



LITTLE FUNDING STORIES, BIG SOCIAL IMPACT

INSPIRE2CARE – KARUNA FOUNDATION

Saving children from disability, one by one

SOCIAL CHALLENGE

In Nepal, one of the poorest countries in the world, 2% of the population lives with a disability. This group of people faces discrimination in their rights, does not have access to services and is not fully included in society. Children with a disability are the most vulnerable group within poor communities, and pregnant women and new-borns hardly have access to adequate healthcare.



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INNOVATIVE SOLUTION

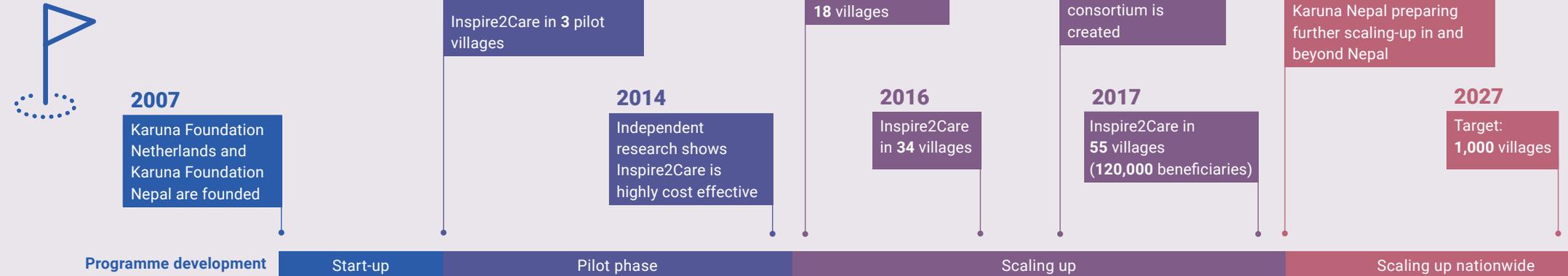
Karuna Foundation Nepal created the community-based programme Inspire2Care to take care of the most vulnerable groups. Encouraging the communities to take responsibility towards people with disabilities, Karuna empowers a trained community worker in every village. Together with the parents, he or she establishes rehabilitation goals and a yearly intervention plan for every child with a disability.

Since 70% of the birth defects are avoidable with preventive care (e.g. immunisation, prenatal care), the local committees work with the existing health providers to provide pre- and postnatal check-ups and safe deliveries.

Thanks to intense leadership and lobby trainings in the communities, health workers and political leaders feel increasingly responsible for reaching out to this forgotten group and to release funds for their cause. This way, the system changes permanently.

HOW VENTURE PHILANTHROPY HAS CONTRIBUTED TO THE PROJECT

MILESTONES



FINANCIAL SUPPORT



NON-FINANCIAL SUPPORT



SOCIAL IMPACT RESULTS (JUNE 2017)



1,250

Number of improved lives of children with a disability and their families (fully participating in society, having access to education and specialised healthcare)



60%

Proportion of childbirth professionally guided (increased from 3% to 60%)

WHAT THEY THINK



“ The motivation, ideas, entrepreneurial approach and inspiration which Karuna Foundation Netherlands have brought to Nepal, along with long term financial commitment, have brought durable changes in the lives of many families and have prevented hundreds of children from having a disability. Thanks to an equal partnership, we have jointly developed a programme which has the potential to be scaled up in larger parts of the country, so that systemic change will happen.”

Deepak Raj Sapkota, *Executive Director,*
Karuna Foundation Nepal

MORE INFORMATION

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