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## Monitoring Report

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Gaurisankar Pre-primary School

Orale, Bakanje-2, Solukhumbu

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Gaurisankar Pri-primary School, located in Orale, Vakanje VDC -2, Solukhumbu, Nepal, was built by people of Orale and Thamjengma village after their children didn't want to go to school walking 1 and ½ hours through the dense forest crossing big and small rivers. There is school in neighbouring villages in Bakanje VDC, but Orale and Thamjengma villages are located in the corner and at the river side, quite long distance from the neighbouring village. Children going to school used to be the matter of big concern for the parents of those two villages. In 2006, parents of two villages built a small building in Orale, nearby village and started pre-primary school with 12 nursery students and one teacher. As this school was also targeted for Marbo and Monjo village, the school construction was located in forest, some distant from the village. In the beginning, District Education Office (DEO) recognised it as child development school and provided a small fund for the development of child. But shortly after DEO upgraded the school for pre-primary school with 1 teacher as the number of the children found satisfactory. VDC also added some money every year for part time teacher. Now, children of nearby villages, Marbu and Monjo also come to this school. Despite having school nearby, the concern of the parents remained same since the school is located at side of the big river, which flows below 20 meter from the side; it was really very difficult for the teachers to take care all the children during the school time as well as when they come to school and go back home. Everyday parents used to be worried until their kids get back home. This issue was brought up to Himalayan Project Denmark (HP-DK)'s knowledge in autumn 2008 when a group of Danish people along with Chairman of HP-DK visiting the area. They, on invitation of school, visited the school at a time when the school was in dire need of additional physical step up like compound wall, classroom ceiling, roof, furniture, drinking water and toilet. HP-DK immediately supported the school with some school supplies. On January 2009, HP-DK, with a proposal of 40.064 DKR approximately 560.901 NRS, approached the Videbaek Rotary Klub, Club No. 10152, District 1450, Denmark to fulfil the needs of the school. In April 2009, the Construction Committee of five members was formed and they were fully consulted on proposal. After having approval from the Videbaek Rotary Klub, the proposal was changed into project description in 27 January 2010. As a result,



reconstruction of Gaurisankar Pre-primary School has completed now. In the period of construction, HIPRON monitored the construction 3 times.

The physical condition of the school before reconstruction

Before the reconstruction, the physical condition of the school was very much incomplete to be known it as a school. There was exterior structure with almost

rotten plank roof and some old furniture and stone flour inside. But there was no ceiling on wall and under roof. Inside the rooms was very cold in the winter that no children wanted to stay inside. There was lacking cupboard to protect the stationeries and other valuable document of the school. Besides, the school was lack of drinking water and toilet. Kids used to go down to the river for both propose.

Present condition

After reconstruction, the appearance of the school has changed and it looks very attractive. All the constructions except the rack are completed more or less meeting the standard demanded by HP-DK in the project description, the Project Description 27, January 2010. The compound wall has been well built. Its length has necessarily been increased by 2 meters while the depth of the foundation is lessened by 0.2meter. The height of the wall is 0.16 meter higher than that it was mentioned in the project description. The quality of construction and used stone was found to be very satisfactory. They have planted turfs on the top of wall all the way which has tightened the wall and stopped falling the stone down. The construction of roof, room ceiling, furniture, toilet and water supply are also successfully completed. Now school looks very much cosy and in complete shape.



We have checked size, number and used materials of the construction and compared with the project description as following:

Compound wall

	According to the checking	In Project description	Result
Length	122m	120m	+2m
Width	0.5m	0.5m	0
Width of the foundation	0.8m	0.8m	0
Depth	0.8m average	1m	-0.2m
Height from the surface	1.6m average	1.5m	+0.1m

Roof, Classroom Ceiling and Furniture

	According to the checking	In Project description	Result
CGI Roof tin 26 BWG 3f*6f	32 plates	48 plates	16 plates
CGI Roof tin 26 BWG 3f*7f	30	0 plates	-30 plates
Ridge cover plain tin	2 plates (3f*8f)	7 plates (1f*6f)	-1 (1f *6f)
Skylight 26 BWG 3f*6f	6 plates	4 plates	-2 plates

