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Dear Friend,

we want to introduce you to the reasons for which we are asking for your kind help right now. What we are trying to do is very simple.

“We want to try to be the change that we want to see in the world”. For this reason we decided to help the last people in the world. Considered even “untouchable” from the others human beings.

Receiving this email give you the chance to take part in this big Movement that is starting from Nepal, the country where the Cannabis S. Ln. plant can grows freely. We will take care of the nautre, hoping to repair, as much as we can, to the big damages that our own species are doing to its mother.

Sharing our project through your channels will be a great contribution.

*Sharing is Caring.
Namastè, from Nepal.*

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The Beginning of the Story

Homelessness, poor living and sanitation condition are not a phenomenon that emerged in Nepal post earthquake 2015. These problems and challenges exist for decades due to discriminatory caste system, lack of sufficient employment opportunities and unforeseen natural disasters like floods and earthquake.

25.2% (est. 2011) of the Nepalese population live below the poverty line, the percentage which has only increased post earthquake. After the April/2015, Nepalese have received huge support from all around the world for recovery, rehabilitation or/and reconstruction after earthquake.

Although the progress is slow but it's still going on. But amidst all this, a disturbing realization emerges that do people around the world need a natural disaster (like earthquake, tsunami or flood, etc) to receive attention and support for building their homes. What about people who have been marginalized, discriminated and almost non-existent from national and international development policies for generations and decades.



One such deprived and vulnerable community is of Dalits in Nepal. The community consist of people who have been discriminated in Nepal for generations.

They, by virtue of atrocities of caste based discrimination and untouchability, are most backward in social, economic, educational, political and religious fields, and are deprived of human dignity and social justice.



The Cast System in Nepal

Dalit comprise 13.2% of the total 26494504 population of Nepal (Central Bureau of Statistics-CBS, 2011). There are 26 castes under Dalit including 7 Hill Dalit castes and 19 Terai/Madhesi Dalit castes (NDC, 2014).

In Nepal, Caste based discrimination has been criminalized in 2011 with the Caste Based Discrimination and Untouchability Act but the implementation is still very weak. There is still a long way to go before these communities can lead a life of equality.

It is often said, "it is easier said than done", these words hold true irrespective of the context but when it comes to human and community development its the gospel truth. In simple words, development work is nothing more than helping or assisting people and societies but unfortunately giving help or receiving help is not as simple as it should have been. Had helping been as straight forward then world would have been a better place already. Nonetheless the efforts shouldn't stop and start has to be made from somewhere.

What we intend to do

For all this reasons Shah Hemp Inno-Ventures (SHIV) and Women Development Advocacy Centre (WDAC) are jointly initiating a project for building homes for the Dalit communities around Nepal.

We understand that having a clean and safe place to live, eat and sleep is a basic requirement for any kind of further development to happen as Maslow's heirarchy of needs (1943) also highlights.

Until basic needs like food, shelter and clothing are not fulfilled an individual cannot move up the ladder to fulfill other needs like safety, love, self-esteem and self actualization.

We really want to give a sustainable house to every poor person in Nepal



Support Our Campaign *hEmpowering Botttom-Up*

We will **LAUNCH the project** fundraising on the 24 February 2017, Shivaratri Day in Nepal. We will glad to give you any information you will need to help us to spread the voice and raise the found needed to give a new house to 6 new families for a total amount of **30.000 \$ (5.000\$ per house)**.

Who already helped us

