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Peace Fellows Raise \$10,300 for Social Change

A summer of achievement will benefit 10,080 women and children



Peace Fellow [Lauren Purnell](#), in Nepal, raised money to enroll child laborers like **Manisha Nepali, 11, (above) in school**

Peace Fellows from The Advocacy Project (AP) have raised over \$10,000 for marginalized communities this summer, during ten weeks of inspiring voluntary service. Most of their donations came through Global Giving, the online platform which has generated \$45,346 for programs supported by AP since June 2015.

The funds raised by this year's eleven Fellows far exceed anything raised in past years. Among this year's beneficiaries are children who are forced to work in the brick kilns of Nepal; families in Vietnam that suffer from dioxin poisoning caused by the herbicide Agent Orange; and survivors of war rape in Mali. In all, 10,080 women and children and family members currently benefit

from programs supported by AP this year.

Supporting programs for social change

In Mali, AP's partner (Sini Sanuman) runs two centers where survivors of war rape can regain their confidence by producing and selling soap. [Peace Fellow Rose Twagirumukiza](#) raised \$930, which went to improve the quality of soap, purchase new soap molds and pay for storage. Rose also sold soap at a Mali hotel.

In Vietnam, [Ai Hoang](#) has raised \$3,300 for three families grievously affected by Agent Orange. [Amy Gillespie](#) also worked with disability in northern Uganda, where she identified ten rural primary schools that need accessible toilets. Amy's fundraising netted \$1,210, which will help pay for an accessible toilet at the Ogul school, near Gulu, in 2017.

[Lauren Purnell](#), in Nepal, raised \$1,985 to help our partner CONCERN place 45 brick children in school (photo above). Also in Nepal, Care Women Nepal screened 925 village women for uterine prolapse at a health camp. [Morgan Moses](#), pictured at the top of this bulletin, helped to run the health camp and accompanied four women to surgery.



Peace Fellow [Daniel Prelpcian](#), from Columbia University, helped families of the disappeared in Peru to sell alpaca wool

In Peru, [Daniel Prelpcian](#) worked with the Peruvian Forensic Anthropology Team (EPAF) to design a start-up for families of the disappeared that sell alpaca wool (photo).

Telling the story

As well as working on programs, this summer's Peace Fellows described their fellowships through 112 blogs, 980 photos, podcasts, news bulletins and videos.

Dorothy Khan [blogged about the practice of chhaupadi](#) in Nepal, which forces women and girls to live in a shed during menstruation. Mattea Cumoletti exposed [the lack of protection for refugees in Greece](#). Rachel Wilson described the

work of the Children Peace Initiative in Northern Kenya, [which uses cows to resolve conflict between warring tribes](#). [AP photos](#) have been viewed over 60,000 times since June.

Advocacy quilting



Peace Fellow [Allyson Hawkins](#) raised money for advocacy quilting by refugee women in Jordan

Two Peace Fellows worked on new advocacy quilts. In Jordan, [Allyson Hawkins](#) helped refugee women to use embroidery in describing their journey to safety (photo left). In Nepal, 35 wives of the disappeared have also told their story through embroidery, under guidance from [Megan Keeling](#). Their squares were exhibited for the first time in Kathmandu on August 30, International Day of the Disappeared.

With the exception of Ai Hoang, who will remain in Vietnam until December, all Peace Fellows have now returned to their universities. Their evaluations will help AP to

prepare for the 2017 fellowship program. Our thanks to them all for a brilliant summer!

* Read more about AP fundraising in our [2015 Annual Report](#)

* Read more about the partners and projects referred to in this bulletin [in our archive](#).

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