

## **NEWSLETTER 2023**



#### Prof. Dr Sunil Kumar Sah

## Building Faces Building Futures Craniofacial Centre Nepal

Further work has been carried out at the CFC hospital. On the ground floor, completely surrounding the main entrance, on one side basic living facilities have been created for parents and carers whilst their children or other relatives are undergoing treatment. On the other side, outpatient consulting facilities have been built. This has freed up space within the original outpatient and reception areas to accommodate the new CT scanner and essential offices for support workers including our hospital manager.

An area on the third floor has been designated as living



quarters for



Santoshi, who now has three nursers/carers providing full time care and support.

On the fourth floor, the accommodation for visitors has been further upgraded, including installation of air conditioning. The top floor has been covered over and transformed into a lecture theatre. The outside of the hospital has been covered with weatherproofing, and given a rather smart and colourful covering, which looks

especially spectacular when lit up at night. All in all, the facilities are now quite spectacular, making this centre one of the most outstanding in the whole region.

## Story of Santoshi

Santoshi Saville, the baby born with a severe craniofacial deformity, amniotic band syndrome, will be two years old in January 2024. She had been at the very beginning of 2022. She was



taken into the hospital where they cared for her prior to being transferred a few weeks later to the Craniofacial Center. deposited in a dustbin a day or two after birth by her troubled parent.

As previously mentioned, her name "Santoshi" was given by nursing staff in the hospital and her last name "Saville" in honour of Danuta Saville, a very kind English lady who had heard of her plight and who has most generously undertaken to provide for all her care till she comes of an age when she can be independent.

She has had primary surgery at the CFC and major secondary surgery at the GSR Hospital in Hyderabad, India, a centre Future Faces have supported for the last 20 years, and which has become well known for expertise in cleft and craniofacial surgery.



#### The Ambulance

Future Faces was hugely indebted to Intouch Global Foundation for the very generous funding for our new ambulance. It has proved a great boon to our outreach health programmes, as well as being a very effective way of advertising our facility. Our support funding from Intouch Global Foundation came to an end in 2022. We are very grateful for all their wonderful support

The ambulance has enabled us to carry out regular outreach health camps as well as transport for our patients to the centre and transport for our personnel on official duties.







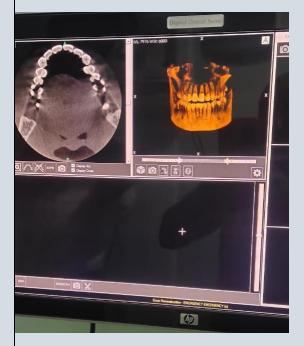
## **CT** Scanner



A new Cone beam CT scanner was donated to Future Faces. It is the first in the province. This amazing machine was purchased from New Street Dental Centre in Andover. The senior partner, Julian Chen, offered it to us at a price much lower than if we had purchased it on the open market. It was made possible with a magnificent donation from Mrs Danuta Saville. We are enormously grateful to both for their great generosity.

At the end of 2022, this machine arrived, in a number of boxes, at the Centre. It has been installed in a dedicated room on the ground floor next to the consulting rooms.

Through the use of this 3D scanner, we will be able to provide all sorts of additional services.





### **Outreach health programmes in Province 2**

The camps are now on a regular and firm footing, covering the entire province. On each, a surgeon, a dentist, a nurse and our liaison officer /social worker spend a day, or if they are at a greater distance from Janakpur, two days, working. We have developed a simple database, which collects demographic data, records activities carried out and identifies people who need



more specialised treatment at the centre. The arrival of the new ambulance has made a great difference to our service. Our outreach programme has improved, to find more patients with cleft lip and palate and cranial facial disfigurement. Craniofacial Centre has started free dental services to patients at leprosy hospital and their staff on a weekly basis.

#### School Screening Programme

In addition to camps, we also conduct school screening programmes in the nearby schools in Jankapurdham. Through this we aim to screen children for any craniofacial anomalies at a very young age so that they get the much-needed attention at soon as possible.







## **Surgical camps in 2023**

We started regular cleft surgeries at our new centre in 2022. We are very grateful to cleft/maxillofacial surgeons, for providing this service. It was a great start to this year. We have managed to provide care for 144 cases with cleft and craniofacial disfigurement. Most of the treatment given was free of cost including accommodation, food, and a few patients with transportation. We are aiming to have support from Smile Train



next year, it will help us to treat more cases. We are aiming to treat over 200



cases at a minimum next year. The way it has increased, we will be one of the largest Cleft and craniofacial treating center in Nepal. We have followed-up all our patients since 2017 on a regular basis. Revision cases of lip and palate have been identified by our door-todoor screening process and will be done in 2023.



## **Cleft School and Rehabilitation Centre**

The Cleft School project is a unique project in Nepal to support people with facial disfigurement. It is noted that 1 in 500 children or adults in Nepal have some form of facial disfigurement and that none of these people with facial disfigurement have achieved high position, for example, professionals, government employees, politicians or in media. It has shown that education is the prime factor.

It will be the first project in Nepal and is supported by Friends of Craniofacial Centre in the UK. This school will also provide home for children with facial disfigurement.





