

# Christmass Gift 2010

*"Small support that make big difference...."*

School sweaters and School shoes were distributed on 24<sup>th</sup> Dec 2010 as a Christmas gift to the children of brick kilns worker from the children of USA.



CDO Co-ordinator Arati Basnet handover Christmas gift 2010 from Lisa & her students from USA





*Students before getting sweater and shoes and school dress*



*Student after getting sweater and shoes*

## BACKGROUND:-

Brick factories have become extremely prevalent in Nepal. It employed a transient workforce of between 400-500 workers and 40-50 children.

People are working in the Brick factories, because there is no specific need for skill and education, just a strong back and the ability to work from sun up to sun down. Most of the workers are internal displaced by the natural disaster, internal conflict of the country and landless. They come from the western Nepal, one of the poorest and the most deprived section of the country, so most of them are illiterate and unskilled

Extreme poverty has left them without access to either education or health care. The hazardous work, long hours, low pay and unsanitary living conditions combine to pose very serious health threats to the workers. To improve their health condition CDO is providing Mobile Health Clinic and Awareness (<http://www.caredevelopment.org/5/Mobile-Clinic.php> )

in six brick factory for around 3500 workers. Their low income hardly allows them to buy even school dress for their children.

*Workers carrying brick to chimney to bake the bricks.*



*Subas scholarship student making bricks after school hours*



Keeping this in mind CDO-Nepal has been working for the underprivileged children, single women and displaced people in brick factory since 2005.

CDO-Nepal is a non-profit, non-governmental organization (registered with the Government of Nepal 0146/61/62 and the Social Welfare Council 17471) based in Godawari, Kathmandu, Nepal. CDO's mission is to connect the most vulnerable and disadvantaged persons with quality education, healthcare and distribution of warm clothes and women empowerment to improve their daily life and prospects for the future, using a grassroots personalized care approach to development.

### GOAL OF THE PROGRAM:-

To provide the school sweater and shoes for the children of brick factories workers and to save them from the cold winter was the main goal of the program.

*Distribution of school sweater and school shoes.*

### PROJECT SUMMARY: -

These scholarship children are children of brick factory workers, who pass out from CDP. To know more about CDP, please do visits

<http://www.caredevelopment.org/6/Childhood-development.php> .They study informal education in CDP and make them able to admit in Local Government School according to their ages and their ability. At present CDO provides scholarship (school fees, stationeries, school bags and school uniform) for 30 students of brick factory. 20

*Students trying shoes after they receive from CDO.*

School shoes and 20 school sweater were distributed for some needy scholarship children of Care and Development Organization (CDO). It was distributed on 24<sup>th</sup> Dec as a Christmas gift from the children to the children of brick factory. It was first time for some of the children wearing new shoes. As the income of their parents was so low that it only sufficient to buy food and one to two pairs of clothes. Due to lack of proper diet around 85% of the children grow malnutrition which is the main cause of sickness and absences in schools. So, to keep record of their presence in class monthly monitoring are done by visiting their school class and talking to their



**Sangita Lama** helps her mother making brick after school and cooks food for her family.

She said with smiling face – “I left school three years ago, now I got change to study again. I study in cl -1. I am 12 years old and I am big in my class, I don't feel shy, but I feel lucky to study again”.

class teacher and to their parents. Counseling is done both to their parents and students at the time of needed.

### Scholarship students receiving school books from CDO staff



## WORDS OF ASHMITA & HER FATEHR.....

*Ashmita Shrestha lost her mother when her youngest sister was 19 days and she, stay with her brother, two younger sisters and her father. Her father makes brick for six months and for another six month walks from door to door for the food and work. She helps her father making bricks, cooking food and washes clothes of family after her school hours and hardly gets time to do her home-works. She walked uncomfortable after wearing shoes that we gave her. When we asked her the reason, she said with shyness "I never wear new shoes before and this is first time of mine and my sister wearing shoes"*

*His father -Mithu Shrestah added with his long breath- "CDO is providing the stationeries and school fees for my four children. I thank them for my inner heart. If I did get this opportunity I think my children would be in street. Before I feel to committed suicide, but now after I got many help from CDO, I feel I can do something for my children"*



*Ashmita in blue shirt with her father, brothers & two sisters*



*Ashmita with her sister after receiving sweater and shoes*