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As per Himalayan Project (HIPRON) regular service, Mr. Namgyal Jangbu Sherpa, accompanied by Mr. Tika Ram Rai, has carried out the tasks of Runner Service in Upper Solu from February 10, 2010 to March 01, 2010. In 19 days period of which 3 days were spent with the family celebrating Lhoshar festival and rests of the days were solely spent on runner Service. During the period, Scholarship distribution and payment of teacher salary were made. Students progress, personal information, pictures were made up to date. The schools supported by different Danish donor agencies through Himalayan Project (HP) for reconstruction were monitored. And other sub projects were observed as well. For the Reference



It was very cold and windy during the period. There was snow fall 3 times that extended our days in Solu. It was expected to complete runner service earlier but that was contrary due to the unfavorable weather condition, School winter vacation, Lhoshar festival and so on. I had engaged some days with family, friends and relatives celebrating festival. It had been 8 years that I hadn't been with the family and relatives together for such occasion. So, this time HIPRON Runner Service was actually a great chance for me to celebrate festival with the family and that had been quite wonderful.

Phaplu

On the very first day of the service, there was discussion held with Mr. D B Tamang, Health Assistance of **Phaplu Nursing School**, about ChhiringKharka Community Clinic First Aid Training and equipments. He was shown the first aid box, bought in Kathmandu, for his comments. Approving the first aid box, he suggested some additional items. He also agreed proposed training allowance Rs.350/hour. And Action plan of the First Aid training was prepared together.

Phaplu Technical School construction supported by United Nation World Food Program was observed and taken some information and pictures as well. The constructions were under progress, of 9 building 5 were constructed with good quality; they were yet to get roof on. Other 4 buildings constructions haven't yet started. They have a plan to complete the construction in 2010 and start education phase from 2011 onward if everything will go as planned.

Meeting with District Education Officer (DEO)

Meeting with DEO was cancelled as he was out of the district. He hadn't returned until my stay in Solu and meeting with him wasn't held.

Meeting with District Health Officer (DHO)

There was meeting held with DHO Mr. Madhu Sudan Koirala and I informed him about HP plan for First Aid to Chhiringkharka community people as well and Woman Empowerment Project (WEP). He was happy to have got to know and appreciated the program and gave his consent for First Aid Training and WEP, but due to lack of manpower and resourced they couldn't help in those very projects. In regard of Chhiringkharka Community Clinic (CCC) approval, he informed me that he had no authority for approval; it was Regional Health Directorate, Itahari which grants approval for CCC and it should go through it for the process.

Meeting with the students of Auxiliary Nurse Midwife (ANM)

I met ANM Nurse Students Chhemi Sherpa, Sabita Gimere and Forwa Sherpa. They were found to have been doing quite well in their study. I have informed them that PONA- Foundation had supported for their study with the hope of getting their service in CCC and Bakanje health post. They are extremely happy to know about the support and expressed their firm commitment that they will go back and give their service in Bakanje VDC. Unfortunately Subida Tamang didn't succeed in entrance for ANM study. Rather Ms. Furwa Sherpa, daughter of Mr. Gelbu Chhiri and Kanchhi Sherpa, had succeeded and took over her. Ms. Furwa Sherpa 18, being diligent and dedicated students, passed 10+2 with 2nd division high marks and now she is studying ANM course at Phaplu. Having poor family background, her father used to be contractor of Chhumbu reconstruction and her brother Kunjang applied for HP scholarship some year back but he never been lucky guy. Therefore I have recommended her for scholarship.

Consulting DB Tamang for scholarships support payment, we agreed to make payment by HIPRON own means (upon runner service). In this scholarship scheme Sabita Ghimire receives less support than the two other ANM Students do as per the agreement between HP and Sabita of last year autumn.

For ANM practical training in Kathmandu, they are yet to fix their plan and schedule, their target is for September. DB will notify HIPRON once plan is made.

Junbesi

Scholarships were distributed for Junbesi School's scholars and their personal information, progress and picture were kept updated. Their latter to the donors were also collected.

