

ENGINEERS WITHOUT BORDERS NEPAL

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KEY HIGHLIGHTS

Strengthening International Partnerships

Kapil Dev Regmi, President of Engineers Without Borders Nepal and President of stars Alumni Nepal, recently visited Switzerland and Germany to participate in the stars Symposium and attend a series of meetings focused on education, innovation, health, technology, and international collaboration.

The stars Symposium brought together inspiring speakers and participants from different parts of the world, providing an important platform for exchanging ideas, experiences, and perspectives. Kapil described the experience as highly enriching, especially the opportunity to connect with people working across a wide range of sectors. The programme also included a visit to Mainau Island in Germany. [Read Full Story →](#)

iLab in partnership with Ncell for Ratna Rajya School



From 14–19 Asar 2083, iLab was conducted at Ratna Rajya Secondary School with 30 students participating in a six-day hands-on innovation program. Through design thinking, teamwork, and prototyping, students transformed their ideas into practical solutions while learning to identify problems, test concepts, and refine their projects through feedback.

One of the most memorable highlights of the programme was a student team that transformed recycled jeans into handmade bookmarks and keyrings, while other teams developed products such as homemade spices, educational games, and period kits. [Read Full Story →](#)

Seeing the Scale of the Flood in Nuwakot

It is one thing to read about a flood. It is another to stand in the middle of what it left behind.

Following the severe flooding that affected Rasuwa and Nuwakot in August 2026, a team from Engineers Without Borders Nepal travelled to Bidur Municipality to better understand the situation on the ground. Across the affected region, flooding damaged homes, roads, bridges, schools, hydropower infrastructure, and other essential services, while many displaced families were moved into temporary holding centres in schools and public buildings.

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Karnali iLab with Global IME and NIFRA Bank



We hosted the innovation lab (iLab) at Shree Karnali Secondary School in Jumla from 14 to 19 June. Over 47 students from grade 9 took part and spent six days building, breaking and learning. Together they produced five unique, tangible solutions to problems in their school or community.

Some of the best ideas came from students using materials that they already had access to. Aranya was a team made up of deaf students who came up with Suganshup; an incense product made from apple peels, flowers, cinnamon, dhupi salla, and similar herbs. They needed a sign language interpreter but they perfectly followed the same process as everyone else. Picking ideas, testing them, arguing about them, and refining. It fueled and motivated other students as well. [Read Full Story →](#)

EWB Nepal and EWB Switzerland Prepare for the Immersive Study Tour 2026 in Dhading

Ahead of the Immersive Study Tour (IST) 2026, the EWB Nepal team visited Dhading to engage with local stakeholders and prepare the community for the upcoming programme.

During the visit, the team met with community Points of Contact (POCs), the Ward Chairperson, local representatives, and community members to discuss the IST activities, community participation, accommodation, and overall coordination. The team also visited participating households to review homestay arrangements and ensure that local hosts are prepared to welcome the IST participants.

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From Site Visits to Long-Term Partnerships: EWB Nepal Meets Two School Communities Facing Urgent Water and Sanitation Challenges



EWB Nepal recently completed field visits to two public schools in the hills surrounding Kathmandu as part of its work to identify communities that could benefit from long-term engineering partnerships. The visits took the team to Shree Navajeewan Secondary School in Kakani and Shree Kalika Sharan Secondary School in Tarakeshwar Municipality.

Although both schools are located within reach of Kathmandu, each continues to face basic infrastructure challenges that directly affect student health, comfort, attendance, and learning. The visits allowed EWB Nepal to hear directly from school leaders, teachers, students, parents, School Management Committee members, and community representatives. [Read Full Story →](#)

EWB KIT Visits EWB Nepal

On September 22, three members of Engineers Without Borders (EWB) KIT, Germany, visited the EWB Nepal office for an engaging exchange between the two organizations. The visit provided an opportunity to learn more about each other's work, share experiences, and explore possibilities for future collaboration.

A key part of the discussion was the Managaun Project, an initiative being carried out by EWB KIT, which brought the team to Nepal. The teams discussed the project's objectives, progress, and experiences working within the local context. EWB Nepal also introduced its Immersive Study Tour, sharing how the program connects participants with Nepal's communities, culture, and development challenges through firsthand experiences.

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EWBN Attends Human-AI Alliance Conference in Kathmandu



Representatives of Engineers Without Borders Nepal (EWBN) attended "The Human-AI Alliance: Shaping the Future of Leadership & Work," organized by Growth Leadership Academy, a conference held on September 25, 2026, at the Soaltee Hotel in Kathmandu. The event brought together professionals and business leaders to discuss how human intelligence and artificial intelligence are shaping leadership and work.

The EWBN team attended the session "Leading through Constant Change: A Manager's Survival Guide," delivered by Pascal Kaufmann, a Swiss neuroscientist turned entrepreneur and co-founder of AlpineAI, the company behind SwissGPT, a sovereign AI system used by European cities, governments, and healthcare providers, and by Dr. Daniela Suter. For an organisation working across water, sanitation and community development, where project realities and funding landscapes shift often, the session offered relevant perspectives on adaptive leadership.

Panel Discussion: Navigating Entrepreneurship as Youth



On 23 August 2026, Engineers Without Borders Nepal (EWB Nepal) organized an interactive youth panel discussion titled "Navigating Entrepreneurship as Youth" at Kathmandu Pragya Kunja School from 4:00 PM to 5:45 PM. Centred around the theme "Inside the Entrepreneurial Journey: What Does It Really Take to Build?", the event brought young people together to explore the realities of entrepreneurship and what it takes to turn an idea into meaningful action.

