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ENT equipment for three IMPACT Nepal ear care centres in Parsa, Rautahat and Kailali districts

Final report for the Eagle Foundation – December 2025

Donor name: Fondation Eagle

Fondation Eagle reference: FF 737

Name of Charity: IMPACT UK

Introduction:

Hearing loss is a major but frequently neglected cause of needless disability in Nepal, with significant personal and social impacts. Yet, much of it can be prevented or treated with relatively straightforward and cost-effective interventions. Thanks to Fondation Eagle's generous support, upgraded ENT equipment has been installed at three of IMPACT Nepal's ear care centres in Parsa, Rautahat and Kailali districts. This is supporting IMPACT Nepal's clinicians in their mission to deliver specialised, high-quality medical and surgical care to approximately 75,000 people each year.



IMPACT Nepal surgeons operating using the new handpiece and motor drill

Date of grant accepted: 29/11/24 (funds received by IMPACT UK 10/12/2024)

Amount: GBP 18,903

Conversion rate, date & amount in local currency: NPR 3,118,995 - exchange rate based on 1 GBP = 165 NPR (10/10/24)

Expenditure: GBP 19,225

Amount carried forward: There was an overspend of GBP 322 due to a minor fluctuation in pricing between quote and purchase points. This shortfall has been met locally.

Name and exact location of the project: Birgunj, Parsa district; Gaur, Rautahat district; and Attariya, Kailali district - Nepal

Period of Project: 10th December 2024 – 9th December 2025

Project beneficiaries: 61,553 people have benefited from ear care screening and treatment (50,425), surgery (495) and audiological services (10,510) and hearing aid fitting (123) since the equipment was installed at the three centres.

Details of the project: IMPACT Nepal is a leading provider of ear and hearing care, dedicated to tackling needless and preventable hearing loss – one of the country’s most overlooked health issues. IMPACT Nepal’s Chair, ENT surgeon Professor Rakesh Prasad Shrivastav, played a key role in helping to secure the World Health Assembly’s landmark 2017 Resolution on Deafness and Hearing Loss, placing hearing health firmly on the global agenda for the first time.

In Nepal, hearing impairment remains poorly understood and highly stigmatised. People with hearing loss are often labelled *lāto*—meaning ‘mute’ or ‘dumb’—a term that reflects harmful attitudes and causes many to hide their condition rather than seek help. Without timely treatment, preventable problems can progress to permanent hearing loss and lifelong disadvantage. To help combat this, IMPACT Nepal operates a network of ear care centres, including the three sites supported by this grant in Rautahat, Kailali and Parsa districts. They deliver services ranging from basic screening to complex treatment (including surgery) six days a week. They are located to serve people living in rural communities, where there are few opportunities for the poorest people to access even basic medical care, let alone specialised ear care services. These busy centres are in continuous need of critical equipment upgrades to maintain service quality and we are so grateful for your support with this.

‘Hearing loss remains one of the leading causes of disability in Nepal, often due to limited access to specialised services and essential instruments. The current equipment at our ear care centres needed increasing and updating. Upgrading our tools will significantly enhance diagnostic accuracy through advanced endoscopic and otoscopic examinations, as well as increase the number of ear surgeries performed and reduce patient waiting times for treatment.’ – Ramakanta Paudel, Executive Director, IMPACT Nepal

Summary of progress made so far: After receiving your generous grant in December 2024, our IMPACT colleagues in Kathmandu immediately began the procurement process for the new ENT equipment – sourcing quotes from trusted medical suppliers in Nepal and India to ensure the best value and reliability. The endoscopes and the rigid otoscopes arrived very quickly, as described in our interim report, and they have been used during surgical camps, benefiting 495 patients, since the start of 2025. All the Eagle-funded instruments have since arrived as follows:

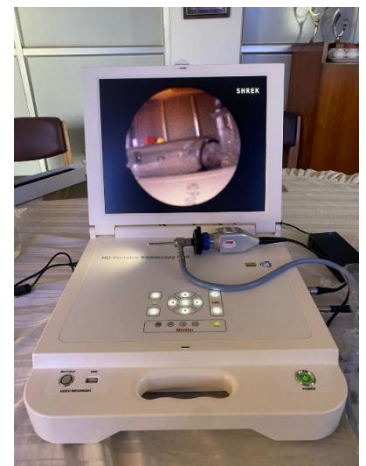
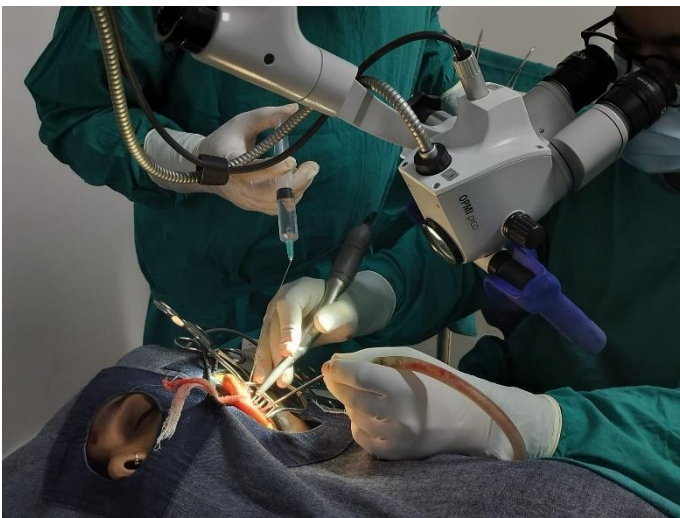
Instrument name	Birgunj, Parsa District	Gaur, Rautahat District	Attariya, Kailali District	Total
Straight handpiece	2	2	2	6
Angled handpiece	2	1	1	4
Hand motor for mastoid drill	1	1		2
Full HD portable endoscope unit	1	1	1	3
Rigid Otoscope 4*50mm, 0 degree		1	1	2
Desk charger Otoscope	1	1		2
Operating table (manual hydraulic)		1		1
Misc. small otology instruments for ear surgery (216 items)	For all three centres			



The endoscope unit arriving at IMPACT Nepal’s Ear Care Centre in Birgunj



ABOVE: the new otoscopes in use. BELOW LEFT: Motor drill BELOW Patient during and after surgery using new handpiece



ABOVE: the new high definition endoscope unit in use at IMPACT Nepal's Attariya Ear Care Centre



LEFT: Surgeons using the angled handpiece.

