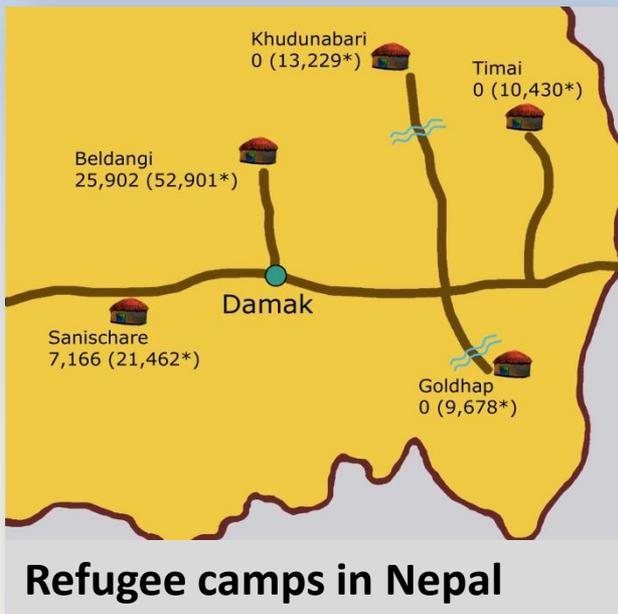




# USCO Highlights from South Asia

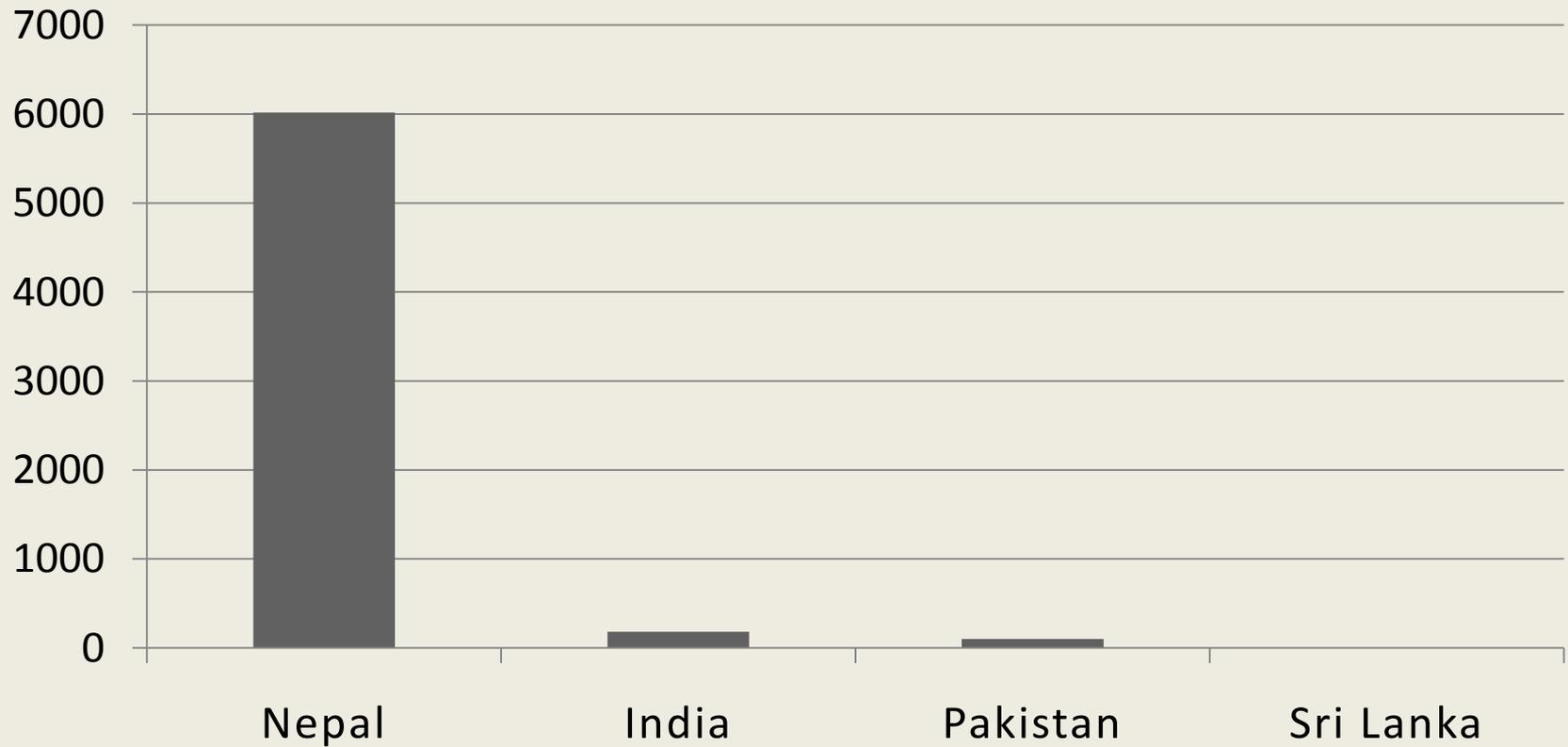




## USCO Training locations in South Asia



## CO Participant Numbers: FY 2012-2013





## Adult learning theories



**Culturally relevant forms of learning**



**Being flexible on any given day**



**Beyond child care**



# Bhutanese refugees prove you can farm rice, in Vermont



(A Bhutanese woman harvesting rice in a Vermont paddy.)  
While Nipponsemy would have preferred better weather for today's rice harvest, it's chilly and damp. But she's philosophical about it.  
"The weather doesn't favor us. No rain. So what to do? Vermont," she says.  
The world known for producing rice - China, India and Japan, to name a few - But a community of refugees from the Himalayan Kingdom of Bhutan has come out to the Ethan Allen Homestead to help with the machinery.



(The Bhutanese rice paddy is a project of the Association of Bhutanese Living in Vermont, a refugee-based nonprofit serving refugees from all over the world.)  
Some people cut the rice from the quarters area paddy, which others hand the stalks to be bundled with twice. Still others haul the bundles again up to discharge the rice grain.  
"They cannot wait and watch. If somebody cut this, my job is to do," says Nipponsemy. "We're job is to beat."

The Bhutanese rice paddy is a project of the Association of Bhutanese Living in Vermont, which provides refugees with land so they can grow food from home. Last year, Bhutanese children have suggested they might like to have rice.

"Rice is one of the most culturally significant foods in this community," says Nipponsemy. "We're who grows the rice paddy project."  
"It's easier to do it all the time. Right now it's this way, then we can't," she says.  
"It's a something that's in high demand in Vermont's homes."

It might seem odd to have rice in such a cold climate. But the Bhutanese have a special way to grow rice. They use a special kind of rice that grows in a wet, muddy field. The rice is planted in a muddy field and grows in a muddy field. The rice is planted in a muddy field and grows in a muddy field.

If all goes well, next year's harvest will grow in this area.

## Sharing resettlement experiences



**Integrating feedback**



**Every moment is a moment to learn**



**Working on joint resettlement projects**



**More flexible forms of delivery**



**Building the capacity of other trainers**



We've been living here in the camps for 20 years

**For us, by us**



**Namaste and thanks!**

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