**Chaudhary Foundation to install water purifier in earthquake affected schools**

**Kathmandu, November 18—**Chaudhary Foundation, the humanitarian arm of the Chaudhary Group, and Planet Water Foundation have teamed up to provide clean drinking water in earthquake-affected schools in rural Nepal.

Planet Water Foundation is a US-based NGO working in various parts of the world providing access to clean, safe water to nearly one million children.

The project is targeting schools that Chaudhary Foundation has built post-earthquake as part of its CG Shiksyalaya program.  A MoU to this effect was signed at the office of Chaudhary Foundation by Mr. Mark Steele, the Founder and CEO of Planet Water Foundation, and Mr. Nirvana Chaudhary, Chief Executive of the Chaudhary Foundation.

The project will also focus on Water-Health and Hygiene education of school children and the community.

“Children are our future. To provide them access to clean and safe drinking water is to ensure our future," said Mr. Nirvana Chaudhary. "We believe that the project will provide relief to thousands of children of various water-borne diseases by ensuring safe drinking water and improved hygiene practices,”

Ten school project sites have already been selected in Dolakha, Kavre,Lalitpur,Bhaktapur and Sindupalchowk. Each project is budgeted tentatively around US$ 10,000 with the program planned to start in March 2017.  The Foundation aims to enhance rural community development by deploying community-based water filtration systems and implementing hygiene education programs in 100 different schools in Nepal by 2020.

Mark Steele, the founder of PWF said, “We are very excited to be partnering with the Chaudhary Foundation which will be our implementing partner. Our experiences and expertise collaborated with the foundation will help thousands of children across Nepal.”

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