

# Bhutanese Nepali Refugees



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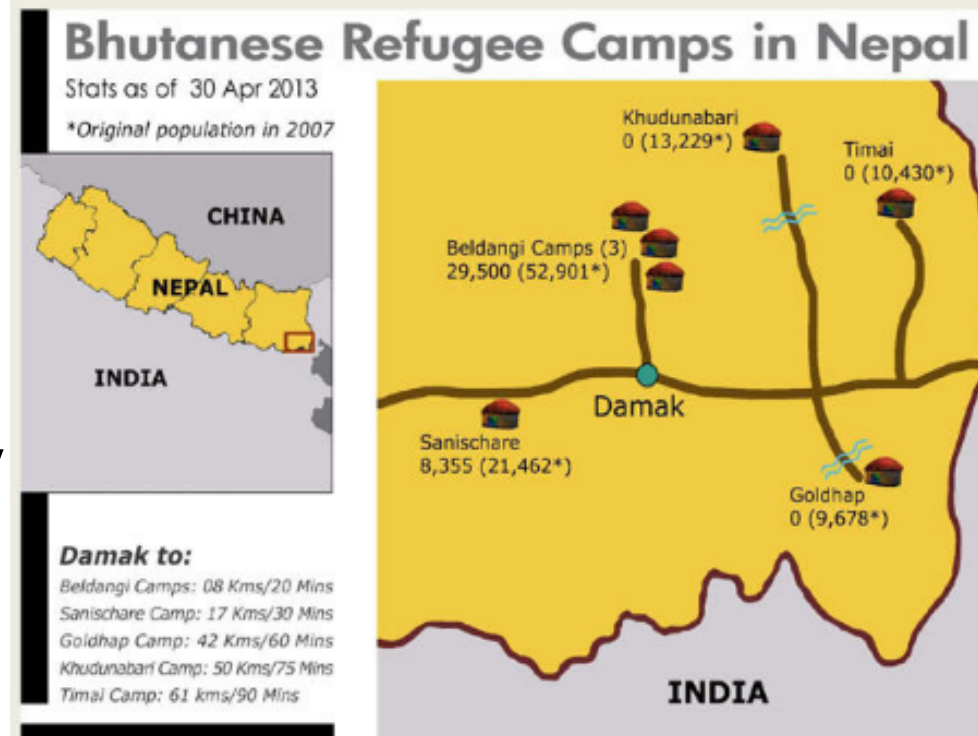
## Why Refugees?



- 1800s Nepali people came to Bhutan as cheap labor, settled, rose up to middle class over generations
- 1990s Bhutanese government - ethnic discrimination, harassment, loss of citizenship and rights, persecution
- fled or forced to flee to Nepal

# Refugee Camps

- people without a country
- food rations every two weeks
- alcoholism is an issue
- fire and spread of disease



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# Education

- relatively good schooling
- through 10th grade - SLC
- copying and memorization encouraged
- can be held back
- dropouts - make money
- corporal punishment



school uniform



## Language

नमस्ते

Hello - Namaste

Bye - Tata

My name is... - Mero nam \_\_\_\_\_ hoho

no - nai

yes - ah

Your child is good - Timro chodi ramro

Your child is not doing well - Timro chodi no ramro

# Language Transfer

- 26 vowels, 35 consonants



Learning to Read - long and short vowels

p and f sound mixup

sh sounds like ss

th sounds like t

-no articles (the, a, an)

-syntax - in Nepali, SOV

## Need to Know

- "gwa" or beetlenut

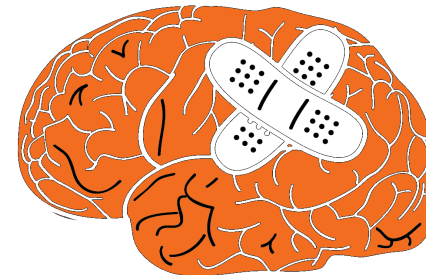


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- caste



Magar, Mongar, Sarki, Limbu, Dhamala, Kami, Gurung, Subedi

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- mental health and depression



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# Food



pagi



chat patay



dhal bhat



chai



momo



samosa

## Music, Dance & Film

- very similar to Hindi
- think Bollywood



Meri Bassai



- comedy - slapstick
- drama



## Clothing



sari



kurta



topi



chupa



Gurung dress

Tamang dress



Limbu dress

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## Gender Roles

- parents are traditional
- dating is allowed
- kids are westernized



traditional wedding dress

- boys and girls are allowed to play together
- marriage can be arranged or love match (caste)



