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Abbreviations:

HP	Himalayan Project Denmark
HIPRON	Himalayan Project Nepal
HP Chairman	Chairman of Himalayan Project Denmark (Papa Kurt)
VDC	Village Development Committee
JCC	Junbesi Communication Canter
SMC	School Management Committee
MEES	Mt. Everest English School
Upper Solu	North to the Khumbu and south to the Solu, a part of Solukhumbu

Group members of Solu Trip 1

Danish

1. HP Chairman Papa Kurt
2. Mummy Annemarie
3. Mr. Allan
4. Mrs. Liljan
5. Mr. Wilbert
6. Mrs. Vibeke

Nepali

1. Namgyal J Sherpa (Hipron Manager and Runner)
2. Sonam Doka Sherpa (Survey Leader)
3. Uten Sherpa member, survey team
4. Sumitra Tamang member, survey team
5. Rinji Sherpa assistance of survey team
6. Tika Ram Rai porter
7. Chhiring Sherpa porter
8. Jit bahadur Tamang porter
9. Kiran Rai porter

Mission

1. Project observation by Danish Team
2. Runner Service by Runner
3. Health Survey by survey team

Project and Area

1. **Upper Solu** (Bakanje, Beni, Tamakahani, Taksindu, Salleri)
2. **Project**
 - School reconstruction
 - Scholarship distribution
 - Teacher Salary
 - Sob-helth post construction

Group members of Solu Trip 2

1. Papa Kurt
2. Namgyal J sherpa
3. Ambika Maharjan
4. Tika Ram
5. Chhiring Sherpa

Mission

Project monitoring and Supervision

Brief Introduction of the Runner Service

Upper Solu Runner Service is a practical support for those Organizations and donors who are having development's activities in Upper Solu. This service is provided by Himalayan Project Nepal (HIPRON) with a reliable and capable person who visits Upper Solu to monitor projects run by Himalayan Project Denmark.

The basic service is provided for the social works of Himalayan Project, Denmark.

For the Service, Runner visits Upper Solu every three months and presents report to the concerned donor after having project monitoring and supervision work done.

Upper Solu is here defined as the five VDC's of Beni, Bakanje, Trakshindu, Thamakhani and Salleri. It is a part of Solu-Khumbu District situated in the eastern Nepal

Customer is that person or organization or any donor agency, which request for a task to be done by Runner Service.

The services, which can be offered, are only limited by the objectives of HIPRON.

Runner Service started in 2007 along with HIPRON existence, and its aim is to facilitate the project in local area for donor organization, as well as for local people.



Runner Service Autumn, 2008

HP has many different education projects in Upper Solu, and they are; schools reconstruction, teacher salary, computer and communication, and scholarships projects. Among them Chhimbu and Bakanje School reconstruction, teacher salary support for those schools, Tamakhani, Loding and Solung School reconstruction, JCC and Computer project in Mess, and scholarships projects in all five VDC. All the reconstruction projects are supported by different Rotary Club of Denmark and most of them have been completed. Teacher salary is supported by HP and some individual donor. Scholarships are supported by different individual donors. All these are for the welfare of the upper Solu people. HP Chairman Papa Kurt has initiated all those projects through Himalayan Project Denmark (HP) since 1999, and without him it was not possible.

For the monitoring of those projects Runner visits each projects site every three months and presents report for concerned donors through HP.



HP Chairman Papa Kurt visits project areas every year in autumn for the supervision and also explores new projects in the region.

He along with his wife and friends visited Project site in Upper Solu in autumn last year. As-per Runner Service Manual, I also joint with them for Solu to perform the service.

There were six Danish members including with Papa Kurt, nine Nepalese members including Health Survey team and porters. Among them Papa Kurt was there on supervision of HP Projects, and other Danish members were there partly on trek but also to have a look at HP projects. Three nurses and one assistant were there to conduct health survey in Bakanje VDC,

which is related to Chhiringkharka Sub-health post. Porters were there to carry luggage. And I was there as a runner and also to help HP Chairman on the Project site as an interpreter. It was our first trip and in Second trip I went with Chairman Papa Kurt and HIPRON administrative officer. It was after Danish friends except Papa Kurt returned to Denmark. Our second trip was focused and based Solu Projects run by HP.

