

In addition, hundreds of Nepali medical and non-medical professionals have already received or are receiving training in their related fields in North America. While many of them have or will return to Nepal upon the completion of their training, some will choose to pursue their professional career here in America/Canada and still try to help Nepal any way they can. Similarly, there are many American and Canadian citizens who have spent time either traveling or working in Nepal in various fields, including medical. Most of them have a sincere goodwill and genuine love for Nepal and are eager to help Nepal improve its health situation. We believe that this increasing population of Nepali expatriate and concerned US and Canadian friends is a resource that can make a significant contribution toward health development in Nepal. However, due to lack of an appropriate forum, this potential remains vastly untapped. It is in this context that we propose the establishment of an America - Nepal Medical Foundation.

Objectives:

It is the firm belief of the foundation that as with the problems in any other field, the primary responsibility of resolving Nepal's health problem lies on Nepali people (including medical professionals) themselves. There can be no substitute for their own commitment and action in Nepal. However, as a US based nonprofit organization, the foundation is committed to support the Nepali people's ongoing efforts to enhance their health status, and wishes to focus its effort to help improve the quality of medical care, medical education and medical research in Nepal. Specifically, the foundation will have the following objectives:

1. To provide educational resource materials, including but not limited to, professional journals, reference books, audiovisual & computer based learning resource materials.
2. To facilitate academic visits of North America based Nepali and US/Canadian experts in various clinical and public health disciplines to Nepal.
3. To promote and facilitate the continuing medical education in Nepal through various symposia, seminar and workshops in active collaboration with the local partners and professional bodies.
4. To help strengthen the research capability of Nepali health professionals by fostering collaboration between the interested Nepali and North American researchers and academic, research & research supportive insitutions.
5. To collect and deliver appropriate medical equipment (new or used) as needed for Nepal.
6. To explore, arrange and sponsor qualified Nepali medical professionals for short-term training in US/Canadian medical institutions in various specific clinical/scientific areas of relevance to Nepal.
7. To help establish appropriate infrastructure for and promote the accessibility to current world medical literature for Nepali medical/health professionals through the use of Internet and World Wide Web (Cyberspace Networking).
8. To provide/facilitate appropriate medical relief in the event of major natural disaster or public health emergencies in Nepal.
9. To raise necessary funds to accomplish the ANMF's overall objectives.