Junbesi Communication Center Junbesi (JCC)

JCC was monitored and it was not found to have used as communication center. Center is padlocked. I checked all the equipments including computers, printer and scanner with Chungba Lama, Chairman of JCC and found that they were kept safe. Chungba Lama informed that there is no customer due to lack of internet connectivity and also they have lack of enough power supply for the computer. Beni Electricity with the capacity of 250kw is under construction. When it is completed it is expected to have sufficient power for JCC.



It seems to take a year to complete it. They want to bring the center in operation when they have enough power supply and internet connection is available in the area. But it is uncertain when it will be. Ref. [080606_JCC_Project Description](#)

Junbesi School cement plaster project

I discussed with Chungba lama about Peter who had a plan to support for Junbesi School for cement plaster on school buildings. Chungba said that he had a very short email from peter that he was coming in following autumn along with his family- but he mentioned nothing about cement plaster project.

Mopung

Cement plaster, gutter fitting at the brim of roof and color painting project of **Mopung School** were monitored. The project is found to have completed successfully. This project was supported by Danish lions club with the amount of Rs.119, 748. Earlier Padborg-Krusaa Rotary Club, District 1460 Denmark had supported tin roof in 2007. The project now has been completed. ***Final report will be produced soon.***



The **old tin plates** of Mopung School replaced by new one, which belongs to HP and had been using for Mopung stupa construction with HP permission, were stored back in the school as stupa construction had completed. Nobody has asked for it.

Phugmoche School

Phugmoche School was on winter vacation, no teacher except only a few lama students were there. So I didn't visit. I got information that woods was cutting for the computer furniture. It seems the furniture to be completed in spring.

Solung

I was in Solung and discussed with construction Chairman Gyalzen Sherpa about the remaining construction project of compound wall of school. Gyalzen said that due to shorter day of winter, the construction hasn't started. According to him, construction will start from mid March. He informed that the last transferred money had arrived but its detail statement wasn't seen.

I had briefly discussed with Gyalzen about teachers' performance, he told me that they were doing well. He informed that Himalayan Trust had withdrawn their teacher



support. So now there are only two teachers- Headmaster, Rana Miss and Tashi Sherpa and they were quite regular.

I have observed the condition of newly constructed toilet and shower room. Toilet is well functioning with enough water supply. Water sprayer in shower room was broken and need to be replaced. Gyalzen will do that. Køge Nord Rotary Klub 1480, District Denmark had supported Solung Primary School with Rs1, 023,000 in 2007 and the club gave additional support of Rs.143, 000 in 2009. [Ref. 070905_Project Description, 090405_Project Description](#)

Ringmo

I didn't visit Ringmo as Fu-Gyalzen wasn't there.

Mopung-Sete



When we were heading to Chhimbu we met Dorji Sherpa in Taktorluck. He had got big hurt on his back side above the leg and couldn't walk. I cleaned up his wound and gave first aid treatment putting some medicine with the help of first aid kit. He was happy and was grateful for that.

Lamjura Water Supply

The water supply supported by HP was observed. It was found no water availability in Kande due to pipe frozen between Lamjura and Kande. And no new member was found in.

Chhimbu

Scholarships were distributed. Their progress and other personal information as well as their pictures were updated. Students' letters to their respective donors were also collected. Especially, Mayan Tamang was reminded to send regular letter for donor

Attendance register of teachers and students as well as School accounts from 15 October 09 to 15 January 10 were updated.

Chimbu Progressive Women Group (CPWG)

There was discussion held with Chairman CPWG Mrs. Bishnu Maya Tamang and some members on

its activities. According to Bishnu Maya, there hasn't been any activity since our visit in last autumn; they have saved support of Maja and Jahanne and are planning to buy fabric for uniform.

Bishnu Maya and other members of CPWG checked Dawa's old house for the factory, they liked it and they seemed to have been happy. I don't know how far they understood the value of having uniform factory. We need to be fully confident that through uniform factory, we will be able to empower the women of Chhimbu in their skill to make them self-dependent for uniform and cloths develop their economy status. We also have to be sure that our investment will have full achievement.



I didn't meet Sukku Maya- late Dille Thami's wife. According to Jangbu, she has paid most loan, still Rs.3, 000 is yet to pay back. She some time visit Jangbu to make enquiry about last support transfer, Jangbu said.

