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Project: Kollywood Studios - Rapid Deployment of Educational Videos by and for People With Disabilities After the Nepal Earthquake

Topic: Disability Studies

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BACKGROUND

Utilize staff and patients at the Spinal Injury Rehabilitation Center (SIRC) outside of Kathmandu to create training videos in Nepalese on physical therapy, occupational therapy, nursing and disability awareness.

METHODS

Following the tragic 2014 Nepalese earthquakes, American paraplegic and photojournalist Tom Haig was invited to be a peer counselor by SIRC chief medical officer, Dr. Raju Dhakal. Deciding it was best to give patients a fun, productive vocational activity, he used staff, patients and family members to create several multi-camera video projects.

RESULTS

With the help of Nepalese translator Rownika Shrestha and British PM&R Nurse Fiona Stephenson, the team created more than 30 titles which as of 2025 have been viewed more than 50,000 times.

CONCLUSION

Using video production as a vocational program not only resulted in a comprehensive video library of the SIRC, it also greatly increased morale among both patients and staff. Participation was requested by nearly every patient and there were often large crowds gathered to watch the multi-camera filming process. The training videos have been sent to clinics in remote regions of Nepal and used extensively in home care and community-based rehabilitation settings.

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