Chandra Jyoti Lower Secondary School, Sagar-Bakanje
Project Monitoring Report

Submitted
To
Padborg-Krusa Rotary Klub, District 1460, Denmark

Project : Science lab building construction, compound wall construction, and interior decoration
Propose : Project Monitoring
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Backgrund

Sagar-Bakanje Lower Secondary school is located at Bakanje VDC, ward no-4, Solukhumbu of eastern Nepal. It was built in 1967 by Late Sir Edmund Hillary (first ascender of Mt. Everest). It is the only one lower secondary school in this area and rest are only primary schools. So, this school has great important to be a lower secondary school, up to class 7 for the students of the whole VDC. After finishing their primary education in neighbouring school, Bakanje VDC students have no other alternative but come to this school to have further education. Recently, 140 students are benefiting from this school.

This school is headed by Headmaster Ang Dawa Sherpa, Sete, Bakanje ward no 9, Solukhumbu. The school is running as a Lower Secondary School; up to 7 class. It has received approval running up to 8 class. Seven teachersô salaries are paid by Government and one (the 8th class teacher) is privately paid by Himalayan Project, Denmark. Most educational materials are paid by government with supplementary delivery by Himalayan Trust (the organization supporting Sir Edmund Hillaryôs Schools) and occasional delivery by Himalayan Project, Denmark.

In the late nineties two earthquake resistent buildings were constructed for this school with the help of United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), but they couldnôt be well constructed due to various reasons.

There was a toilet which was built just for temporary and its physical condition was incredibly poor.

In 2005 Himalayan Project, Denmark (HP-DK) with the support of Venø Menighedsforening covered the earthen floors of the two newest buildings with stone slabs and supplied with 54 sets of studentôs furniture and 7 teachers tables.

In 2007 Padborg-Kruså Rotary Klub, District 1460, Denmark has supported the toilet construction, science lab construction and interior decoration of 2 earthquake buildings and a RRN building. The toilet construction was initiated in spring and completed in autumn 2007 and other constructions are underway.

Bakanje School with new toilet and science lab are being constructed

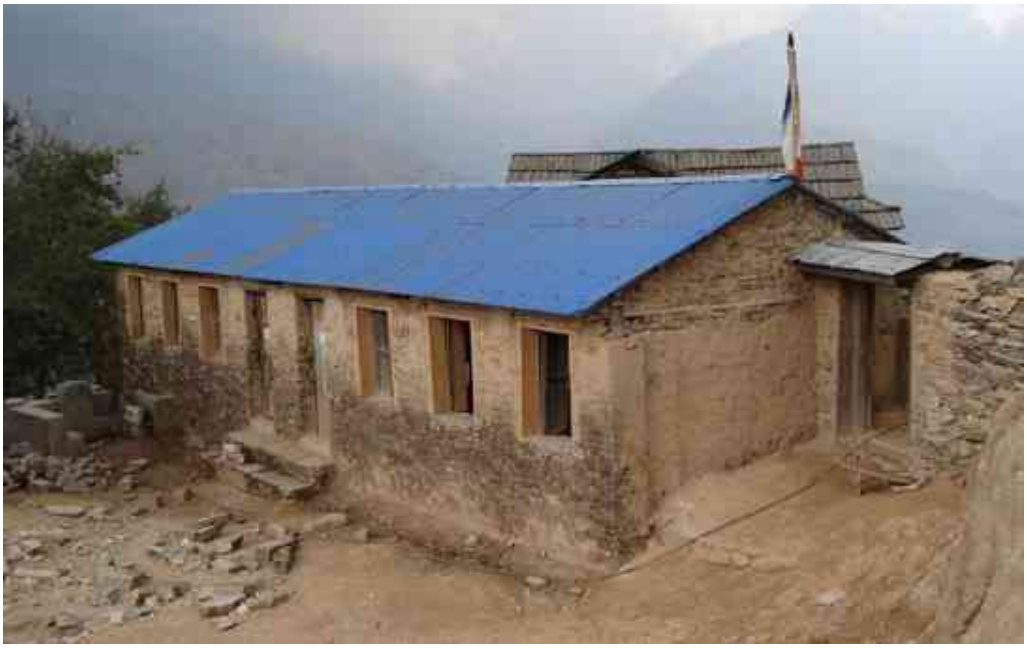
Progress of Sagar-Bakanje School Construction

At Sagar-Bakanje school, there were 7-9 people continuously working on the science lab construction. One storey of the building has been completed. This building has got 6 feet deep foundation and 20cm RCC on the foundation for its durability. It seems to have been very durable and constructed very efficiently. Upper track has been made with 10cm thick RCC and it looks to have been strong enough. Stones are very good quality and are well cut. Wood used for making the windows and door are very good quality. Carpenter has made window and door very beautiful. Pasang has done great job with the science lab building so far.

Science lab building is being constructed

Replacement of windows and doors

Two earthquake buildings have got windows to be replaced but the woods they used for windows are weak and thin, and they found not to be fixed well. I strongly advised Mr. Pasang Tamang, the major contractor, to dismantle the windows to make stronger and fix sufficiently well. He seemed to be agreed and said that he would try. In total 12 windows of the 2 earthquake resistence buildings have been replaced and four doors are yet to be replaced. Putting ceiling in the earthquake resistence building is also yet to be done. Necessary woods have been collected for that and carpenters were working on it.



Earthquake resistance building after replaced the old windows with new.

RRN Building with new ceiling

This building hasnôt properly completed though the assistance of Rural Reconstruction Nepal (RRN) has been provided. The things to be completed are Veranda and gutter which were not fixed in proper manner. RRN Solukhumbu has known about this fact and urged the school committee to complete it by finding the extra source itself as RRN canôt give an additional budget for this propose. Asked question when they will be done, Ang Dawa, the headmaster, said that school management committee will decide once committee meeting is held. Refitting of the gutter and veranda at this building are seemed to be quite urgent. Putting new ceiling in a room of this building has completed, but planks have shrunk and gap occurred between each plank to next. It happened as wet planks were fixed without dry. I suggested contractor Mr. Pasang Tamang to dismantle them and fix well.

Carpenter is fixing the ceiling inside the RRN building

Newly constructed Toilet

New toilet, which was constructed in monsoon 2007, has not been brought in use. No water line has been connected to the toilet and it was locked from outside. Urinal tank has also not been fixed yet. As Ang Dawa, headmaster of the school says school is planning to bring into use with the commencement of the new academic session. He also informed that remaining task of water supply and fitting urinal tank will be completed within a few days. Major Contractor, Mr. Furwa Galzen for

toilet, promised in completing the entire remaining task within May 10. He also has no time for delaying as he has a plan to go to U.S.A by 20th of May.

Sagar Bakanje School newly constructed toilet. View from down of the toilet

Compound wall

Newly constructed school compound wall, this wall is 136m long and 3f high in average

Compund wall of the Sagar-Bakanje School has been completed. Only cement topping on it around the school building is remaining. Contractor Furwa Gyalzen was working on it. He assured that it will be done within April. This wall has been very strong and protective from the cow entering. Forwa Gyalzen also has planted the grass on the wall which can be seen in the picture clearly.

Length of the total wall is 136m, width is 20cm and height is 3feet in average.