

## **Monitoring Report**

# Sagar Bakanje, Solukhumbu, Nepal Project: Bakanje Hydro Power Project

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Bakanje Micro Hydro 21kW Power was built by Rural Regional Development Committee (RRDC) in 2001 with total cost of Rs. 3.000.000 its aim was to electrify Sagar Bakanje Village and to boost-up the living standard of the people encouraging them in setting up multiple cottage industries in the village. More than 150 household of Bakanje Village Development Committee ward no 3, 4, 5, and 6 were taking benefit of the electricity. But due to the poor construction, and management of electricity it couldn't be constant. Despite the repeated repair and maintenance earthen couldn't resist lightening power and lightening destroyed it in spring 2008. Bakanje People once again want to reconstruct it completely with new set up and they have taken an initiation. Electricity Reconstruction committee comprising 11 members has formed under the Chairmanship of Ang Dawa Sherpa. And it has conducted detail survey and feasibility study in cooperation of Alternative Energy Promotion Center (AEPC), an organization funded by Government of Nepal under the Ministry of Environment, Science and Technology. Report building is underway and is expected to come out by end of September 2009. Once report is come out Committee will hold meeting to find out the source of budget, however, it has identified Village Development Committee (VDC) and AEPC as a source of the fund.

#### **Electricity Reconstruction Committee of Sagar Bakanje**

Ang Dawa Sherpa Chairman **Chhiring Sherpa** Vice-Chairman Jangbu Sherpa (Chhimbu) Secretary Nima Chhewang Secretary Dasarki Sherpa Treasurer Pasang Sherpa Member Ang Chhiring Sherpa Member Danu Sherpa Member **Gore Tamang** Member Member Danu Sherpa Baharat Basnet Member

#### **Progress**

- Electricity Reconstruction Committee comprising 11 members has formed under the Ang Dawa's Chairmanship
- Committee has approached Alternative Energy Promotion Center (AEPC)
- Detail feasibility survey is conducted by AEPC and report building is underway
- Households' data is collected

- Committee has approached Village Development Committee for the funding and Rs.800.000 has already been allocated
- Bank a/c is opened in Salleri Rastriya Banijya Bank under the name of Bakanje Micro Hydro Power Project
- Necessary land is bought to relocate the power station and cost of the land is Rs75.000
- Committee has assessed the assets and concluded to reuse old tubes and aluminum wire but sell the motor back to company as it isn't good quality and not repairable condition.

#### Email 06-05-2009:

Dear Ang Dawa!

Thank you for the mail and the information. How long time will you stay in KTM.

About Electricity there is a good chance that HP have a donor for supplementary support of Electricity. **A)** But of course there are conditions before HP will go into the project:

- 1) We need a very detailed Project Description on the whole project, mentioning all work and material details from beginning to end.
- 2) And we need all economic details as well.
- 3) Then we need all the income details as well from VDC and from other sources.
- 4) And we need to know which parts of the project is expected to be done within these income sources.
- 5) There need to be appointed a Construction Committee and a Monitoring Committee which shall be approved by HP and be working under the rules of Himalayan Project.
- **B)** When you start the project there will still be more conditions:
  - 6) The Treasurer of Construction Committee shall keep account in HP's Account Book according to HP's Account Rules
  - 7) The Construction Committee shall send reports and show account for HP every now and then about the progress
  - 8) Monitoring Committee shall regularly check and approve the account.
  - 9) There shall be no corruption or misuse of money, and those who receive payments shall be able to show that they have produced something, and there shall be no ceremonial occupations. And this shall be justified by Monitoring Committee.
- **C)** When the money of VDC and other donors are spend, and the project is coming to a stop because of no more money:
  - 10) HP can be applied for completing the project.
  - 11) But then HP need all above conditions to be regular and timely fulfilled.
  - 12) HP will visit project site to check how far all so far work has been done according to Project Description and that the quality of work is in top end.
  - 13) That HP can approve the Account, which shall be done in a very detailed way.

IF all above points can be fulfilled by Sagar-Bakanje Electricity then it can be guaranteed that HP will go into the project to continue at the stage where previous donors have left.

But before HP can give this guarantee **point A** has to be fulfilled.

But even with this guarantee – HP can decide to withdraw if **points B & C** can not be approved.

Feel free to ask me, if there are something which is unclear for you.

And anyhow you should discuss regularly with Namgyal about the project so he is informed, and so he can advise you.

Yours Papa Kurt!

#### Email 13-09-2009:

Respected Sir, Papa Kurt

Namaste. I would like to say something about sagar bhakanje small hydropower project. At this time I am at Katmandu yester day I arrived here. and we gave to Grade Nepal consultancy to made our hydro statement..

I think the statement is ready on October 15. Then we send the statement for u papa. And our hydro Committee decide that we would like to say to you for help our hydropower for buying steal pole and penstock pipe. And we already say about this decision to namgel I think he would be said to u Nine lakhs rupees we collected from consumer and they happily donate for our hydropower. And then we spend one lakhs rupees to buy land for our hydropower. And ths year the government gave a permission to managing the 9class at bhakanje school and at last another request are say that time when you come at bhakanje and that say our Committee.

I am waiting for your replay. chairman Ang Dawa Sherpa

#### Reply on 13-09-2009:

Dear Ang Dawa!

Thank you for your mail and for your information.

I will arrive in KTM on 10. October and will probably be in Bakanje one week later.

I am still willing to discuss all your matters in Bakanje – hydro power, school and health post.

And actually some money is available for all the projects.

But I am not that sure that I am ready to discuss.

Last year we had a talk at the school about the school and the teachers.

But when Namgyal was there a month ago still nothing had happened and nothing had changed.

When the people of Sagar-Bakanje are only ready to hold their hand and beg for donation, but not ready to complete the small issues, which is expected from them, then my urge to help becomes smaller.

When I come to Sagar-Bakanje I expect all the issues which we discussed last year to be completed.

And I expect the school to have a plan about teachers arriving late daily and after vacation.

And I expect the school to have a plan about teachers drinking alcohol during school time.

When you can make me happy with those things, you will find me ready to discuss all the rest of the village projects.

See you soon in Sagar-Bakanje.

Yours Papa Kurt!