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Felicitation Ceremony: Architecture Design Competition — Playground for Deaf School



On 23 August 2026, we celebrated the creativity and thoughtful ideas behind our Playground Design Competition for the Deaf School through a special felicitation ceremony, honouring the winners, runners-up, and honourable mentions.

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Young Innovators Meet Peace Corps Volunteers



EWB Nepal participated in a Peace Corps education training program, where we introduced our work and shared an overview of the iLab program with Peace Corps volunteers. The session was also attended by six iLab students and two teachers representing two schools, who showcased products they had developed through iLab activities and shared their learning experiences.

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Blog

The Problems We Choose to See

By Mark Behrend

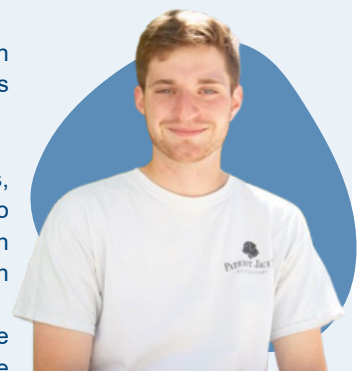
Let's do an experiment together quickly.

First, Google children from a Western country: "American children," "French children," something like that. Now do the same for a place we generally view as developing: "Nepali children," "Kenyan children," and so on.

Odds are, the results look a little different.

You may see fewer smiles, dirtier clothing, fewer toys or objects in their hands, more rural environments, and images that seem deliberately selected to communicate hardship. Of course, those images are real. Children living in poverty exist. Rural communities exist. But they are also only one version of life in those countries.

It has now been about six months since I first landed in Kathmandu, Nepal. While I had visited other developing countries before, this was my first real experience living and working in one. It has definitely been different, but perhaps not always in the ways I expected.



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Youth Dialogue with Kedar Karki



What Young People Want to Say and What They Want to Change

Biratnagar | August 9 2026

A room full of young people can be noisy in a different way. There are questions about leadership, frustration with how things work, and ideas that do not always find a place in formal discussions.

Some of those conversations came together on August 9 2026, when young people in Biratnagar sat down with former Chief Minister of Koshi Province, Hon. Kedar Karki, for a dialogue on youth participation, leadership and governance.

The interaction was organized in collaboration with हामीEngineer's, Goals Foundation, Engineers Without Borders Nepal Purbanchal University Chapter (EWBN- PU), and NYCA Biratnagar.

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Chiya Sanga Katha



No Pages, Just People: An Afternoon of Stories Over Tea

Biratnagar | August 12 2026

There was no bookshelf to browse and no textbook to open.

Instead, young people sat across from people with very different journeys and listened.

That was the idea behind “Chiya Sanga Katha A Human Library Experience,” held in Biratnagar on 12 August 2026 to mark International Youth Day.

Organized by GOALS Foundation in collaboration with NYCA Biratnagar, EWBN-PU, and Birat Yuwa Bicharak Manch, the programme brought young participants into conversations with Dr. Ramchandra Adhikari, poet and literary figure Seema Abhas, and journalist and literary personality Anantaraj Neupane.

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Disability-Inclusive Climate Action



When Climate Resilience Has to Work for Everyone

Biratnagar | August 16 2026

A flood warning is useful only if people can receive it. An evacuation route matters only if everyone can use it. And a public building cannot truly be called resilient if part of the community cannot safely enter or move through it.

These questions were part of a stakeholder dialogue on disability-inclusive climate action held in Biratnagar on 31 Shrawan 2083.

The dialogue was organized through the AIPDDE Koshi Province structure, with support from NIDWAN and ClimateWorks Foundation. EWBN-PU and हामीEngineer's took part in the discussion, bringing an engineering and youth perspective to the conversation.

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Engineering Corner



Taking Engineering Out of the Classroom

Biratnagar | August 25 2026

For three days in late August, engineering conversations moved out of the classroom and into colleges across Biratnagar.

From 25 to 27 August, Engineering Corner brought discussions on climate change, public and green spaces, solid waste, air pollution and disaster risk reduction to Bhanu College, NIT College, PUSOE, PUSAT and Martyr's College.

The programme was organized by हामीEngineer's in collaboration with EWBN-PU. The timing of the conversations was difficult to ignore. Floods had recently affected communities in different parts of Nepal, bringing questions of preparedness and resilience closer to home. But the sessions were not designed as a response to one particular disaster.

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Music For Hope



When Music Became a Way to Stand with Rasuwa

Biratnagar | August 16 2026

When a disaster happens far from home, there are only so many ways an ordinary community can respond.

In Biratnagar, one of those ways was music.

Following the floods in Rasuwa, the Biratnagar Musician Group organized Music for Hope Charity Through Music on 2 September 2026 to raise support for families affected by the disaster.

Engineers Without Borders Nepal Purbanchal University Chapter (EWBN-PU) joined the initiative, standing alongside musicians and members of the wider community in support of the effort.

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WASH Project



PRAWAHA- WASH PROJECT SESSION AT SHREE MANSINGH DHARMA SECONDARY SCHOOL

On 5 July 2026, EWB Pulchowk, in collaboration with SochKoUdaan, conducted a student-friendly menstrual hygiene education session at Shree Mansingh Dharma Secondary School, Manamaiju, Kathmandu.

The program inaugurated the WASH Project “Prawaha,” through which the team visits schools to assess water quality and WASH facilities, install pad vending machines, and provide basic sanitation and menstrual hygiene education.

Rittika Parajuli and Pawan Niroula, from EWB Pulchowk, along with Shrijala Pandey, representing SochKoUdaan, collaboratively directed the project team.

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