As a runner I usually have to write a separate report of each project and submit to the HP as soon as I am back from project site. But this time I needn't to, because HP Chairman himself supervised all the projects. However, I have written this general report base on 1 and 2 trips. Detail report of each project is available in www.nepalhelp.dk

In our first trip, being with Danish and Nepalese friends I enjoyed a lot. During our stay in Solu, we all got lot of appreciation from local people. We didn't go deeply in project works; we rather checked our projects superficially,

but Papa Kurt held preparatory meeting with local people, which could help us next time for project supervision. We all started our own work from Kinja. As a runner I carried out my job, such as scholarship distribution, translating donor letter for students, collecting scholars' letters for donor, checking students' progress, advising them, and updating scholarship application and taking new in all five VDC. Papa Kurt joined it.



Survey team started their health survey in Bakanje VDC. Papa Kurt and Danish friends supervised underway and completed project from Chhimbu Porters were hardworking helping to all of us.

We stayed one day in Chhimbu, during our stay in Chhimbu Papa Kurt and Danish friends observed School re-construction site, held meeting with school teachers, contractor of reconstruction and parents of Chhimbu School. I actively joint the meetings. Everything was fine under Papa Kurt leadership. Survey team was to complete their survey in the time-limit. We had got to visit every projects site before we return to KTM. Among us Wilber and Vibeke were to back earlier than us. So, we left for Sagar Bakanje, there Papa Kurt and Danish friends checked science lab construction, furniture and interior

decoration project. We stayed there and same day evening local people and school teaching staff organized a dinner party for us. It was nice evening. Papa Kurt praised contractor Mr. Pasang for his good job and expressed his happiness over the successful projects. Next day, Papa Kurt discussed with Teachers and parents of Sagar-Bakanje School, and made list of some minor repair of school, which parents and school teacher could do without HP support. He asked them to complete those minor repairs before his second trip. I carried-out all the scholarships related tasks. Then we set-off for Chhiringkharka through Sagardanda. In Sagardanda there were gathering of many people and welcomed us with flower garland. We lunched there and continued our journey for three hours to for Chhiringkharka. It was raining and path was difficult. Mrs. Liljan was tired. Some people had come with tea and cheese on half way to picked us up. It was really nice; we all became refreshed after having enjoyed with tea and cheese. Thanks Chhiringkharka people!

We stayed for two days in ChhiringKharka. There Papa Kurt held meeting with survey team and reviewed their performance. Next morning we all went down to Chhiring primary School where HP supports with educational materials. HP also has got three scholars in the same school. School organized welcome ceremony in this school, students and parents perform welcome dance and songs. After that we made the list of the educational materials which HP was to supply next time. There was an interaction between Survey team and woman of Chhiringkharka about their health situation, and Danish woman also participated. In the evening there was a meeting with Patale electricity committee, village close to Chhiringkharka. Last year Patale Electricity got Rs.8000 loan from HP for its repair which they wanted to pay back. Papa Kurt received loan back and donated for it. Next morning we separated with survey team and left for Sete leaving survey team behind in Chhiringkharka. Next day we set-off for Junbesi and stayed there, I went to Mopung where my family is living which is half an hour walk from Junbesi. I spent a night with my family. Next day Wilbert and Vibeke went to Phaplu with Tika Ram as they had to go back to Kathmandu by flight a day after. Papa Kurt and Mummy, Allan and Liljan visited my family, Spending few hours with my family we went back to Junbesi. In the evening, just after dark, Utten, Rinji and Sonam Doka came being Sonam Doka carried by porters. She was sick in Chhiringkharka and left out their survey. One of the members of team had gone back to Kathmandu through Jiri. We stayed there couple of days to complete our task such as meeting with JCC, task of scholarships, and one more days to get Sonam Doka's health situation better. After three days we went to Phaplu, Tika Ram carried Sonam Doka and rest of the porter helped him on the way. Her health situation was improved just as we reached in Phaplu. Next morning I and Danish friends went to Tamakhani and loding where Padborg Krusaa Rotary Klub supported for Jwala Mai Primary School reconstruction and Sydthy Rotary Klub supported for Pikey Lower Secondary School reconstruction. Sonam Doka, Uteen, Rinji and two porters back to Kathmandu by flight, 2 porters went to Lukla after 5 days staying as they had got to joint another trekking. Papa Kurt and Danish friends supervised both the schools and discussed with Construction Chairman Mr. Krishna. After supervising all the construction work of both school Papa Kurt was dissatisfied and expressed his dissatisfaction with Krishna, Construction Chairman, because some part of the project was not completed and some were not met the quality demanded by HP. However, Papa Kurt made list of missing project and asked Krishna that all those lacking should be fulfilled before his second visit. And evening, we back to Phaplu.



