



HIMALAYAN HEALTH & HEARING INC. COMPASSION IN *Action*

VILLAGE CAMP GUIDELINES – HIMALAYAN HEALTH & HEARING INC Compassion in Action

GENERAL CRITERIA

1. We must be invited by the village elders and / or District Committee
2. The village must be reasonably accessible
3. The period of the clinic will be agreed depending on need and resources available.
4. There may BE A CHARGE for the provision of hearing devices and batteries. The amount charged, if any, will be decided with consultation between the parties, prior to announcement of the clinic to the public. It is normal to have a sliding scale of fees, dependent on ability to pay. These moneys may be given to NAHOH to cover material costs or used for local environmental protection and conservation issues
5. The cost of getting the team to the village will be the responsibility of the HH&H Team, EXCEPT where reasonable, local porters should be supplied to carry equipment and older members of the team's personal gear.
6. The person who is to accompany the team from Kathmandu (Usually the go-between from the village to HH&H Inc. Team) shall commit to a prior Hearing care training exercise at either Shechen Monastery or NAHOH or other agreed place. They should also be available for at least one other hearing camp in an unrelated place, for duration of up to ten days.

VILLAGE COMMITMENT

1. The village must contribute to the supply of food and shelter to the HH&H Inc. Team for the duration of the visit, if possible. They must also provide adequate security arrangements for team members and equipment. Poor villages will not be disadvantaged.
2. The village must inform HH&H Inc of the 220V AC power availability, and if not available, the 12V DC Battery power that may be used daily for the project. They must also advise of how the batteries may be recharged.

3. The village must supply a person who will accept responsibility for hearing devices left in the village. They shall
 - Arrange repairs through Keshab at NAHOH
 - Know how the devices operate and be able to fault find and undertake minor repairs
 - Manage the sale of batteries and replenish supplies when run down
4. Village leaders must be able to coordinate sufficient numbers of local persons requiring hearing related services so that the team is reasonably occupied in an orderly manner during their visit
5. We request there be no public ceremonies that may consume valuable clinic time.
6. The village must supply a letter from the local committee advising details of compliance of all of the above items, and include local contact persons and phone numbers.
7. The village must inform the HH&H Inc. Team of the availability of a pharmacy / medicines in the area, so that if not the case, drugs will be brought to the area. There may be a charge for drugs unless other arrangements are made before the camp begins.
8. LOCAL SCHOOLS: The village must also agree with the local school headmaster that ALL children will come to the clinic for examination. This is the MOST IMPORTANT PART of our program, and the village must also provide estimates of the number of children to be checked.
9. The village must agree that there will be no discrimination in the access to our services, giving both sexes and all races, religions, castes and ages the opportunity to benefit.
10. Please read our Policy documents, including that on “Terrorism and child sex industry” on our website.

CLINIC OPERATION

1. The clinic hours of operation would be normally from 0830 hrs (8.30 am) to 1200 hrs (noon) and then 1300 (1pm) to 1700hrs(5pm)
2. The clinic will require at least two separate rooms, one for primary ear care and the other for hearing testing and aid fitting. The testing room should also be in a very quiet location.
3. Unless alternate arrangements are made, a prescription for pharmacy items will be issued by Keshab, and the person receiving treatment shall be responsible for the purchase of the medicines.

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