**Other stuff – communications:**

-Newsletter subscriptions – sign up here: <http://aranyasolutions.us3.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=b1430f83c1085a8cc1fa59e27&id=5be3913761>

Past newsletters: <https://us3.campaign-archive.com/home/?u=b1430f83c1085a8cc1fa59e27&id=5be3913761>

-podcasts & media portal (add in Mike Zuckerman?)

FB page for Aranya Solutions: <https://www.facebook.com/AranyaSolutions/>

Blog – wordpress:

**Payment Method (monthly payments)**

**Aranya Solutions – Nonprofit – Website Blurbs**

Project Description

* Villge program
* Leadership trainings

**First Year Projects**

The first two projects this nonprofit will embark on will be based in Nepal.

1. **Digam Village in Nepal** – We will build a community center and provide agricultural training and livelihood programs for this community who only grows food for 6-9 months of the year!

**Leadership Development** - The focus is on emotional intelligence and communication skills. The constituents will be new leaders and people interested in increasing their leadership skills.

We are helping rebuild Digam village, which is remote village in the foothills of the Himalayas; the nearest town is a 3 hour trek in the Nuwakot Region approximately 65 km North East from Kathmandu. The children of Digam village walk 1.5 hours each way to get to the nearest school. Many small indigenous communities are overlooked by the government in Nepal, and Digam village is one of them. Because of this, Digam doesn’t receive resources or support from the government. Due to their remote location no other organizations knows about them and thus have not been available to help them, until now. I am working with The Relief Trust, a trauma relief organization based in Nepal that serves to improve and strengthen the marginalized and vulnerable citizens in Nepal. They provide psychosocial support, direct services, advocacy, education, livelihood programs and developmental activities. We are working together to listen to the desires of this community, develop programs to meet their needs and are delighted to raise funds to support these wonderful, warm innocent people.

This fall we completed a needs assessment by visiting with the villagers at which time we planned the next few years of programs and activities. These are essential to help this community rebuild after the devastating 2015 earth quake in Nepal. The focus this year is on Agricultural training, education and health. We will also help build a community center using natural and local resources – and the community will help build it. Within the village are many skilled in masonry and carpentry who are excited to build their very own community space! When we visited Digam Village, they had no place for their community to come together for activities, meetings, prayer or initiatives! This space will be valuable.

Nepal Digam Village Program Overview:  
Facilitate a community and educational space that incorporates:

* **Health Services** including basic hygiene and first aid instruction, and regular medical visits for primary treatment of Digam residents, working in partnership with other hospitals and health professionals.
* **Community Center** to be used for Council meetings, gathering space for youth, distribution of food, clothing and other materials on an as available basis. The village will incorporate sustainable development using natural building, local resources and materials to build the center.
* **Sustainable Agriculture and Livelihood** training will be provided to diversify the agriculture, extend growing season, improve livestock raising techniques, and create value added products.
* **Small Enterprises and Cooperative** will be initiated, with assistance from other successful programs and suggestions for income generation using local resources, such as honey production.
* **Education - School Area/ Classroom** for adult literacy and primary education classes, training local villagers to be the teachers, creating job development and education.
* **Leadership Development with Community Council –** This council will be the central hub for decision making, thus we will support them with leadership and organizational training for an effective council.

**Want to help or get involved?**

* Communications and Social Media support needed!
* Fundraising, grant writing support appreciated
* Leadership development research
* Donate! Your contribution will go 10x’s as far in Nepal!

**Board Bio’s (and pics)**

About Us –

**Mission statement**

**Nonprofit Mission:** Aranya Solutions purpose is to enrich the quality of life within targeted economically challenged and developing areas such as Nepal. Aranya Solutions develops systematic changes with a focus on localization serving as a bridge to resources and providing necessary infrastructure. Our method is to assist communities to implement environmentally friendly building and agricultural methods, life skills workshops, local business development, leadership training, education initiatives, and capacity building.

….Theory of Change

Ashoka calls change makers:

“People tear down walls, bring two sides together that wouldn't otherwise connect, and that's when innovation happens. And we're seeing that now happening in our society all the time”

<http://cnnphilippines.com/life/culture/2017/12/04/what-does-it-take-to-be-a-changemaker.html?utm_medium=email&utm_source=Ashoka&dm_i=2ILH,16CXU,347DVK,3OF76,1>

We work in partnership and have a democratization of leadership – we **form teams to tackle a challenge or pursue new opportunities. It wasn’t about their functional labels; it was about their capacities, talents, and passions.**

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We allow people to thrive and allow everyone in the organization to step into their bigness. We are the change we seek.

 changemaking is done in the people’s respective contexts. Empathy is a key ingredient.

use? 🡪 “How my children learn and master empathy might be different from how a child might learn and master empathy here in Manila, or in a different neighborhood from where we are. But the question is: Are adults actually focused on how to help that young person build that empathy muscle?” <http://cnnphilippines.com/life/culture/2017/12/04/what-does-it-take-to-be-a-changemaker.html?utm_medium=email&utm_source=Ashoka&dm_i=2ILH,16CXU,347DVK,3OF76,1>

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Scale Gaps

 Sisir Pradhan of the Odisha Livelihoods Mission (OLM) during his presentation on government and NGO relations during Trickle Up’s recent global staff training in India. “It is the government’s job to think about scale.”

Everyone in the room drew a hesitant breath. Every NGO wants to focus on scale and reach more people to fulfill their mission. And most funders will scoff at proposals that don’t include significant scale with large numbers of participants.

### “What Trickle Up should think about are scale gaps,” he continued.

**Scale gaps? “When we talk about scale as a government, we are interested in reaching large numbers of people and we will generally miss about 10% of the population. It is this sector of population, those who are left out of scale efforts often due to multiple layers of vulnerability, who are difficult to address in broad government implementation, who stand a high risk of living in ultrapoverty forever.” Aha! A role for NGOs.**

OLM has set [ambitious goals](http://olm.nic.in/?q=goal) to reach 5 million households living in extreme poverty and vulnerability (25 million people) and support them to be “free of all forms of poverty and able to cope with all types of vulnerability” as per [their mission](http://olm.nic.in/?q=mission).

Why focus on scale gaps?

Effective work in scale gap areas requires greater short-term investment and linkages to other government programs. Trickle Up and OLM have learned important lessons on how to specifically tailor these projects to achieve impact for the poorest. These models must be documented to better inform policy adaptations and make a compelling case for funders about scale gaps. They need to focus on *depth*of scale in reaching those who would otherwise be left behind rather than *breadth* of scale in seeking universal coverage that generally exclude roughly 10% of the population.

If we are to eradicate poverty, we must leave no one behind. Joint collaboration between governments and NGOs have found innovations and adaptations to reach populations in extreme poverty with multiple vulnerabilities. To scale these solutions, governments, NGOs, and funders themselves must commit to focusing on adapting policy, program design, and delivery mechanisms to ensure the inclusion of all.

<https://trickleup.org/challenging-concepts-scale/?utm_source=Trickle+Up+Mailing+List&utm_campaign=9f93829c3d-Dec2017TrickleUpdate&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_f3069e4057-9f93829c3d-93887513&mc_cid=9f93829c3d&mc_eid=48837ff01e>

one of our funders, the Rotary Foundation suggests -

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Our approach and Rotary Needs Assessment:

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Thank you !!

I really appreciate your donation for our Nepal village rebuilding project!!

You will be receiving a formal donation receipt soon from CASD-USA, our fiscal sponsor for this project in Nepal. I just wanted to let you know your donation has been received and I super appreciate it - and you!

Kind regards,

Katrina