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Our dream is to empower Nepal by increasing digital literacy and the use of open data!

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Our Mission

To fix the deep digital divide in Nepal, that separates the wealthy from minorities, women, poor, and rural citizens. These groups have limited access to the internet and digital training. Thus we have created 4 goals we aim to strive towards:

- Increase digital literacy
- Build apps to improve lives
- Increase access to open data
- Right to information

Our Story

Ravi Kumar grew up in Nepal, in the underdeveloped region of Janakpur. He lived through great difficulties to acquire an education in Nepal. He believes that this must change and has made it his mission to not allow the next generation go through the same difficulties he faced.

Thus in the January of 2014 with the aid of co-founder Mia Mitchell Code for Nepal was founded. The two set about finding ways to increase digital literacy throughout the nation with a focus on the most at risk groups. Thus bringing help to thousands of people who are minorities, poor, living in rural areas, and women.

Our Initiatives

ask nepal

This site developed by Code for Nepal allows for increased access to information by the public. This is important as every citizen has the right to public information held by authorities, thus allowing them to voice concerns and demand change. This is so important that the right to information is included in Nepal's Constitution.
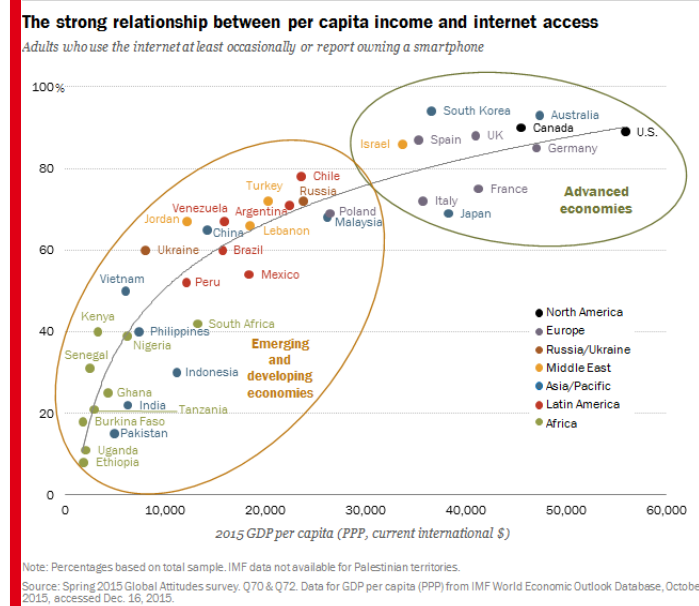
NepalMap

This program is focused on bringing census and regional data to the finger tips of all Nepali people. This allows people to view facts, population levels, and educational levels of each region in Nepal. This is important for prior to this there was little to no way for individual citizens to know the education and population rates throughout Nepal.

Rahat Payo

In the April 2015 a devastating earthquake rocked Nepal. Measured at 7.8 on the Richter Scale this earthquake left 3.5 million Nepalis homeless and another over 8,000 dead. To help deal with the trauma and need for aid Code for Nepal developed "Rahat Payo": a service to help find flaws and lapses in the government's aid distribution. Thus helping thousands of Nepalis receive the aid they were promised. This use of technology is a perfect example of how a digitally literate society can help one another!

Why Digital Literacy

Digital Literacy is the knowledge necessary to take advantage of the digital age. This has become essential to the well being of people in the 21st century as more and more jobs require technological ability. As seen in the graph below:

Pew Research Center

This graph above shows that as your internet literacy increases the annual household income also increases. This is due to many factors such as higher paying jobs, more global opportunities, and educational advantages. Thus by enabling the Nepali people to tap into the a resource such as the internet can help make them competitive and thrive along with other nations.