



# Nepal



## Introduction to NEPAL

THE FEDERAL DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF NEPAL is a small, remote nation sandwiched between India and China. Home to Mt. Everest, it is popular destination for global mountaineers. Nepal ranks among the poorest countries in the world, and very little modern technology has made its way to the landlocked, Himalayan nation.

## The NEPALESE people

<b>Total population:</b>	28,563,377
<b>Children under 15:</b>	10,454,662
<b>Average Life Expectancy:</b>	65.46 years
<b>Per capita annual income:</b>	\$1,100
<b>% children in primary school:</b>	79.6%
<b>Average years of education:</b>	9 years
<b>Literacy rate:</b>	48.6%
<b>Internet users:</b>	499,000
<b>Cell phones in use:</b>	4.2 million
<b>Major/official language(s):</b>	Nepali, Maithali, Bhojpuri, Tharu, others

## Risk issues impacting children:

- More than 50,000 children die in Nepal each year, with malnutrition as the underlying cause for more than 60% of these deaths.
- 15% of Nepal's wells are contaminated by arsenic. Two-thirds of people do not have access to toilets.
- Weak access to health care and a lesser status for women are also concerns.

## More about NEPAL

<b>Capital city:</b>	Kathmandu
<b>Type of government:</b>	Federal Democratic Republic
<b>Square kilometers:</b>	147,181
<b>General terrain:</b>	Flat river plain in the south; central hill region, rugged Himalayas in the north
<b>Major industries/jobs:</b>	Tourism, textiles, agriculture
<b>National motto:</b>	"Mother and motherland are greater than heaven"
<b>Major airport(s):</b>	Tribuvan in Kathmandu

## Reaching NEPAL

Currently classified as World A: Unreached

### Major religions:

- Hindu - 80.6%
- Buddhist - 10.7%
- Muslim - 4.2%
- Kirant - 3.6%
- Other - 0.9%

### Christian groups:

- Independent - 65.6%
- Protestant - 31.2%
- Roman Catholic - 2.6%
- Other - 0.5%

<b>Unreached People Groups:</b>	300 (88.6% of pop)
<b>Average annual Christian growth:</b>	0.113
<b>Average annual baptisms:</b>	44,725
<b>Foreign missionaries:</b>	950
<b>Per million:</b>	35.06
<b>National Christian workers/pastors:</b>	600
<b>Per million:</b>	22.15
<b>Number of churches/congregations:</b>	3,044

## Children's ministry in NEPAL

*Specific children's ministry information has not been provided for Nepal. The following information regards general children's ministry in Southern Asia, and may not all be applicable to this nation.*

- Overview:**
- As one of the most densely-populated regions in the world, Southern Asia lacks the numbers needed to reach its millions of children with the gospel.
  - Isolated areas in mountain regions have little-to-no access to resources, or Christianity at all. In many areas, children have never heard the gospel.
  - Culture varies greatly within national borders, affecting the swift spread of the gospel and the relevance of available resources.

## Focus for Prayer

Training children's leaders for outreach in  
**3,044** congregations

Strategies for reaching and discipling  
**10,454,662** children for Christ