

Tiger Tops Tharu Lodge, Chitwan, Nepal Supporting and Empowering Local Communities

Tiger Tops in Nepal has played a leading role in supporting and empowering local communities since its inception in the 1960s with its Tharu Lodge bringing significant benefits in health, education and social development.



Free head-start at the Tiger Tops Swiss Air Pre School for local disadvantaged families.

The pupils' parents donate their time in the school's organic vegetable garden growing vegetables for school meals giving them a sense of involvement and a new skill they can use at home to improve family nutrition. The school buffalo provides milk for the children and dung to power the school's biogas unit for cooking.



Mothers working in the school organic garden and improving family nutrition.



School biogas unit.

The school's 'Snowball' goat-breeding project provides an income source for children's families. Pupils' mothers pass on a kid to another family when their goat breeds to spread the benefits.

Tiger Tops Swiss Air School

Tiger Tops Swiss Air (TSA) Pre School founded in 1996 gives a free head-start to children from local disadvantaged families with funding provided for their continuing education at government schools. The project provides two meals a day, uniforms, books, school supplies, immunisations and healthcare with a doctor keeping a close check on the students' health and nutritional needs. The school library is kept open to all village children over the weekends for reading, art, music and drama programmes.



School library open at weekends for the children to enjoy.

Funding from the International Trust for Nature Conservation has enabled students to start a tree nursery, an income stream for the school and a positive conservation experience for the children.



Income generation and nature conservation awareness through the school tree nursery.

Guests are invited to visit the school and often bring in-kind donations for the children such as books, pencils or t-shirts. Since 1999, Tharu Lodge has also secured teachers' salaries in community schools thanks to the generosity of guests and donors. Their Duff Kennedy Scholarship programme has funded Government school education for more than 200 children from poor families.



Guests enjoy visiting the school and help to support it.



A free eye check-up organised by Team Tiger Tops.

Health Clinic

The lodge's on-site Village Clinic supports the surrounding villages. Free medicine and treatment sessions by trained Community Medical Assistance (CMA) who are available 24/7 for medical emergencies is provided. The lodge also provides an ambulance service and administers a medical fund for villagers who can't afford expensive surgery or hospitalisation when guest or partnership funds are available.



On-site village health clinic.



Children's health check up.

Broader Support

The lodge has also provided support for local women's self-help groups and youth clubs, training and traditional handicraft revival programmes and the installation of hand-pumps to supply clean drinking water to villagers.