

## **Press Release**

### **CII Foundation hands over health posts in Dolakha, reaching out to about 8000 beneficiaries**

#### **Health Posts Reconstruction: A collaborative effort of CII & CII Foundation with Nyaya Health, Nepal**

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“ The support received from the Confederation of Indian Industry and CII Foundation has strengthened the constitutional commitments in Nepal and paves way for providing basic health access to citizens of Nepal through this initiative” said Dr Pushpa Chaudhary, Secretary, Ministry of Health, Government of Nepal. Dr Chaudhary appreciated and acknowledged efforts of CII Foundation and Nyaya Health Nepal in constructing prefabricated health posts in Lapilan, Jayku and Orang in Dolakha district. She was speaking at the completion ceremony of the health posts in Kathmandu, Nepal

CII Foundation, a trust by India’s leading business association, the Confederation of Indian Industry handed over three prefabricated health posts to the Dolakha district administration today. Along with the construction of three health posts, CII Foundation, along with its implementing partner Nyaya Health Nepal (NHN), equipped the rebuilt health posts with medical equipments, instruments, furniture and medical supplies for functioning of the health posts.

“Health care is an area India and Nepal has a long standing partnership and very happy that the Confederation of Indian Industry and CII Foundation , one of the finest organisations in India has come forward to support health care facilities in some of the remotest areas in Nepal “ “ said H E Mr Manjeev Singh Puri, Indian Ambassador to Nepal

With support of over NPR 27.68 million from Godrej & Boyce and other companies, CII Foundation aims at providing better health support to about 8000 beneficiaries from Lapilan, Jayku and Orang villages in Dolakha. Apart from the infrastructure and medical support to the health posts, CII Foundation also enabled extension of Chemistry lab in Charikot Hospital.

The health posts are differently able friendly and ensures physical accessibility to all. The posts also have toilets with grab bars to ensure friendly usage for the handicapped visitors. The solar power backup and solar water heater are also new additions to these health posts. With the new infrastructure and facilities available, the catchment area population is now getting care more conveniently, with an added scope of expansion of the government led health initiatives in the area.

The tragic earthquake that hit Nepal three years ago, claimed over 9000 lives and damaged over 85% of healthcare facilities in the country. The focus of the CII & CII Foundation Nepal Rehabilitation Initiative was to rebuild and provide basic amenities in few of the remote locations in Dolakha. The

Health Posts constructed in Jhyanku, Orang and Lapilang are built using an earthquake-resistant design, the facility includes seven rooms, four toilets, solar powered, disabled and elderly friendly.

Over the last two decades, CII and CII Foundation have been working with Union and State governments, particularly in India to extend immediate relief support to disaster-affected families across the country. Followed by the immediate and much needed relief, CII Foundation undertakes long term rehabilitation interventions, catering to the needs of the community and, rebuilding lives & resilience against disasters.

Mr Suraj Vaidya, Chairman, Nyaya Health Nepal; Ms Seema Arora, Deputy Director General, CII & CEO, CII Foundation; Ms Bhawani Rana, President, Federation of Nepalese Chambers of Commerce and Industry; Mr SP Kalaunee, Executive Director (Interim), Nyaya Health Nepal also addressed the gathering. Representatives from the Ministry of health, Industry and development specialists attended the ceremony.

### **About CII Foundation**

The CII Foundation (CIIF) was set up by CII in 2011 to undertake a wide range of developmental and charitable activities pan India by enabling industry for infusing inclusive development.

CIIF works towards inclusive development by providing a meaningful bridge between marginalized communities and donors, especially corporates by providing strategic guidance on CSR and developing and managing high impact programmes. In this effort, the Foundation works together with corporates, governments, communities, and civil society institutions to channelize their collective resources towards social and community development.

CII Foundation particularly focuses its interventions in the area of early childhood education, women empowerment and, disaster & climate resilience.

### **About Nyaya Health Nepal**

Nyaya Health Nepal is a nonprofit organization delivering healthcare to under-served communities in Nepal in partnership with the Ministry of Health. With over 300 full time staff, they deliver care to over 550,000 patients annually in two hospital hubs and through our community health worker network. They have witnessed dramatic results through our integrated hospital-to-home model that has helped reduce maternal and infant morbidity and mortality. The team envisions a future where everyone, regardless of location or income, is guaranteed universal health coverage as a human right.

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