Kenja

I didn't meet any one especial candidate to be WEB coordinator, I Just spread rumors around. According some women I talked to, Bimsen wife could be local coordinator.

Bakanje

Health Post

I had discussed held with Mrs. Susma, health worker, about the health post. Mrs. Susma informed that Health Assistance Rewati Thapa had returned to Bakanje Health Post completing his study as health assistant and has resumed his job. Now there are three staffs- Rewati Thapa, health assistance, Mrs. Susma, health worker and a peon. They are regular towards their job. Mr. Rauti has a plan to give service there for some years. The land for Health worker's quarter house, Mr. Domi Sherpa, the land owner, hasn't decided about the land price. I had told Hospital Committee to negotiate about the land price with Mr. Domi and make it available for HIPRON at the earliest. But Domi didn't seem ready to negotiate for the land. In Last Autumn Domi had proposed Rs, 100,000 for his ¼ ropani land and HP had considered the price to be very expensive.

Health post quarter is in dire need in Bakanje. Mr. Rewati lives in Kenja which is 1 ½ hour far off from Sagarbakanje, he walks up to and from health post to down every day. So he is available at hospital at office time at 10AM – 4PM, and sometimes not. Peon lives in Sagardanda which is far down. Mrs. Susma, another health worker lives in Sete and that is also far off. It has caused inconvenience to the patients who need emergency treatment. Health post quarter will help enhance their service to the patients- Rewati says. He says cheaper land can be bought other place if negotiation with Domi is failed.

Scholarship distribution

Scholarships were distributed for Bakanje School's scholars and some new contracts of scholarship were made, progress and personal information of scholars were updated. And their letters for donor were also collected.

School

Teacher performance, I had impression that no remarkable changes had come in teachers' behavior. According to Ang Dawa, the headmaster and some parents their behavior was same as before- no positive changes. Tenji and Domi still drink alcohol and are very much passive in taking class. The performance of new teacher Lhakpa Sherpa and other two are under average typed, lhakpa is quite new in teaching field but the others have long experience. The best teacher of the School Mr. Tika Niraula was found to have left for other school.

According to the teaching staff, the School management committee led by Tshiring Sherpa was almost passive. They weren't cooperating with teaching staff for the betterment of the school. Parents of Bakanje School never pay any attention toward the school and education of their children, teachers said. Whatsoever, the worst thing I experienced there was that teachers were found not to have been taking care of the facilities we had provided them. The situation of the toilet has gone down and found almost out of function. I made all teachers aware in this regard.

There was also a discussion held with carpenter Pasang Tamang about the ***furniture for science lab*** of Bakanje School. He was supposed to start cutting wood but he hasn't started yet. I have asked him to start cutting woods at the earliest possible so that there will be enough time to get them dry before monsoon.

Toilet

I have checked the toilet condition of Bakanje School and found one toilet room out of function as kids have put stones into pan that has obstructed the pipe to septic tank. It needs to be clear-out. Also washing bin was obstructed and waste water doesn't pass through. I have asked school staff to repair and keep the toilet always functional. Teachers put blame on young kids for ruining the toilet. I have asked teacher that it was their duty to teach young kids of using toilet. It was found sufficient water supply with damaged pipe. I have asked them to repair it at the earliest possible.

Solar hot shower

I received complaints about hot shower that hot water was not running through. I called Nuru Tundu, technician of the hot shower fitting, who was in Bhandar and arrived there on same day. He got it



repaired. The problem was the dust that had blocked water. It might happen again in raining time so water tank must be cleaned in time of raining. We also observed the location where the solar panel and hot water tank were placed. We found that they were not safe as kids have easy access to the solar panel and hot water tank and can damage them. We decided to move them to the roof of toilet. Some cement and woods are needed and School Management Committee will provide that. Nuru Tundu will go there in mid- March and relocate them. All the bill of expenses will be borne by school

account.

