end result is that opportunities for the future are severely limited, and these children run the risk of growing up to become disenfranchised and resentful towards society.

The Peace Home aims to address every level of this problem, by providing such children with a supportive home, a full private school education, and additional vocational training and support to help them discover their potential and the way it can be used to better themselves and society.