



## **HDNP NEPAL – 2025 Grant Proposal**

### **"Empowering Marginalized Communities through Livestock Support"**

#### **Introduction**

We are writing on behalf of HDNP NEPAL (Help for Desperate and Needy People), a grassroots extension of our registered 501(c)(3) organization in the U.S., committed to empowering traditionally discriminated, backward, and untouchable communities in Nepal. Our mission in Nepal is to uplift socially excluded, economically challenged, and caste-discriminated groups, especially in rural and underdeveloped regions.

This proposal requests funding to support the distribution of 300 goats to marginalized groups, offering a sustainable income source, enhancing community development, and restoring dignity to those most in need.

Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,

**Devi Prashad Acharya**

**President, HDNP Nepal**

#### **Executive Summary**

HDNP Nepal seeks a grant of **\$30,000** to implement our Female Goat Distribution Project. By providing 200 female goats and 100 male goats at \$85 per goat, we will empower marginalized communities in Nepal through improved income generation and sustainable agricultural practices. This initiative promotes economic growth, community development, and self-sufficiency while preserving the dignity of disadvantaged groups.

#### **Organization Background**

**Legal Status & Mission:**

HDNP Nepal is a registered nonprofit focused on supporting marginalized and underserved groups across Nepal through community-led development and livelihood initiatives.

**Mission:**

To promote dignity, self-sufficiency, and opportunity for Nepal's most vulnerable communities, including Dalits, backward castes, and economically oppressed populations.

**History & Achievements:**

- Over a decade of community engagement and program delivery in rural Nepal
- Empowered disadvantaged women and families through micro-enterprise projects
- Partnered with local leaders and organizations for targeted impact

**Ongoing Programs:**

- Livelihood and agricultural training
- Educational and hygiene campaigns
- Social inclusion and community awareness initiatives

**Statement of Need**

The **Musahar community**, often referred to as the "rat-eaters" due to historical stigma, is among the **most socially excluded and economically disadvantaged groups in Nepal**. With extremely limited access to land, jobs, or education, Musahar families often survive as landless laborers, living below the poverty line.

This project addresses urgent needs such as:

- **Chronic poverty** due to lack of sustainable livelihood options
- **Food insecurity** and malnutrition in rural Musahar settlements

- **Social exclusion** that prevents integration into mainstream economic activity

By providing female goats—a proven asset for income generation—we can help Musahar households develop self-sufficiency, break cycles of poverty, and regain control over their futures.

## **Project Description / Proposed Activities**

Upon receiving funding, HDNP Nepal will execute the following steps:

- **Goat Procurement & Distribution**
  - Purchase 300 healthy goats (one per family) at \$85 each
  - Distribute directly to pre-identified, eligible Musahar families in rural districts
- **Training & Ongoing Support**
  - Deliver workshops on basic goat care, feeding, housing, and veterinary awareness
  - Provide follow-up visits and local volunteer support for animal health and income guidance
- **Monitoring & Evaluation**
  - Develop simple tracking systems for growth, offspring count, and household income changes
  - Collect success stories and impact feedback for program refinement and reporting

## **Goals & Objectives**

**Goal:** Uplift 300 Musahar families by providing them with a sustainable income-generating asset and practical livestock training.

**Objectives:**

- Distribute **200 female goats and 100 male goats** to vulnerable Musahar households
- Train **300 recipients** in goat rearing, care, and small-scale livestock management
- Help families generate income through milk, meat, or offspring sales within one year
- Promote **self-confidence, community participation, and social inclusion**

## Target Population

This project targets:

- **Musahar families**, particularly **women and single mothers**
- Households living in extreme poverty without land or stable employment
- Rural districts in Nepal where Musahar settlements are heavily concentrated and underserved

Beneficiaries will be selected in coordination with **local ward leaders, women's groups, and HDNP Nepal volunteers**, ensuring fairness and maximum impact.

## Budget & Funding Request

**Total Grant Request: \$30,000**

Category	Description	Quantity	Unit Cost	Total Cost
<b>1. Goat Procurement</b>	Healthy, local female goats (adapted to region)	300 goats	\$85	\$25,500
<b>2. Transportation &amp; Delivery</b>	Transport from farm to village; handling costs	Includes 3–5 delivery zones	Lump sum	\$1000

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<b>3. Goat Care Orientation</b>	Group training sessions: feeding, shelter, health basics	300 families (2 groups)	\$5/household	\$1500
<b>4. Veterinary Support</b>	Basic deworming, vaccines, first-month care (starter meds)	300 goats	\$4	\$1200
<b>5. Program Supplies</b>	Registration, ID cards, monitoring sheets, printing	Printing & tracking	—	\$300
<b>6. Admin &amp; Local Volunteer Stipends</b>	Local coordination, logistics team lunch, transport aid	For field staff	—	\$500

Note: All project logistics, training, and monitoring will be covered by HDNP Nepal's volunteer network and existing community partnerships.

## Sustainability Plan

This initiative is designed for **long-term sustainability**:

- **Goats will reproduce**, increasing herd size and economic returns for families
- Beneficiaries will be trained to **care for and multiply their livestock** independently
- Communities will be linked with **local veterinarians and cooperatives** for ongoing support
- Success from this pilot phase will help attract **future donor support** to scale the program in other districts

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## Why Fund HDNP Nepal's Musahar Livelihood Project?

HDNP Nepal has a **strong community presence and trusted track record** working with oppressed and underserved groups in Nepal. We offer:

- **Grassroots leadership** and real cultural understanding of caste-based exclusion
- Low-cost, high-impact projects managed by volunteers and local leaders
- A network of **local women, youth, and community activists** helping implement and monitor programs
- A mission rooted in **empowerment, dignity, and inclusion**

## Why Do We Need Funding Now?

The Musahar community has long been neglected, trapped in generational poverty, denied dignity, and left without opportunity. Goats represent **more than livestock**—they are a **symbol of hope**, a **source of stability**, and a **pathway out of poverty**.

Your **\$30,000 investment** will immediately change 300 lives—and spark momentum for long-term change. With your help, we can show this community that they matter—and that sustainable growth is within reach.

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## Conclusion

HDNP Nepal's Female Goat Distribution Project for the Musahar community is a timely, sustainable, and empowering solution for extreme poverty. A **\$30,000 grant** will enable 300 families to step into self-reliance, economic stability, and community dignity.

We are deeply committed to the impact of this project and welcome the opportunity to provide additional documentation or present our proposal in detail.

Sincerely,

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