



Reconnecting children with their families

Next Generation Nepal rebuilds family connections torn apart by child trafficking into children's homes.

The Challenge

There are over 15,000 children living in “orphanages” in Nepal¹, yet at least two out of three of these children are not orphans². Despite international and Nepali laws and policies against the use of children’s homes, except as a last resort, hundreds of rural children continue to be trafficked to urban and tourist areas into such institutions.

“Orphanages” have become lucrative businesses in Nepal with profit to be made from both the families—who are deceived as to what will happen to their children—and from well-intentioned foreign tourists and donors who give funds in the belief they are supporting genuine orphans.

The Solution

NGN searches for the families of displaced children and works to reunify them. We believe in strengthening the government and people of Nepal to prevent child trafficking into children’s homes and to support those who have already been trafficked. We work closely with government stakeholders such as the Central Child Welfare Board (CCWB) and District Child Welfare Boards (DCWBs), with local NGOs and INGOs and with embassies and tourists.



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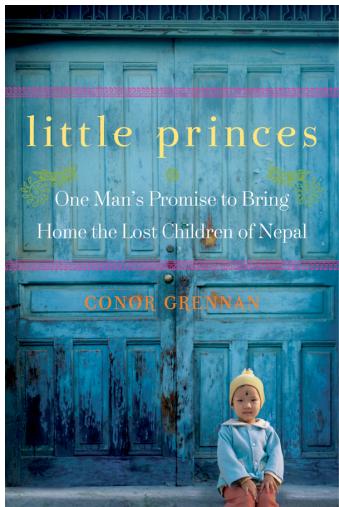
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Meena's Story

While Meena’s father was working in India, a trafficker tricked her mother into sending her to a “boarding school” that was actually an abusive, profit-making “orphanage.” Meena was rescued and placed in an NGN transit home from where we traced her family and returned her to her village. Meena now lives happily with her parents and studies at a local school. We monitor her closely to ensure her reunification is safe, happy and sustainable.



Next Generation Nepal's Current Projects

- Reconnecting and reunifying trafficked children with their families
- Strengthening government agencies and civil society
- Promoting ethical tourism practices to prevent orphanage trafficking
- Empowering young Nepali people from trafficking-prone areas through education and mentoring

The NGN Story

As documented in the book *Little Princes*, NGN was founded in 2007 by Conor Grennan. While volunteering at an orphanage in Godawari he discovered that the children in his care were not orphans but had been deliberately trafficked. Conor established NGN to reunify these children and others like them with their families. NGN continues to work in Nepal in collaboration with its local implementing partner, The Himalayan Innovative Society.



Guiding Values

Children Have Rights: A fundamental right of a child is to be raised by his or her own family.

Parents Have Rights: Parents have the right to care for their own children, without being defrauded into sending their children to institutions where they will be exploited.

Children's Homes Are Not a Long-term Solution: Only children's homes used as a last and temporary resort before seeking family-based care serve the best interests of children.

Sustainability and Empowerment: Nepalis themselves will be the change their country needs and therefore all efforts should be directed at helping them to abolish child trafficking.

For more info, see: www.nextgenerationnepal.org

Citations

¹CCWB, 2013, *State of Children in Nepal*

²CCWB statistics, 2008; UNICEF and Tdh, 2008, *Adopting the Rights of the Child*

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