

WELCOME TO THE SECOND ISSUE OF ICO UPDATES. IN SEPTEMBER SEVERAL IMPORTANT EVENTS TOOK PLACE SUCH AS MICAH CONFERENCE, INF NEPAL'S 27TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING [AGM] AND THE OPENING OF THE FISTULA CENTRE IN SURKHET.

FULL DETAILS ARE BELOW.

1-7 SEPTEMBER

New department

- With the formation of new Partnership and Communications Department [PCD], **Thomas Meier** was appointed the director of the department effective from 1st September. This department will oversee donor funding, marketing and communications activities here onwards. **Alan Barker** will be coordinating and advising the work of both funding and communications.

Community Review

- INF's Community Development Review sharing meeting with Strategic Management Committee [SMC], advisors and managers held from 4-5 September.



8-14 SEPTEMBER

MICAH meetup

- An INF Nepal team [**RC Timothy, Raju Adhikari, Krishna Adhikari, Rajendra Sunar, Shyam BK, Thomas Meier** and **Terry Steven**] were among 400 delegates at the Micah consultation near Manila from 10-14 September. The conference theme of Integral Mission and Resilient Communities was very relevant to INF's work in Nepal, and was a great opportunity to learn from others around the world, share about INF's work and meet with partner organisations.



Staff recruitment

- Communications Team moved from INF International's Nepal Country Office [NCO], Kathmandu to the INF Nepal's Central Office [ICO], Pokhara on 17 September. **Anil Rai** was appointed as a Communications Officer.

15-21 SEPTEMBER

Fistula Centre Opening

- The brand-new Fistula Centre, envisioned by INF Gynaecologist **Dr Shirley Heywood** nearly a decade ago, officially opened on 21 September amid a special ceremony. It has been a facility built in partnership between INF and the mid-western government hospital in Surkhet. It will be the first facility of its kind in the whole of western Nepal, where patients can be treated, counselled and cared for by well-trained and dedicated staff, and where doctors and nurses can come for training.



22-30 SEPTEMBER

INF Nepal's AGM

- INF Nepal's 27th Annual General Meeting [AGM] held on 27 September 2018 at Green Pastures Complex, Pokhara. **RC Timothy** and **Dr Arun Kumar Budha** were re-elected to the board and **Madhu Kumar Thapa** was welcomed as a new board member. RC Timothy will be continuing as the Board Chairperson for one more term.

The AGM also welcomed 13 new general members from different parts of Nepal: **Asha Gautam [Karki]**, **Seeta Gurung**, **Sabina Tiwari**, **Pratima Basnet [Thapa]**, **Binod Thapa**, **Mukti Nath Dhakal**, **Raj Kumar Rayamajhi**, **Ram Prasad Shrestha**, **Krishna Prasad Tripathy**, **Madhav Neupane**, **Sanjay Adhikari**, **Subash Malla** and **Yam Joshi**.

INF Nepal's Executive Committee's Annual Report was presented by **Dhan Maya Gurung**, Board Secretary.

The close session of the AGM approved the Programme and Financial Report for the FY 2017-18 and Plan and Budget 2018-19.