RIGHT: Patients following surgery in Birgunj



Breakdown of patients benefiting from the equipment so far:

Ear Care Centre	ENT examination and treatment	Audiometry / tympanometry	Surgeries	Hearing aid fitting	Total no. of beneficiaries
Rautahat	18,367	3,880	131	32	22,410
Birgunj	21,727	4,375	272	35	26,409
Attariya	10,331	2,255	92	56	12,734
Total	50,425	10,510	495	123	61,553

Patient stories:

Shruti (17) lost her hearing ear after a neighbour struck her violently. The blow tore her eardrum, leading to constant discharge and hearing loss. Local treatments only offered temporary relief. When her studies began to suffer, a teacher recommended our IMPACT Ear Care Centre in Birgunj. Shruti's father took her there, where IMPACT's ENT surgeon scheduled her for surgery. The operation was successful and her hearing is now much improved. Her father said, "I regret not knowing about this Centre earlier. We wasted precious time and money elsewhere, but here we found real help."

Ramakanta Paudel, IMPACT Nepal



Mr. Nikesh Kumar Shah is a 40-year-old schoolteacher. He had been suffering from pain in his right ear, ringing sounds and discharge. At first, he ignored the symptoms but they became worse and he began to experience hearing loss. He tried medication from a local pharmacy, but his condition did not improve. On the advice of his maternal uncle, he visited IMPACT Nepal's ear care centre in Birgunj. After consulting our ENT surgeon, he was found to have a ruptured tympanic membrane. An ear endoscopy (using the new equipment) confirmed a diagnosis of chronic suppurative otitis media (CSOM). This is an infection that causes a perforated eardrum and can lead to hearing loss if it is not treated. We prescribed Mr Shah medication for the infection, gave him careful ear-care instructions and asked to return in two weeks for a follow-up endoscopy. Tympanoplasty was also discussed as a possible future treatment if the rupture did not heal.

After two weeks, Mr. Shah returned for review and reported that his ear pain had resolved. The endoscopy showed reduced infection with no pus. The doctor advised him to continue treatment for another month and he will monitor him regularly, as surgery may be needed. This case shows that ear endoscopy is not only diagnostic equipment, but also a tool for monitoring condition of the ear problem. Ear endoscopy made possible for proper diagnosis, treatment plan and rapid improvement in case of Mr. Shah. Thank you. **Ramakanta Paudel, IMPACT Nepal**



Conclusion

Thanks to your generosity, IMPACT Nepal's ear care centres are now better equipped to provide the life-changing diagnosis, treatment and surgery that so many people with hearing disabilities in Nepal urgently need. So far, 61,553 people have benefited from improved services and many more more will continue to do so over the lifetime of this new equipment.

Modern diagnostic tools, such as the ones you have donated, significantly strengthen clinical accuracy, and enable earlier detection and effective treatment of ear conditions. They also help cement community trust in the centres. With all the Eagle-funded equipment now installed and operational, the project has not only met its intended outcomes but has laid the foundation for lasting improvements in ear and hearing care for years to come. Thank you.

Expenditure statement:

Equipment	Facility	Units	Unit Cost £	Total £	Budget NPR	Expenditure GBP	Expenditure NPR
Straight handpiece	2 each for Birgunj, Gaur, and Attariya	6	547.83	3,287	542,355	3,708	611,895
Angled handpiece	2 for Birgunj and 1 each for Gaur and Attariya	4	637	2,548	420,420	2,863	472,340
Hand motor for mastoid drill	1 each for Birgunj and Gaur	2	342.5	685	113,025	771	127,194
Full HD portable endoscope unit	1 each for Birgunj, Gaur, and Attariya	3	1739.67	5,219	861,135	5,219	861,060
Rigid Otoscope 4*50mm, 0 degree	1 each for Gaur and Attariya	2	264.5	529	87,285	793	130,854
Desk charger Otoscope	1 each for Birgunj and Gaur	2	485	970	160,050	740	122,040
Operating table (manual hydraulic)	Gaur	1	1,173	1,173	193,545	1,144	188,710
Miscellaneous small otology instruments for ear surgery (216 items)	Birgunj, Gaur, and Attariya	-	-	3,592	592,680	3,538	583,712
Sub Total				18,003	2,970,495	18,775	3,097,805
Project management @5%		-	-	900	148,500	450	148,500
Grand Total				18,903	3,118,995	19,225	3,246,305

Exchange rate based on 1 GBP = 165 NPR (10/10/24)

Letter of independent verification dated 4th November 2025:

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Gaur, Rautahat


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Madhesh province, Nepal

मिति/Date: 4th Nov 2025

To Whom It May Concern

This is to inform that IMPACT Nepal has purchased various medical equipment and instruments with the support of UK IMPACT Foundation. These medical equipment will be highly beneficial in providing the ear health services in this region by improving the quality, accessibility and efficiency of the ear and hearing care services.


4-11-2025
Subhash Kumar Thakur
Chief Administrative Officer

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Signed by: Pascale Noel and Sarah Smith (IMPACT UK Co-CEOs) 4th December 2025