



ODFL Project Summary

Charambi Birthing Center

Bhojpur, Nepal



Project Name:

Charambi Birthing Center

Project Location:

Eastern Nepal

NGO Partner:

One Heart Worldwide (OHW)

Project Cost:

\$7,200

Needs Assessment:

- 7,567 people live in the district with 64 pregnancies expected annually
- More than 80% of births occur in rural areas in the north
- These areas suffer lack of access, no equipment, and no training in cases needing emergency intervention. The result is very high death rates for both mothers and babies.



In Nepal, 4 women die in childbirth every day, most by bleeding to death. And 36 babies die every day, most in their first 24 hours. As a result, Nepal has one of the highest rates of maternal and neonatal mortality (women and babies dying in childbirth) in the world.

With One Heart Worldwide, ODFL will upgrade an existing health post into a birthing center. Tasks include rebuilding walls impacted by the earthquake; replacing roof, windows and doors; new ceiling and floors; and creating designated spaces for Labor & Delivery and Recovery. Basic preventive and emergency care will be provided, including pre-natal care; a trained skilled birthing attendant to deal with complications at birth; a clean, warm, safe, well-equipped birthing environment; and appropriate post-natal care.

Nepal Ministry of Health data show that in more than a dozen similar facilities that ODFL has upgraded with OHW, the maternal and neo-natal mortality rates have fallen by 90% and 95% respectively.