

SFG Final Report to The Funding Network

1. Name of your organisation and date funded by TFN:

The Oda Foundation – October 2016

2. What was the project you sought funding for from TFN?

- a.** What are its aims and objectives? Have these changed since receiving TFN funding?

The goal of our proposal was to expand Oda's reach, leverage existing relationships, and fill substantial gaps in the District's health-care system— particularly gaps related to equity of service— which the government and private sectors are unable to fill.

We have continued towards this goal, and the SFG funding has allowed us to expand our relationship with the government more rapidly than we would have otherwise been able to. Our initial proposal focused on two programs, one was expansion into a new privately run medical facility, and the second was funding a research and outreach program targeted at young mothers. Based on later conversations with the District Government and our beneficiaries the focus of the funding pivoted to projects relating to outreach, education, and research – programs which have the potential to benefit the entire district.

3. Were you able to do this work as you described it in your application and presentation?

The presentation had two priorities. One was the expansion of private programs into a new facility and the second was to develop a new education and outreach program targeted at young mothers and girls. The funding went largely towards government collaboration, as the Foundation pivoted towards partnerships rather than creating parallel structures.

What evidence do you have for the success or failure of the funded project?

With the help of TFN we were able to complete a maxi-pad distribution program for over 5,000 local girls. During the process we logged where the girls were from, and conducted follow up to ensure their use.

Concurrently, we were able to complete a comprehensive research initiative targeted Kalikot's 150,000 person population. The results of this study give us a much deeper understanding of the health status in Kalikot, and have helped us to develop deeper relationships with the district health office. Based on this study, we identified partner health posts within the government health system, including Kumalgau (A Primary Health Centre) and Ranchuli. In both of these instances we are working to leverage existing structures in order to expand our reach with the help of our partners within the government.

In conversations with our beneficiaries, government partners, and additional stakeholders it is clear that our initiatives have been successful in raising awareness in young mothers, boosting school attendance amongst adolescent girls, and improving primary health care amongst new constituencies.

4. If you were not able, please explain what happened and why?

After returning to Nepal from London, it was clear that the April 2015 earthquake would have lasting implications, beyond the acute damage of the earthquake. This included fuel and medicine shortages, which slowed our initial progress, in addition to slowdowns within Nepal's already cumbersome bureaucracy. That said, we managed to navigate these challenges, receiving approvals from Nepal's Health Research Council and Ministry of Health in order to push forward with our Outreach and Research Programs.

The slowdown also illustrated the extent of the chronic issues plaguing Nepal's existing health infrastructure. This reality made it clear that in order to maximize our impact it would be more advantageous to work in collaboration with the government rather than parallel to it. It was at this point that we decided against building an

additional private facility, and in turn chose to work within the existing government network. This transition turned out to be beneficial to Oda and the communities in which we serve, as we were able to leverage limited resources in order to maximize our reach and impact.

5. Can you measure, assess or describe the change that happened as a result of this work?

a. What actual change did the funded project generate? What proportion of the project/work did TFN fund (e.g. all/x %)?

TFN Funding was critical across the board, helping us work in a country that continues to reel from April 2015's earthquakes. The funding enabled us to take full advantage of our respected position within the district to help more people and strengthen the government health network.

- Maxi Kits: 5,000+ kits were distributed to adolescent girls throughout the Kalikot District.
- Kumulgau – 5,000+ beneficiaries benefited from the provision of medical supplies, equipment, and other resources to this government run primary health centre.
- Research – Our District Wide Research program provided deeper insight into the numerous health problems plaguing Kalikot.
 - Nepal Health Research Council – The Foundation is in the process of publishing research that will be invaluable not only to Oda, but to our government and charitable partners.

The Funding from TFN covered approximately 70% of the costs associated with these endeavours.

The health research initiative led to our decision to focus on public private partnerships rather than private initiatives. This new approach, has allowed us to reach more beneficiaries without having to shoulder operating costs alone. By working alongside the government network we were able to more than double the number of beneficiaries that we work with.