Ceiling on wall and under roof	In 2 rooms and extra outside roof	In 2 rooms	extra
Desks	15	15	0
Benches	15	15	0
Armchair	2	2	0
Cupboard with drawer	1	1	0
Racks	0	1	-1

### Toilet

	According to the checking	In Project description	Result
Construction	standard	simple	very nice
Roof 3f*6f	4 plates	2 plates	-2 plates
Pan	Indian quality	Simple	Extra
Septic tank	1.1m*1.3*1.4m	Not mentioned	Extra
Floor	Cement floor	Not mentioned	Extra
Plaster	Inside wall plastered partially	Not mentioned	Extra
Water supply	Tap in the toilet	Not mentioned	Extra

### Water Post

	According to the checking	In Project description	Result
Water post	Cemented	Simple and traditional	Not satisfactory
Dam	Constructed at the source	mentioned	Satisfactory
Pipe	20mm 300meter	25/32mm 300meter	Satisfactory
Supply	Under ground	Under ground	Satisfactory

### Drinking water Supply

To be honest, the water tap is not well constructed. Quality is not good and skill of the worker has definitely not reflected on the water post. It doesn't look nice and the water outlet system is also not well connected. While opening the tap, the water splashes out of the water post and causing damp around the water post. I did ask Construction Chairman Ngima Chhiring in last February to reconstruct it but it was not done as he was sick and was brought to Kathmandu for treatment. Actually we had asked the construction committee to make the water post in traditional design but that was not observed. It is ok. Now there is water supply and children can get the water whenever they need the water, and that is the great thing. However, the water post needs some repair to make it nicer. It only needs some cement and 1 skilled man. The water should be guided in proper way not to have splash out on the kids dress when they are trying to get water.



### Toilet

Now there is facility of the toilet and no kids have to run into the bush for toilet. Although it was mentioned simple toilet in the project description, the standard of the construction is much higher. The toilet has got cemented floor and partially plastered the inside wall with cement, and there is water supply. This toilet is located about 20 meters away from the school yard inside the compound wall.



## Discussion

1. According to the Project description, the construction is completed except a rack on wall. We have checked the entire construction bill but yet not approved the account as the bank statement was not presented. Ngima Chhiri is the signatory of the school bank account in Salary Rastriya Banijya Bank. Without his present, bank wouldn't give the statement to anyone. As agreed, Ngima Chhiri was to present the statement sometimes ago but due to his health problem, he couldn't go to Salleri to get the bank statement. So, account is still getting delay. Now Ngima is recovered and going back very soon to get statement. As soon as we get the bank statement, we do the final accounting and final report of the construction will be submitted to the donor.
2. Last year when construction was going on with the support of Videbaek Rotary Klub, DEO also added NRS 125.000 for the same purpose and this money is still untouched in the bank account. When account of the construction is approved, School Management Committee and representative of HIPRON will jointly decide how to utilise the remaining money for the improvement of the school. Perhaps, we need to repair the plaster of the school building with cement plaster.
3. The number of the students of this school is dramatically down in this year, there are only 6 students and two teachers, one full time and one part time. Perhaps there will be more students next year as there are some young kids in the village who do not come to school. So teacher and Management Committee need to visit each household of 4 villages to encourage the parents to send their kids to the school as are is very now. There are 26 households in the 4 villages; 13 households in Thamjengma, 3 in Orale, 7 in Marbu and 3 in Monjo village respectively. So definitely there are many children in the village who do not go to school.

## Conclusion

To summing up, Gaurisankar pre-primary School is now in complete shape of the construction. The construction of the projects was completed in time although it has taken time to conclude the project and its account due to some reasons but that is understandable. I am personally and on behalf HIPRON quite satisfied with work done although there are some minor things to complete. Now the people of Marbu, Monjo, Orale and Thamjengma must take care of their public property and well utilise for the future of their children learning from the past problem of not having school in the village. Taking good care of the school and well utilization of available facilities will be the real appreciation for the donor and supporter of the school.



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**Final Report will be added to this report, as soon as we can conclude the ACCOUNT!**