Next day it was 26 October, we flew back to Kathmandu. After some days Danish friends except Papa Kurt went back to their Country.

Second time I joint Solu trip with HP Chairman and Mrs. Ambika and two porters, Tika Ram and Chhiri. This time we focused on remained work to complete which weren't completed before. We started our work from Chhimbu. During our 2 night stay there Papa Kurt checked Chhimbu School reconstruction site, account of the school construction and school running in detail. After that he held very serious meeting with school teachers and contractor of the re-construction because there were occurred some irregularities from contractor side in a reconstruction process. I also heavily involved that

meeting. He also held separate meetings with parents and Chhimbu Woman Progressive Group, where I and Ambika also joint and helped him. And finally we met all the students and Papa Kurt distributed his granddaughter, Maya's present, school bag and cheese, to students. Then we left for ChhiringKharka, all the students were raising and shaking their hand for good bye.

That day, we hardily reached ChhiringKharka passing through Bakanje and Orale. On the way Papa Kurt held a meeting with School Committee and teachers in Bakanje School. It was very important meeting about teachers' irregularities and parents' carelessness towards it. I acted as an interpreter in that meeting. Discussion was on teacher being alcoholic and not attending school regularly, and parents' passiveness towards the school. It was partly fruitful. At least some alcoholic teachers admitted that there have been carelessness and irregularities from their side and promised HP Chairman of bringing change in their behavior for no to repeat such *sort* of irregularities in school in days to come. Papa Kurt made them clear on how HP can support Sagar-Bakanje School and what should be done from teachers and parents' side to improve the educational standard of the school as well as to have HP support in future. He is very much concerned about education standard of the school which is recently down because of the drunker teachers and ignorant parents. HP has got science lab house construction, furniture and interior decoration project in this school supported by Padborg-Krusaa Rotary Klub, Denmark, teacher salary supported by HP itself and scholarship for number of students by several individual donors.

In Orale, we handed over educational materials, sports and musical tools to school teacher. They were very much happy and grateful to us. Materials were brought from Katmandu for Orale and Chhiringkharka School. Orale school had been lacking all education materials since its inception but their needs were met when HP Chairman Papa Kurt handed over them all those things. This is very small preprimary school situated at the river side in the jungle. There are 11 students studying with one young leady teacher. School building is newly built and there is no furniture at all. So, it is in dire need of physical support.

In ChhiringKharka, HP has plan to construct Sub-health Post and Bakanje health survey is concerned with this project.

We spent two nights in Sharki's house over there. During our stay, Papa Kurt and I held a meeting with local people and discussed on health survey report of survey team, drawing of the construction and budget. Papa Kurt made construction drawing discussing with local people on how it should be like. We also visited the site for the construction and made the measurement. Good conclusion was drawn, and in the evening we went down to the school and handed over education materials support to the school. Many people were present at the school ground on educational materials handing over ceremony. HP has been supporting ChhiringKharka Primary school with educational materials since 2007. There are 55 students in this school and they are the beneficiary of support. We also have got 3 scholars in this school.



After ChhiringKharka

We passed Kangelemu-La and went down to Mopung valley. Kangelemu-La is 5000meter High Mountain. The path is very adventures, exciting and strange for us. In the beginning we felt little afraid because one of our group members Ms Ambika ever been to mountain. We thought she would get problem with high altitude but fortunately she was strong and easily made it.



There are such a magnificent views on the way we all forgot our destination for a moment and deeply felt in to the beauty of the nature. But we had to get a move on our journey to Mopung Valley. We reached there just after dark and we all accommodated in my mum house. Mopung was cold and windy but we had no way.