- 6. As a result of presenting at TFN, did you experience any of the following;**
- a. new subscribers to your mailing list
 - b. new volunteers to your organisation
 - c. further funding from individual donors
 - d. further funding from institutional funders
 - e. an introduction that benefited your organisation (e.g. to an individual, business or other organisation)
 - f. other benefit (please describe)

TFN funding helped with all of these points. The funding led to additional subscribers, resulting from the large interest for maternal and child focused health programs. The funding also strengthened our pipeline of volunteers, allowing us to host two education and one community health fellows this year.

- Due to the success of our research initiative we were approached by Sun Farmer, an organization that is focused on providing sustainable solar solutions in Nepal, and have since built a strong partnership with this group. Using the data we collected from across the district, we were selected as the implementing partner for a £30,000 initiative to bring “solar suitcases” to the districts 30 government run health posts. These suitcases produced by “We Care Solar” contain a fetal Doppler, lights, and other essential tools to assisted skilled birth attendants with delivery.
- The increased scope of Oda’s operation gave us the credibility to host a health camp, which will take place from November 25th – December 1st, 2016. Throughout the research process, we noted the number of amputees, many of these stemmed from the country’s civil war, which ended in 2006. The health camp will be focused on fitting Kalikot amputees, with proper prosthetic limbs, with a focus on legs.
- The progress of our research and outreach program was a central focus of Oda’s relationship with Columbia Business School Professor Cheryl Einhorn,

and the Foundation was featured largely in her Strategy Book “Problem Solved”, which is scheduled for release in 2017.

- The funding from TFN, allowed us to complete our research initiative and flexibility to chart a course forward based on partnerships with the district government.

7. Could you give us an estimate of how many people have been reached by the TFN funded project/work and by how much?

- The work allowed the Foundation to expand its reach into 9 more “VDCs” which each have approximately 6,000 people. This is a total of approximately 55,000 new people.
- We were able to work directly with over 500 young mothers and 5,000 adolescent girls through the outreach and research program.
- Solar Suitcases will be implemented in all of the government health posts, which will assist over 150,000 residents in the Kalikot District.

8. Can you tell us any personal stories to highlight the value of funding from TFN?

When our health team was working through the outreach and research program, one of the communities they travelled to was Kheena. This remote community is located two days from the nearest road, and has the lowest human development scores in Nepal. Most of the people in Kheena barely have enough food to eat, let alone have effective tools to manage menstruation. In areas like this, girls will frequently miss school and are often forced to stay in a cowshed during this time of the month. When our health team arrived with over 500 reusable maxi-kits the girls were beyond excited. This was the first time most of them had even seen a maxi-pad, and they were incredibly grateful for this opportunity to learn about and take control of their own bodies. We have followed up on this program, and nearly 5 months later these reusable kits are still working well for the girls of Kheena and elsewhere in the district.

9. Since presenting at TFN, has your organisation undergone any significant change(s) which our donors would be interested to know about (these changes do not need to be related to the experience of presenting at TFN).

- The Foundation saw its 25,000th patient on October 5th 2016.
- The Foundation extended education programs into a classroom, which now hosts tutoring programs to over 250 local children.
- The Foundation constructed a lab, which at the time of this submission is the only functional medical lab in the Kalikot district.
- The Foundation partnered with “The Believers” a Nepal organization to sponsor scholarship programs for local youth interested in health. This will provide a much needed boost to local capacity in the Kalikot District, where local health workers are very rare.

10. Do you have any other comments regarding TFN funding?

Working with TFN during the past two years has been an absolute pleasure. The SFG funding event gave us an incredible opportunity to expand our reach and impact much faster than we otherwise could have. The organization’s confidence in Oda, and continued support has been incredible and on behalf of everyone in Oda we are extremely fortunate and thankful for the opportunity you have given us.

11. Can you please include any relevant photos or clips that may relate to the project?



Our Health Team works with the Kumalgau Government Run Primary Health Centre



Reusable Maxi Kits were distributed to over 5,000



Solar Suitcase



Kalikot's lone fully functional lab - Located at Oda



Increased collaboration with District Health Office, including District Health Office Ali (Pictured)



Young mothers were a central focus on Oda outreach.