Eight acres of land has been donated by Janaki temple and approved by the municipal government. A detailed project report has been prepared and soil testing has been done for the construction of the building. We will now seek significant funding, hopefully from organisations such as UK Aid, to start this project. It is a great project, one which will be a great asset for the country.



#### **European Association for Craniomaxillofacial Surgery Scholarship MAXTRAIN**

Funding for this was agreed by the Council of the Association, primarily for development of services in Nepal, providing opportunities for Nepali trainees to spend time in European centres of excellence as well as to facilitate visitors by European surgeons to the Craniofacial Centre for the purpose of teaching. So far, no suitable candidate has been identified but we are ever hopeful.

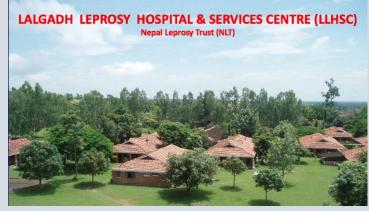
# BRANNGO Conference at the British Embassy, 22nd November 2023.

Britain and Nepal NGO Network (BRANNGO) successfully held a conference at the British Embassy in Kathmandu on 22nd November 2023 with the theme 'Strengthening collaborative links so UK NGOs can better help those in need in Nepal'. Our Trustee Prof. Sunil Sah attended the conference and presented about our work in Nepal. The conference was chaired by His Excellency the Ambassador, Mr. Rob Fenn who spoke about the importance of civil society as one of the bases for development and paid tribute David and Joanna Thomas for founding BRANNGO. Development Director of The British Government Aid Programme in Nepal and the Deputy Ambassador, British Embassy Kathmandu, Pipa Bird, spoke briefly about 'multi-dimensional fragility' of Nepal in terms of its economy, geography, climate and societal structures. She stated that UK is helping develop security and justice institutions in Nepal. She insisted that a great deal of evidence and knowledge is needed to support development decision in Nepal. UK NGOs represents a huge pool of soft power who can help by sharing their knowledge. Speakers from various NGOs in Nepal and members of BRANNGO also presented their work during their conference.

#### Free dental service at Leprosy Hospital

LALGADH LEPROSY HOSPITAL is one of the world's busiest leprosy hospitals – at times has an annual patient-flow of over 1,100 NEW leprosy patients, and over 12,000 total leprosy consultations (new and returning), and over 110,000 outpatient consultations of all types (skin diseases, tuberculosis, typhoid, cholera, malaria, elephantiasis, parasitic diseases etc) including 20,000 children.

LLHSC has 100 inpatient beds and an awesome Community Outreach programme with 120 Self-Help Groups. LLHSC runs the leprosy program on behalf of the Nepal Government with a catchment area across Province-2 – that includes 8 Districts with a population of 6.01 million,



adjacent to the border with India. It has 45% of all new cases of leprosy in Nepal. The Nepal Leprosy Trust is a Christian organization and a British NGO. It has served people for the last 35 years affected by leprosy, as well as other ill, needy, marginalized, disabled and poor.

It was our privilege to link up with Leprosy Hospital in 2023.

#### Stigma Project, Face Equality International

During this year, we provided funds for the CEO Face Equality International, another British charity to carry out further work on the Stigma Project.

Face Equality International (FEI) works to build capacity for a growing Alliance of charities, NGOs and support groups around the world to advocate for face equality.

The vision of this Alliance is for people with facial differences to live freely, without discrimination or indignity. With a strategic focus to position face equality as a human rights issue, consultation with member organisations delivering services in low- and middle- income countries (LMICs) revealed anecdotal evidence that the most extreme examples of stigmatising behaviours included human rights violations, such as abandonment, abuse, infanticide or being banned from attending school often occur in a low-income context. Our consultation revealed that these occurrences were not being spoken about publicly, let alone recorded or addressed.

#### **Professor Dr. Ram Kewal Shah**



It is with great sadness we report the untimely passing of Professor Ram Kewal Shah. Through his vision and support



We established the Craniofacial Centre, 6 years ago, at his Janakpur Trauma and Orthopaedic Hospital where we worked collaboratively until moving to the present building. Professor Shah continued to support throughout

#### **Visitors to the Craniofacial Centre 2023**

We would like to thank all our visitors who have supported us. Miss Phyllida Swift, CEO Facial equality international Miss Kasia Dragan, Area manager B-Braun Harman Sondh, 4<sup>th</sup> year dental student, University of Sheffield Jake Wills, 4<sup>th</sup> year dental student, University of Sheffield Noa Nussbaumer, 4<sup>th</sup> year dental student, University of Sheffield Holly Attenborough, 4<sup>th</sup> year dental student, University of Sheffield Mr Michael Nussbaumer, Consultant ENT surgeon, UK Dr Andrea Nussbaumer, Consultant Paediatrician, UK Dr Jayanth Kesave India Dr Mahendra Maharjan and his team from Kathmandu. Dr. Philip Holmes OBE MSc, Lt Col (retd), Founder/CEO Pipal Tree Mr. Nick Hinton, Chairman, Britain-Nepal NGO Network (BRANNGO)

## THANK YOU

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Happy New Year 2024