# Beliefs



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Witness

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# Holidays



Diwali



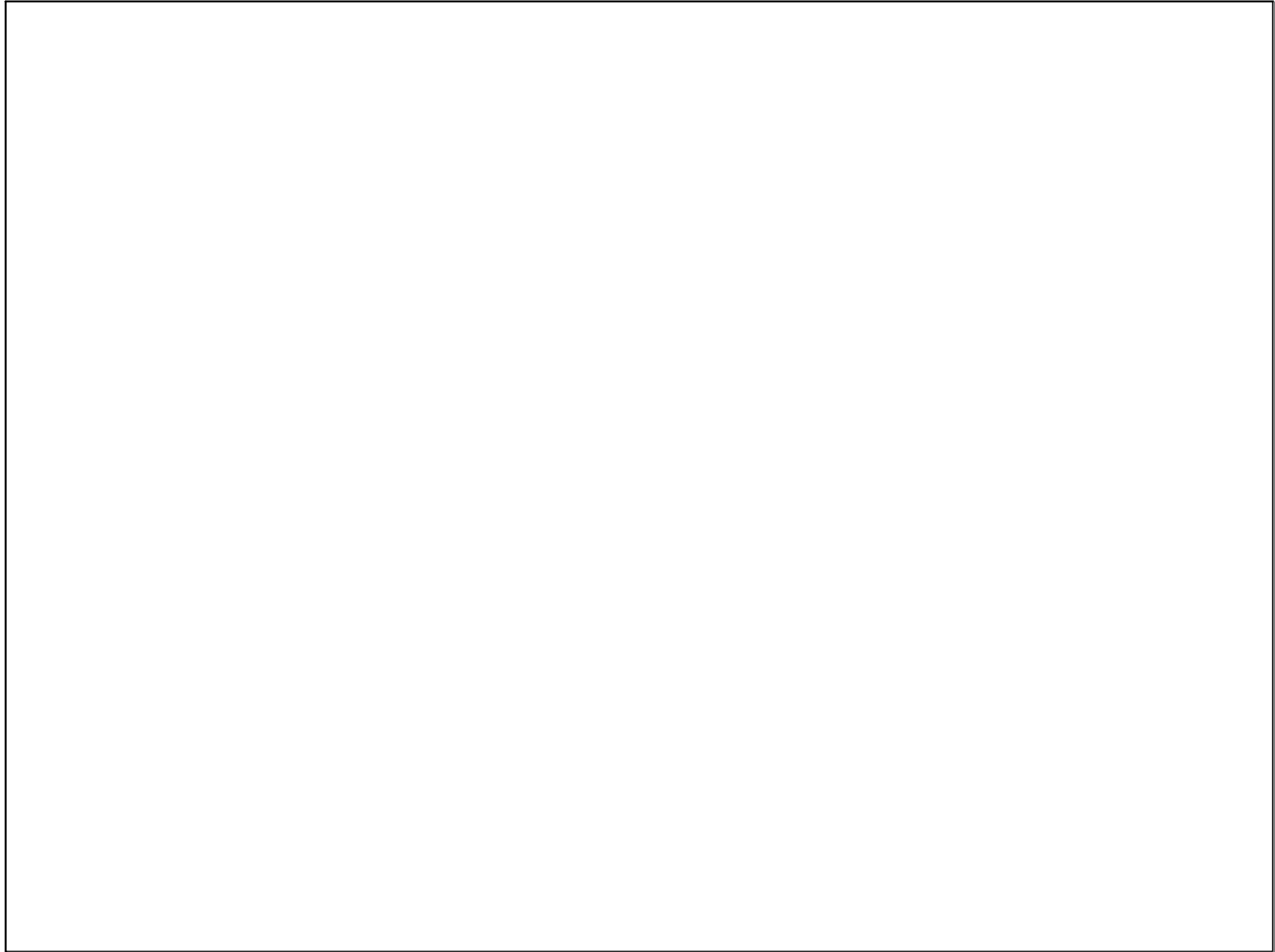
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Dashain

-Christmas

-Easter



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