Rural Communities Development Program (RCDP) is one of the main organizations for volunteering options in rural areas around the world, and has programs in Nepal starting on the first and third

## Volunteers in Nepal Giving and receiving

Monday of every month.

"We've had a great experience with volunteers who come from different cultural identities, and different places. This is the real cultural exchange where each volunteer acquires a different taste in their life We receive volunteers from all around the world," said Hom Ojha, the Country Coordinator at RCDP.

However, it is not only rural areas that attract volunteers, but also developed cities such as Pokhara, Chitwan, and of course, the capital city of Kathmandu. For example, in the Kathmandu Valley alone, there over 500 orphanages, and thousands more throughout the country. There are estimated to be about 10,000 orphans in Nepal, and 26,000 children living on the streets, according to Nepal's Children's Homes Organization.



## **GUESTS AND HOSTS**

by volunteering in Nepal I learned a lot more about a new culture than I would have had I just traveled as a tourist.