

Room to Read is honored to partner with the Open Circles Foundation to support girls and girls' education in Nepal. Through this grant, the Open Circle Foundation is ensuring that 550 girls continue to have access to the social, academic, emotional, and financial support needed to complete their secondary school education. As you know, throughout Nepal, many girls face realities that keep them out of the classroom and place them in harm's way. Together with the Open Circles Foundation, Room to Read helps to remove these risks and fosters supportive and proactive environments that keep girls safe and motivated to succeed, both in and out of the classroom.

Throughout the reporting period, spanning from January 01, 2016 through September 30, 2016, our team has been working to provide girls with life skills training, mentoring, academic and material support, and community and family engagement opportunities, working across Bardiya, Bhaktapur, Chitwan, Dang, Kaski, Kathmandu, Kavre, Lalitpur, Sindhupalchowk to increase girls' graduation and retention rates within these regions. The following report details these activities, as well as provide a story from the field and photographs, helping to convey the individual impact and reach of this support.

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¹ For complete 2015 and cumulative results, please see data tables in the Appendix.

2016 has been a year of transformation and growth for Room to Read. With the goal of scaling our work and enhancing the solvency of new initiatives, Room to Read launched Accelerator in 2015. This new program focuses on delivering technical assistance in the areas of literacy and girls' education to NGOs, Ministries of Education, government agencies, and others. Through Accelerator, Room to Read has gained the ability to share our best practices and work with other organizations, allowing for a greater scale of this work. While Accelerator enables Room to Read to have an impact in new geographies, it also provides opportunities to deepen our investment and enhance our reach in countries where we currently implement direct programming but may not be able to work within all desired regions.

In 2016, we have been working hard to reach the following projected global targets:

- 1,144,000 total children benefitted through our Literacy Program
- 33,130 new Girls' Education Program participants

While we are in the process of finalizing our program targets for 2017, we look forward to continuing on this trajectory of expansion and growth, and sharing our results with you.