Report on SagarBakanje, 28 March 2009 By Namgyal Jangbu Sherpa HIPRON

There was a meeting at Sagar Bakanje School. Member of School Committee, teaching staff and I, on Hipron behalf, participated the meeting. We discussed thoroughly on the issues of latest situation of the school, DEO recent visit, HP's future project to promote Bakanje in education health and electricity and HP's Condition on that.

All the participants have expressed their willingness to cooperate to HP. They are ready to fulfill all the condition put by HP. They actually thinking of declaring Bakanje an alcohol free zone to improve their society as well as honor Himalayan Project contribution.

Participants of the Meeting considered that Management committee is active now and regulating school by regular observation. During the meeting School teachers have expressed their commitment once more that they would regular and perform teachers' responsibility. They agreed that Teachers would strictly follow the school colander and perform their duty timely and Management Committee would check it.

Bakanje School Upgrade for secondary level

School Management Committee has informed me that they are planning to run nine class from next academic year. School Management Committee has forwarded its proposal to DEO for the approval which is under consideration at DEO. School has Rs700,000 in its Bank account for School upgrade which they got support from Village Development Committee (VDC). It will give Rs.350,000 every year for teacher salary, they said. I have talked to DEO about it and he told me that he could support with one teacher salary for SagarBakanje School. I will ask Ang Dawa to approach him as soon as possible.

Rectification of the teacher attitude

Meeting also evaluated drinking attitude of Dome and Tenji's and appreciated the changes seen in them after DEO action against Tenji. Both are sober now.

Remaining work for parents and school

We discussed on the issue of remaining works to be done by school as there was no progress after our second visit in autumn. They reasoned that they didn't work as it would disturb teaching as school was on. They assured me that they would start the work as soon as final exam is allover and would complete before new academic session is start.

Furniture of the Science Lab

Pasang is working on furniture producing of science lab according to the project description, He was transporting timbers. Pasang agreed to complete the project according the description.

Uses of toilet

By checking the uses of toilet it is found that student and teachers are using it properly. No water pipe is connected to the toilet but they are supplying water in the bucket. It is found clean. School peon informed that all toilets is opened for school time and closed for off time.

Electricity

Villagers have formed electricity reformation committee under the chairmanship of Ang Dawa (Father of Lhakpa). After that Committee approached to Village Development Committee for

the budget and has got Rs.800,000 allocated for the purpose. Committee has also approached Alternative Energy Development Source (AEDS) for the additional support. Recently an engineer of AEDS has visited SagarBakanje to check the condition of electricity. According to Ang Dawa, AEDS will decides when engineer will submit his report. AEDS is very much interested to in SagarBakanje electricity reformation project. It seems to be taking time before something is happened.

