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Monitoring Report

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Sagaramatha Primary School

Sagardanda, Bakanje-6, Solukhumbu

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Shree Sagaramatha Primary School of Sagardanda village is one of the 4 Primary Schools situated in Bakanje VDC. The local community built this school in 1992 and Government assisted with simple tin roof to replace the plank roof in 1995. This school has greatest number of student after Kenja Primary School. More than 65 students register their name in this school and around 60 students are regular every year. This school has been running multiclass system with 3 teachers supported by government.

The population of the Sagardanda is very much high compare to the other villages of Bakanje VDC. Chetri People are the main dominant cast in this village, but also some household of Biswakarma are there.

The project of reconstruction started after visit of District Education Officer (DEO) in 2008 when the structure of the school was totally in defunct. Due to the budgetary crunch, DEO assisted only half of the construction price (NRS. 629,000) with the expectation of the same amount of contribution from the local community to fulfil the construction of 2 new buildings having 2 rooms each with all interior decoration, but the expected contribution from the local community was beyond their economic capacity. Since Himalayan Project Denmark (HP-DK) was supporting in reconstruction of the schools in same VDC, school approached HP-DK for the support. HP-DK discussed with DEO on this regard and both agreed that DEO support for the construction of outer structure and HP support for the interior decoration of the new buildings; stone floor, furniture, stationery, and construction of toilet and shower room. The construction of DEO's part was given to the local people on the contract in 2009 and the local people started the construction immediately and completed it in few months. DEO visited the site of the construction when the outer structure was ready. He was so satisfied with the work done by the local people that he immediately rewarded the school with NRS.550,000 for an additional structure, which was also completed in same quality in the beginning of 2010. Now there are 3 new attractive building with 6 rooms.

In 16 April 2010, HP-DK, after having agreement with the School Construction Committee formed by the School Management Committee and teaching staff on the construction budget, submitted a Project Proposal of DKR 103,971 (NRS 1,299,638) to the Padborg-Krusa Rotary Klub (PK-RK), Club No. 10184, District 1460, Denmark on behalf of the Shree Sagaramatha Primary School. After proposal was approved by PK-RK and transferred the first installment fund NRS. 423,000 to the school bank current A/c no. 494, Rastriya Banijya Bank, branch office Salleri, School employed the villagers on the contract within the proposed budget which has created a good opportunity of income for the people of Sagardanda. Chairman of HP-DK visited the school in last autumn with the

supplies of school stationeries when the interior construction was started. From HIPRON, I and administrative officer Janaki Khadka monitored the reconstruction in February 2011 when toilet construction was being completed and work on ceiling and stone floor has started. We submitted the monitoring report to the RK-PK through HP-DK as well as we requested for the transfer of second installment of fund. According to the school record, NRS 303,000 arrived in the school bank account in the second time.

We, Namgyal and Janaki, in the course of Runner Service, visited School again in 24 August 2011. We coincidentally met the Resource Person (RS) of the District Education Office in Bakanje who are there to monitor the regularity of the schools of that particular area. We together with him checked all the progress of the reconstruction. He was so happy after having seen all the amazing facility of the school. He, on behalf of District Education Office of Solukhumbu, expressed his sincere gratitude to the PK-RK for being donor and thanked HP-DK and HIPRON for supporting. We have updated the latest construction progress of the school following:

Nursery classroom

Interior decoration of nursery classroom is completed with nice and cozy ceiling and furniture. The stage for kids playing is slightly changed from our idea making wooden fence around it but still it looks very nice. As you can see in the picture, the ceiling, furniture and stone floor in the nursery classroom are so well fixed. Now they are in the process of decorating the wall with full of charts and putting new board removing the old black board. They are also going to put the foam mattress with cloths cover on the stage for nursery kids. A couple of long benches and a nice big table are produced for the nursery classroom. They have painted the wooden fence with red and blue color which was not so necessary. The natural color of the wood would have be have looked nicer.



Class room of grade five

The ceiling work and stone floor in the room of class five is also completed, also very well done job. Desks and benches are yet to be made. Students have managed with the old desks and benches. Head teacher of the school informed that they would be produced as soon as the ceiling works are completed in all rooms. According to him all the works will have completed during the Dashain vacation, school has 15 days vacation in October. **There are still remaining ceiling and furniture works in the class 2, class 3 and class 4.** But stone flooring have



been completed in all classrooms. In some place the floor of stone didn't well set in position due to the wet ground.

The workers have transported necessary wood and stored in the class 3 for the ceiling in remaining 3 rooms. School has managed with Students of class 2 and 3 putting them together in class 2 in the period of reconstruction.

Office room

Decoration of the office is almost completed except many shelves on the wall. The office ceiling, stone floor and furniture have met the standard and number as demanded in the project description by HP-DK. There are 2 cupboards, 2 tables, 7 arm chairs and 2 benches in the office room.



Toilet and Shower room Construction



In my previous checking, it was found slight mistake with roofing of the toilet and shower room, after reroofed it looks very wonderful now. It was found that constructor has well followed the design and measurement that was provided by HP-DK. School has not brought the toilet in use. After having checked the system and function of the toilet and found nothing to comment, I have given the permission to use after they have cleaned all the dirt inside and around.

Conclusion

Despite unusually continued monsoon rain for long time, the Sagardanda people have given continuity in the construction work to complete it in time. We have experienced the problem of delay and slow progress in other places due to monsoon and other various reasons. We didn't have to face such in the case of Sagardanda School reconstruction. The reconstruction has been in

prompt and progress. So I highly appreciated the sincere and prompt work of the Sagardanda people.

Recommendation

In my monitoring, I have seen the monsoon water of the roof and flood is collected in the corner of backside of the school building. It causes wet to the inside floor of upper two buildings. The water can also go through the wall of the building and ruin the new ceiling. So, the mud behind the upper building should be dig and taken out making the outside surface below the inside floor. The school should guide flood of monsoon in a proper way so that it can't run through the school yard.



I highly appreciate if the donor of Shree Sagarmatha Priary School reconstruction could transfer of last instalment of fund. The worker involved in this construction and their family manage their life on their day to day earning. The greatest festival of Nepalese is also very close. That is why the workers have expected for payment. I can grantee for the donor that with last instalment transfer, the School reconstruction will be successfully completed.

At last but not the least, the Construction Committed and Head teacher of the school should prepare the account of reconstruction as soon as the construction is completed. By this report we expect completion of both construction and account before next time of our arrival there in between Dashain and Tihar.

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Affixed picture taken with zooming from the long distance, Chiringkraka