According to Ang Dawa, Headmaster of the School, no village people except Dorji, had come for shower. But students and teachers had been taking shower. According to him, solar panel can hit 200l water in 2- 3 hours in sunny day

Electricity reconstruction

Electricity reconstruction of Sagar Bakanje was monitored and it was found under progress. The villagers have dissolved the committee led by Ang Dawa Sherpa as it was not active enough for the reconstruction and elected the new committee comprising of 13 members Chaired by Nim chhiri Sherpa. New committee has repaired the part of motor with the help of technician kami Chhiri Sherpa. They have replaced the parts which were out of functioning. Now electricity is functioning well. They were working on wire network for the each household. When it is done household of 5 villages of Bakanje VDC- Oralle, Thamchangma, Marbu, Sagardanda and Sagarbakanje will be benefitted. Bakanje Electricity has capacity to produce 20/Kw. Power.

For this purpose Village Development Committee had allocated Rs1, 000,000 for the reconstruction last year, of that amount previous committee had spent Rs. 152,000 on feasibility survey and profile making. New committee had spent Rs.436, 195 for reconstruction and rest of the amount had been distributed among five wards respectively at the ward no 1, 2, 7, 8, 9 for the purpose of repairing drinking water supply and other things as required.

Bakanje flour mill

Location and water volume for the possible floor mill construction was observed in Bakanje and it was found situated good location with sufficient water at 1500m north to the Bakanje village. The place is

also slope down and high enough to make water fall hit the turbine. Flour mill is Bakanje women's great interest as it helps saving their time and labor. Most people of Bakanje use hand grinder for flour.

Sagardanda

School

Sagardanda School was observed; it is found to have completed the building construction, rooms were found to have been using for classroom. HP message to the school Management Committee that they can start cutting wood for the furniture was conveyed. I discussed Kami Chhiri about floor cement /stone slate. Kami Chhiri will find the right price of both cement and stone slate for floor and will give me. I expect to have it on coming Saturday 13 March.

Sagardanda flour mill

Sagardanda flour mill's turbine supported by HP was found to have collected from Bhandar by Woman Group of Sagardanda but it was found no to have yet fixed, they were stored in the temple premises. They were planning to collect the money from each household of Sagardanda for buying pipe and reconstruction of the house.

I didn't discuss about WEP as I did have any issue for discussion.

Orale

On the way to Chhiringkharka, I discussed with chairman of Orale School at Oralle, We together read through the project description. They accepted the project budget mentioned in the project description. Thereby, HP message that they can start cutting wood is conveyed. School Management Committee Chairman informed that District education office had provided Rs.125, 000 supports for repairing of physical facilities that includes roof and furniture. It was agreed that they can start the project when HP gives green light that they can go ahead, and when school building is updated as per the project description of Himalayan Project (HP), HP and School Committee will decide what do next with the surplus money. The school has bank account at Rasriya Banijya Bank, Branch Office Salleri, Solukhumbu, under the name of Gauri Shanker Primary School, Bakanje-2 Oralle, Solukhumbu. A/c type# current, A/c no 1550

Chhiringkharka

It was last day in Bakanje, we observed the Chhiringkharka Community Clinic (CCC) construction. CCC has yet to complete interior decoration and furniture. Woods were being transported for the purpose. According to the project description, interior decoration includes ceiling for wall and roof in all rooms, solar for shower room, cop boards, table, chairs and racks in supported budget. It will have completed in spring- Kami Chhiri, the construction chairman informed. Kami Chhiri was well informed and explained about the project description and handed over the copy of it. He is also informed about the money transferred to Bank.



PONA Foundation has supported for the clinic construction with US \$24,996 in 2009 and US \$ 8,360 additional support. [090226_Construction Description.pdf for reference](#)

DHO hasn't granted any approval and promised to CCC. According to DHO, he has no authority to give approval but he can support supplying necessary medicine through Bakanje Health Post as required.

First Aid Box handed over to the Chairman of the Clinic, Mr. Sarki Sherpa and it was shown to some would be first aid trainees' women. We had some discussion on the candidate for the training of First Aid- name and date. For the First Aid Training, DB had proposed March 25 and Chhiringkharka women proposed for April 10 as March is considered to be black month and they don't leave their family in this month. Then DB purposed for a day after Nepali New year 2067 that is 15 April. I have sent message for Chhiringkharka women and I got message back from Nima Chhewang that they agreed upon the purposed date.

Scholarships were distributed for Chhiringkharka School's scholars, some new contracts of new scholars were made, and Scholars' progresses were updated.

Flour mill

The flour mill supported by HP for Lole and Patale haven't installed. Mother group of those two villages have planed to install them in spring.

