

CQN 2024-25 ANNUAL REPORT



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Greetings to all!

Publishing an annual report is always a great moment to take stock of what has happened over the past year. Here are some of the highlights from the last 12 months.

It goes without saying that the most difficult thing was the meteorological event that took place at the end of September 2024. The torrential rains resulted in flooding and landslides with grave consequences. Overflowing streams and rivers destroyed everything in their paths including public water systems, fields, roads, individual houses and whole villages. We have received and continue to receive many requests for help.

CQN's role in this out-of-the-ordinary situation isn't to accept every request we receive for help. We needed time to understand the scale of the situation and to evaluate the requests so that we could respond to those situations where we could be most useful. We also needed to determine what other aid organisations were involved in helping with the catastrophe.

In February 2025, a member of CQN's board, Uttam Shrestha, visited Nepal and the region where we work to assess the situation and meet with villagers and leaders of the two NGOs that we work with. He did an excellent job! Bravo and thank you Uttam!

In Nepal, we can count on the two Nepalese NGOs, SPSWO and GRACE Nepal, as well as Madhukar, our representative on site. It is thanks to them that we can plan and implement projects and do proper follow-ups.



Flooding in 2024 meant prioritizing and adapting plans

For the time being, we are prioritizing potable water projects, but other projects are also being studied: a plumbing training session (for villagers involved in maintaining potable water systems) and a project to help people who, prior to the flooding and landslides, earned their living by sewing and who now need to have their equipment replaced so that they can continue.

We were in the process of implementing our three-year strategic plan but had to modify our priorities while maintaining our regular projects. Being able to adapt is

essential if we want to make the right choices and find the financing for each project.

Finally, I would like to thank all our donors who read our articles, look at our photos and meet the needs of people who live so far away. Thank you not only for your trust and support in helping people recover from a natural disaster like the one that struck in September, but also by simply contributing to make a difference in people's lives.

I look forward to speaking with you during our AGM or at any other moment. ✨



*Michèle Legault
President*

GOVERNANCE REPORT

CQN 2024-2025 Board of Directors



The CQN 2024-2025 Board of Directors is composed of (left to right): Uttam Shrestha (Vice-president), Dikshya Dhital (Administrator), Lyse Ferland (Administrator), Michèle Legault (President), Krishna Poudel (Administrator), Anna Van Ermengen (Treasurer), Bibek Bhandari (Administrator). Insert: Caroline Boucher (Secretary).

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Project Committee Report

Health camps

Two projects were carried out during 2024-2025, before floods and landslides struck the region in September 2024.

GRACE Nepal (Global Resource Action for Community Empowerment), in collaboration with Kathmandu Medical College Teaching Hospital (KMCTH)



Health camps for remote areas

along with the financial participation of CQN, conducted five health camps in remote areas to address the healthcare needs of an underserved population. These camps aim to provide essential medical services, health education and preventive care to improve the overall well-being of the community. Approximately 2,500 people live in the project area. It should be noted that the first camp was held for victims of the flooding and landslides.

These camps are very popular and useful. We hope to collaborate with GRACE Nepal in the future to hold more Health camps.



The second, a school project carried out with SPSWO, was to allow children from poorer families to attend primary school during the 2024-2025 school year.

School projects

This four-part project included the purchase of pedagogical material (Paper and pencil project), winter clothing, a lunch program for grade 6 students (the government program stops at grade 5) and extra help for 28 students, the majority of whom were from the Dalit community.

Four different schools participated in this program.



Paper and pencil projects for young students



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Over the past few years, the Nepalese government has greatly tightened its control of projects financed by international organisations. Once a MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) has been signed between the international and local NGO, the project must be approved and signed by two local instances (ward and rural municipality). Only once this is done can the documents be presented to the SWC (Social Welfare Council) that oversees all projects in Nepal. It takes about 6 to 8 weeks to get the approval from the SWC. It is only then that the local NGO can gain access to the funds deposited in its bank account. All of this takes a lot of time!



Buried water tank

This is the reason why CQN has sent funds in 2024-2025 for three projects that will only begin in 2025-2026. One is to repair a potable water system that was recently finished, a second is to repair five schools and a third is to help six schools during the April 2025-2026 school year. *

Anna Van Ermengen

Treasurer's Report 2024-2025

Collaboration Québec Népal ended its 2024-2025 fiscal year with \$28,895 in revenues and \$49,310 in expenses, resulting in a net loss of \$20,415.

The share of the budget dedicated to projects remains the largest expense, at 97.7% of all expenses.

We are left at the end of the year with a balance of \$26,898.

Private donors were generous, as always, with \$13,819 donated in 2024-2025. CQN received a generous in-kind donation of shares, providing us with an additional \$9,896 and Fondation 3% Tiers-Monde provided us with \$4,770 to repair a school. *



Anna Van Ermengen
Treasurer

Collaboration Québec Népal wishes to thank all its members, individuals, foundations, sponsors and organisations who, through their generosity, help us carry out our mission.

THE MISSION OF COLLABORATION QUÉBEC-NÉPAL

To work in collaboration with Nepalese communities to improve the quality of their lives via various projects and initiatives in areas of infrastructure, education, health, agriculture and the environment.