

UMNHET newsletter September 2026



Dear Friends of UMN Hospitals' Endowment Trust,

As I write this letter, news continues to filter through about the terrible flash flood which ripped through Rasuwa and Nuwakot districts on 26th August, killing hundreds with thousands more missing and even more who have lost their homes, their land and their communities. The situation is in the headlines now, but it won't be long before something else takes its place. The world will move on, but the devastation left by the flood will take years to recover from. People who were once self sufficient and part of a community have been left destitute and bereft of family and friends.



(AP Photo/Niranjan Shrestha)

Many of you are long-time supporters of Nepal and you know that life here has always been precarious. Every year there are landslides and floods during monsoon which

take out villages and fields. With climate change, these disasters will become more common and the impact greater. As supporters of UMN Hospital's Endowment Trust, you are a key part of providing a practical long term response.



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The UMN hospitals are offering hope every day to people who have lost everything. I was touched by the story of Dolma, told in Okhaldhunga's 2026 newsletter. She was treated for a blocked hernia at the hospital and the surgery was a success, but her recovery was slow. She was suffering from so much more than physical pain. In her own words: "Please discharge me, I have no-one, I don't want to live anymore". The pastoral care team, offered prayer and counselling, supporting her spiritually and emotionally as well as financially through the MAF. She was

eventually discharged renewed in hope and strength.

Since UMNHET started making grants in 2005 it has paid out £711,682 from its endowment funds and £40,629 from direct appeals.

The interest from the Endowment fund is given each year in full, to support the medical assistance funds (MAF) in each of the four UMN founded hospitals (Tansen, Okhaldhunga, Amp Pipal and Patan). Through these funds, the long term poor and those newly impoverished by climate driven disasters, can receive essential medical care.



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In 2025 we were able to give the hospitals' MAF £44,135. We have again been blessed with some substantial donations during the past year. These ongoing donations to the endowment fund mean that we can continue to increase the amount generated by the investments. Every penny of this interest gained goes to support the medical care of the poor in Nepal, in a long term sustainable way.

Thank you for your gifts to the Trust. We are so grateful for your commitment to the people of Nepal. As we look to the years ahead and the increasing vulnerability of

Nepal to climate related disasters, would you consider adding UMNHET as a legacy in your will? It is possible to give unused pension funds away to charity, without them being subject to inheritance tax. A chance to pass on our financial blessings to others at a time when we no longer need them.

Perhaps you are full of energy and are running marathons! If so, maybe you could nominate UMNHET as your charity? Could we ask you, too, to share this newsletter with one other person to see if we can extend the support we give in the coming years?

Jesus looked at *them* and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." (Matt 19:26)

Thankyou once more for faithful commitment to UMNHET and to the people of Nepal.

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