

EXPERIENCE REPORT

Name: Maartje S.

Age: 22

Country: The Netherlands

How long was your stay? 2 weeks

How did you become aware of this orphanage?

In Kathmandu there is an organization called 'KEEP'. Here I asked if there was a possibility to do volunteering and they send me to this one in Budhanilkantha.

How was your stay in the orphanage? (short description of work, impressions, etc.)

It was great! The children are really nice and the family running all this too. During my stay the children had holiday, so there were at home the whole day. So I played a lot with the children, helped the other volunteers with their project and tried to be there where they needed help. Like doing the dishes, washing clothes etc.

What would you like to tell /advice next volunteers?

Two weeks is too short! After these weeks you just know everyone a little bit more and then you have to leave already. There is always work to do, but you don't always see this. So maybe try to make a small plan/project when you are staying for a longer time.

Was there anything you weren't happy with? Anything you would improve?

You have to find your own way in the house. That is maybe not for everyone a problem, but they are not going to tell you what you have to do. So be creative!