



# Solar lamps to Nepal

## Company Karma project 2015

As part of our dedication to work with Company Karma we have for 2015-2018 decided to focus on environmental and educational issues in all our companies.

- Believing in the benefit of ensuring the sustainability by taking care of our environment and the world's resources, we will during the three year period reduce our total energy consumption and waste from production with 20%
- Believing in the benefit of contributing to the common job market to ensure a high skilled/educated population that can develop our society and ensure the buying power from which we as a company can benefit from, we have decided to hire in young people for positions as apprentices/trainees, and be open for internships according to students diploma work

Our first initiative has been to change our lighting to LED. Our focus on especially lighting and the fact that lack of light influences not only the daily life, but also the possibility to continue developing society and business, and especially young people's possibility to study and do homework, was the main reason for us to support WAWCAS in Nepal.

### THE PROJECT

In 2015 SANOVO TECHNOLOGY GROUP and SANOVO Lactosan Ingrediens Group have decided in cooperation with WAWCAS to send lamps to the earth quake affected Nepal.

We are at the moment together with WAWCAS working on providing women in one of the affected areas with 1,000 solar lamps. The women are given the opportunity to develop and run their own businesses and cooperatives and at the same time secure their childrens education.

The areas are without electricity and therefore also without much needed light. The light is not only a necessity in the sense that it is needed for practical reasons but also in order for the children to be able to read and do homework again. Light is a way of regaining some of what was lost in pursuit of life as it used to be.

We will follow the situation closely and hopefully within short time be able to give you a possive story on the great impact the lamps have done in Nepal.

### WHAT IS WAWCAS:

WAWCAS International is operated as a non-profit organisation. Through WAWCAS' 16 month educational entrepreneurship programme we support Nepalese women living in poverty to develop and run their own businesses and cooperatives. The women have the opportunity to obtain small loans to start and develop the businesses and experience from the project shows that the women repay the loans as agreed. WAWCAS' professional team in Nepal supports the women by means of education and supervision both before and after the establishment of the small businesses.

WAWCAS stands for Women At Work, Children At School. Consequently, the children of the women involved are an essential part of the WAWCAS programme. Therefore, it is required that the women's children must attend school from the day the women enter into the programme. The women's new source of income enables the children to go to good schools. WAWCAS supports the women in understanding the importance of their children's education and for the children to have time for both school and leisure with room for play.

See latest update from Nepal [here](#)

Learn more on: [www.wawcasinternational.com](http://www.wawcasinternational.com)

## WHY

We are part of THORNICO and THORNICO's Company Karma business philosophy is the belief that every action THORNICO makes has a consequence or impact somewhere that will in one way or another return to THORNICO.

Company Karma is therefore THORNICO's business philosophy on "doing good" while doing business, as a way to create more value for society but also the company itself.

Company Karma is manifested in THORNICO through daily policies and guidelines inside the group companies as well as the dedication to specific social and environmental projects all around the world.

In this way, THORNICO seeks to establish a widespread and global commitment to responsible business practices in order to support the transparency and interconnectedness of its businesses all over the world.

Read more about our dedication to Company Karma in THORNICO's Company Karma Report [here](#)