In this valley HP has got 10 scholars and whose scholarships were distributed in our first trip. There is also a primary school and Padborg-Krusa Rotay Klub supported it with new tin roof.

Next morning we continued our journey for Ringmu valley. We passed Singzare-La Mountain. There is good trail leading to Ringmu valley and it was built by HP to promote tourism in this area ten years before. Singzare-la is very beautiful

place from where breadth taking scenery of series of Mt. Everest and many other mountains can be viewed.

In Ringmu, stayed in Temba's lodge; Temba is former chairman of Ringmu School. Papa wanted to meet Mr. PhuGyalzen Sherpa, active person in the village, but he wasn't there. Next morning I, Temba, Papa Kurt and Ambika went to see the school physical condition. After having observed school building around we discussed about necessary repair of the school and Papa Kurt concluded that Ringmu school roof needs new tin roof and new toilet. Papa Kurt asked me and Ambika to measure school building, its roof and playground and we did as per.

After Ringmu, we head-out to Junbesi being by Solung and Phurteng. In Solung HP have Shree Janachetana Primary school reconstruction project supported by Køge Nord Rotary Klub. We visited this school in our first trip and reconstruction project was checked but account was not as construction Chairman, Mr. Gyalzen was on trek then. So, Papa wanted to meet him and also checked the account in second time but it was Saturday and Galzen had gone to Market. We met Galzen wife in his house and she offered us tea and boil potatoes which our lunch. After that we continued to Junbesi and on the way we visited Shanti Biswakarma, a disable girl of Dalit family, whom HP is thinking of bringing to Shanti Home (disable center) in Kathmandu for the better life. HP had supported her eldest sister Chamili with scholarship but letter on she dropped out her study. Their family used to live in near Junbesi village where they had a small hut. Recently One French guy bought a nice house for them in Phurteng where they are running tea shop now.

We reached Junbesi by evening and stayed at Ang Phuti Lodge. When we are in Junbesi we stay Ang Phuti Lodge. Ambika Maharjan being a city girl and never been to mountain, was quite strong to travel in Mountain. It was amazing feeling all of us. Our porters were as usual- strong, happy and entertaining. So, Trip was quite wonderful. In Junbesi we had got to set-up communication center (JCC) and it was by Vinderup Rotary Klub. Some technicians from Sea Gate computer institute were to come with computers and but they delayed one day. So, we were waiting for them. Then Mr Gyalzen came meet us with Solung School reconstruction account and we utilized our time checking account and also meeting with some people, scholars and new applicants' etc. temperature was down as winter had started but we had cozy feeling being around the fire place. It was on 17th November 08

SeaGate people arrived with all the equipments by evening. Next morning JCC installed with 3 computers, 1 printer and 1 scanner and they are very high quality equipments supported by Vinderup Rotary Klub. HP Chairman formally inaugurated JCC on 18th November and delivered speech on inauguration ceremony and his speech focused on how to utilize JCC, make self-running for long time and give with excellent service. Many people gathered and performed dance and sang songs on the occasion. After opening JCC formally people of that particular area have been benefited with the communication facilities.

After Junbesi we left for Phaplu. Ambika was homesick and wanted to back at the earliest possible. But she had to wait 2 days to have flight. During our stay in Phapu, I and Papa Kurt visited Tamakhani and Loding School. We had checked Loding and Tamakhani School in our first trip and Papa Kurt had made list on not done work of both school and instructed Krishna to complete before second trip. We checked reconstruction project and its account. Papa Kurt after having checked all the work done and it's account, and he expressed dissatisfaction with construction chairman Krishna for not completing remaining project in given time and not marinating proper account of the project.

We back to Phaplu on same day and next morning Papa Kurt and Ambika flew back and I flew one day after.

Overall both the trips were successful and fruitful. We completed our mission with full of dedication. There were full cooperation from local people, project workers, as well as those Danish friends and Nepalese who joined the trips. Without their cooperation and dedication it was not possible to complete our mission. So, I would like to thank you all my Danish friends who contributed a lot towards our community development, especially for Papa Kurt who have

been working hard in this field since decade. I also would like to thank y for all my Nepalese friends who supported a lot in our mission.



Some scholars are having their picture taken after receiving donor letter