Loding

Pikey school

Scholarships were distributed for scholars and their progress report and personal information were updated.

The school was observed together with Mr. Krishna, the construction chairman. There hasn't been much progress since my visit in last autumn. Only some mud in front of the toilet, which was plunged above the toilet during last monsoon and blocked the entrance of toilet, was found to have removed and also toilet's damaged pan has been replaced. They have bought 500 liter tank and have plan to make water reserve tank next to the toilet. The urinal tank hasn't been fixed so urinal is running on open surface behind the toilet.



The mud behind the school building is as it was before and so did look the front garden. They have no plan to complete the project according to the agreement made. Krishna and Chet Bhadur again gave me merely verbal assurance that they would do it but it is yet to see their action.

They have a plan to construct teacher hostel with 6 rooms near the school, for that they have bought ½ ropani land at Rs.40, 000. It is learned from Krishna and Chet Bahadur, the school headmaster that Singapore School Association (SSA) wants to support with Rs.500, 000 for this very purpose. They yet don't know when and how to start. SSA previously donated 5 computers and has been supporting a teacher salary.

Tamakhani

School

Tamakhani Jwlamai School was observed with construction chairman Mr. Krishna Raj Bandari, No progress has been made since last year Autumn despite repeated urge. Just few days before my arrival therein there had been VDC Council Meeting and it has allocated Rs.80, 000 to complete the incomplete project of HP, by school. According to the project description, project should have completed within the supported budget in stipulated time-line but due to Construction Chairman's Inefficiency it remained incompleted and also accounts of the reconstruction wasn't maintained properly. We have repeatedly

been asking for the clear accounts but Krishna has failed to do that. This project was supported by Padborg-Krusa Rotary Club, 1460, Denmark with DKK 68,000 in 2007Ref. [070216_Thamakhani Project Discription_PKRK.pdf](#)

Electricity

After the school, I observed Tamakhani Electricity Construction. It is under progress. The water canal is under construction. They have ordered the motor and other materials in Kathmandu. Energy Sector Assistance Program (ESAP) supported with Rs.3,000,000, SSA supported US \$ 13,000, VDC supported Rs. 850,000 and villagers collected Rs. 2,200 from each household and 10tin sand and 12tin gravel. There are 170 household which will be benefited by this project. According to Krishna, treasurer of the construction, this project will have been completed before 2011. The potential capacity of Tamakhani Electricity is 20/Kw and | estimated budget of construction is Rs.4,900,000 but according to Krishna, treasurer, it might go beyond the budget.



Road construction

Tamakhani is now very close to the road, the construction is underway to Tamakhani. It is expected to join Tamakhani to road network by next year if District Development Committee of Solukhumbu will allot necessary budget required for it.

Salleri

Mount Everest School

By the end of the runner service, I visited Mt. Everest English Secondary School (MEESS) and handed over to LCD monitors donated by HP. Although they were sent to MEESS in last December they were not handed over. In 2007 Vinderup Rotary Klub District 1440 Denmark had donated 6 computers for educational purpose and Seagate had facilitated the project. HIPRON has been monitoring this project on regular basis. After sometimes the problem was occurred with 2 monitors and they couldn't be repaired. So, HP donated 2 other monitors to replace them. According to the computer operator of MEESS, the rest of the monitor and all hard disks are in good condition and functioning well. But there was no internet connection at MEESS.



Ang Ngima Lama, Chariman of MEESS, is also Chairman of Jana Jgri Higher Secondary School Management Committee (JJHSSMC). He said MEESS had no immediate plan to move. He, being chairman of JJHSSMC can extend the period of agreement of land and house leased by MEESS.

Janajgri Higher Secondary school



The condition of the Janajgri School buildings were observed and found some building specially an old building built by Hillary found very critical. They were found not have approached to any donor for the building reconstruction but they got some donor for science lab set-up and compound wall construction. Non residential Nepalese of Belgium donated Rs. 500.000 for science lab set-up in the school. British-Gorkha welfare has supported for compound wall. They were under progress.

Note# *Final report of Mopung School is under preparation.*

Final Report of Solung School, Loding School and Tamakhani School couldn't be made as project haven't completed in those schools.