

The pandemic has had and still has a huge impact on Nepal. Despite a less than favourable economic situation, we managed to continue our work in 2022 together with our amazing team and partners and the resilient women in our programmes.

#### DRIVERS PROGRAMME

9 women from our drivers programme managed to get their drivers' licence. We will stay in close contact with them and support them where we can.

One of the women, Nanu, asked us for a soft loan so that she could buy a small electric truck to sell fruits and vegetables.



#### SOAP MAKING FACILITY

This project has experienced some delays due to COVID and other external factors.

We are still very keen to support the women in making soap for the local market. A group of 17 women have had their initial soap making training in 2022 and a more in-depth training will be given in 2023. In consultation with our board we have decided to discontinue the setting up of a full-scale soap facility as this would have involved exporting soap to Europe where the market has enough players of organic soap.

### **ECO FARM**

Sushila, our local project manager and Kusumi, one of the leading ladies of the Musahar community, attended a 14-day permaculture design course in Kathmandu. The Musahar women also had a 10-day herb training facilitated by Herb Nepal. Both courses gave the women a lot of new insights on how to optimise the organic farm in Chitwan. To make farming easier the Musahar women bought a hand tractor enabling them to plough the land more easily and The efficiently.



women are still very much committed to make the Eco Farm a sustainable one. Together with our partner 'Veiling met een Missie' we will continue to support them for the coming years.





#### PAPER MILL

Together with Nepali entrepreneurs Sunny Rajopadhyay en Dhruba Giri the groundwork for setting up a sustainable paper mill was realised, enabling us to provide jobs to marginalised women from different local communities. Initially the women will focus on extracting fibres from banana waste and elephant dung with the potential to diversify into making paper and other products. We are very pleased with the support from our founding partners who have made this new start-up possible.

- Pul-Ma: pul-ma.com
- Golfbaan De Haenen: dehaenen.nl
- Strandpaviljoen De Kwartel: dekwartel.nl
- Your Trust: yourtrust.eu
- P. Broekhof Beheer

## FUNDRAISING EVENTS

We organised two fundraising events in 2022:

- On 21 May we organised our 4th beach event at Kookaburra Beach in The Hague with a sea-side dinner, our traditional auction, a lottery and the magnificent live band 'Bought and Souled'.
- 2. We participated in the 16-day Royal Christmas Fair on the Lange Voorhout in The Hague. We sold beautiful, handmade, woollen blankets, hats and stoles, produced by our Nepali partner Trikaya and handmade recycled paper notebooks produced by our Nepali partner Jamarko.

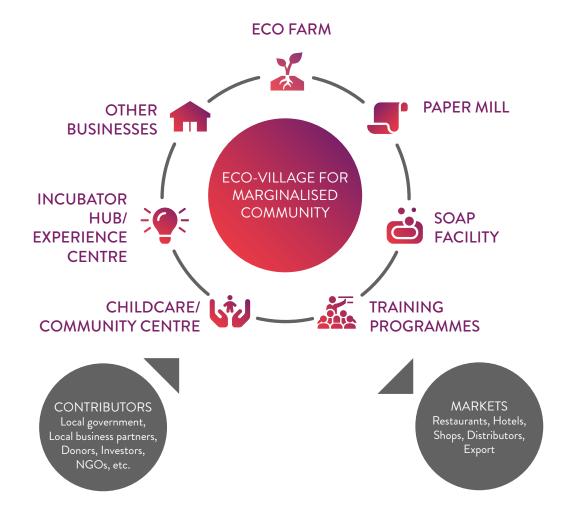
## PAY-IT-FORWARD

During our visit in April, we organised a picnic with the drivers, nature guides and Musahar ladies who have taken part in our programmes. We hired two female cooks to do the cooking for us. We strongly believe in connecting different groups of women to create lasting bonds so that they can support each other in the future and pay-it-forward to other women within their communities. All the women interacted with each other, sharing their stories, challenges and issues. The fact that they opened up by sharing their stories and problems showed us the trust they feel which is a huge step forward.





We will continue developing our Eco Village concept, together with local communities and our local partners so that the women can sustain themselves and sell their products on the market to generate income to support their families and communities.



# What we learnt

- 1. Giving the women we support a voice so that they feel heard and are being taken seriously.
- 2. Communication is key. Regular online and face-to-face communication is very important to build trust, understanding and create a strong connection with the women involved in our programmes.
- 3. It is essential to work with value aligned trustworthy partners and professionals who strongly believe in our mission and are committed for the long term.
- 4. Fail forward. It is ok to make mistakes because everytime we learn something, we can use what we have learnt in our future projects and initiatives.

Thank you!

On December 14, 2022 we celebrated our 5th anniversary as a foundation. We look forward to many more years supporting and empowering women in Nepal.

A final note and heartfelt thank you to all our sponsors, donors and our fantastic team for your unwavering support and belief in us. We look forward to 2023 and all the exciting projects and initiatives that are underway or planned. We hope we can count on your continued support so that together we can continue to empower women to realise their full potential.

Stichting 6 Degrees Academy for Women

Income Statement

As of December 31, 2022 (all amounts are in Euros)

	2022	2021
REVENUE		
Revenue Events	6.194	1.825
Revenue Projects	55.421	25.123
Donations	6.534	9.061
Total Revenue	68.149	36.009
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Fundraising Costs	2.263	0
Management Costs	0	3.496
Project Costs	10.788	21.079
General Expenses	5.872	6.357
Total Operating Expenses	18.923	30.932
Operating Income	49.226	5.077

Stichting 6 Degrees Academy for Women

Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 2022 (all amounts are in Euros)

31.12.2022	31.12.2021
10.000	0
30.000	0
52.542	43.316
92.542	43.316
67.353	18.127
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Income Statement

For the period of July 2021 to December 2022 (all amounts are in Euros)

	2021-2022
Net Sales	
Sales	35.451
Cost of goods sold	(27.543)
Gross Profit	7.908
Operating Expenses	
Management fee	(12.000)
Sales cost	(675)
General management fee	(1.863)
Total Operating Expenses	(14.538)
OPERATING INCOME	(6.630)
Non-Operating Expenses	
Interest expenses	0
INCOME BEFORE TAXES	(6.630)
Income Tax	0
NET INCOME	(6.630)

6 Degrees Ventures B.V. Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 2022 (all amounts are in Euros)

	31.12.2022
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Cash or equivelant	36.062
Total Assets	36.062
LIABILITIES	
Equity	
Issued share capital	1
Share premium reserve	9.999
General Reserve	(6.630)
Long-term Liabilities	
Loans	30.000
Current Liabilities	
Current liabilities and accrued liabilities	2.692
Total Liabilities	36.062

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