

Innovator of the Year Award Top 5



Narayan Adhikari, Chief Executive Officer, Accountability Lab Nepal

Narayan Adhikari has been nominated for the role of the Accountability Lab Nepal in generating a new, positive conversation on accountability; catalysing a new generative of active citizens and responsible leaders; and supporting change-makers to develop and implement positive ideas for integrity in their communities.



Nicolas Durier, Founder and Director, Dreamlopmments

Nicolas Durier was nominated for his role as founder and director of Dreamlopmments, a Thai-based non-profit social enterprise working on sustainable development for most vulnerable communities. Dreamlopmments has launched the Migrant Fund (M-FUND) project along the Thai-Myanmar border, a low-cost, non-profit health insurance for unregistered migrants in Thailand.



Samuel Rajan, National Director, Habitat for Humanity

Samuel has been nominated for his commitment to spearhead the design and implementation of several creative and impactful projects aimed at improving the living conditions of millions of the most vulnerable families in India. Through his leadership, Habitat India inspires partners in government, the private sector and civil society to volunteer, donate, invest and advocate for decent, affordable housing, for access to clean water and for better hygiene and sanitation practices.



Soumyadipta Acharya, Assistant Research Professor & Graduate Program Director, Johns Hopkins University

Dr. Soumyadipta Acharya has been nominated for his work on humanitarian healthcare issues of rural communities in Asia and Africa, specifically on developing innovative low cost solutions to issues related to maternal and neonatal health, infectious diseases, and health systems strengthening tools. Dr. Acharya believes that disruptive new approaches are needed to bridge the healthcare access gap, especially in light of limited healthcare infrastructure and skilled personnel.



Russell Crawford, Inventor, One Million Wells

Russell has been nominated for sharing his knowledge and teaching new methods of drilling bore holes to rural communities in Asia. Over a period of several years, Russell experimented with various methods and mathematical models that might work to install high quality reverse flow wells. Eventually a process was invented that had all the good properties of the reverse flow process while making the cost of the process cheaper than any other method. Russell's technology allows for the drilling of higher quality and larger irrigation wells in locations where this was not previously possible.

