



Final Report of Reconstruction
Shree Jana Chetana Pre-primary School
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Preface

Solung Pre primary school, located in Solung, Beni-7, Solukhumbu, was built in 1997 by some Japanese tourist. There was small building with 2 rooms without any facility. The school was running well for some years and after that it needed some repair and maintenance, but due to lack of resource school was not able to do. There were around 20 kids having pre-primary education.

The school is located on uneven surface and it was very difficult to extend the other facilities in terms of financial due to the difficult location. But School badly needed more room, playground, toilet, and compound wall to protect the school area.

In 2007, Køge Nord Rotary Klub, through Himalayan Project, was approached for the support for reconstruction, and Klub supported the project through Rotary Club of Kathmandu. In the very inception of the construction, Himalayan Project Nepal (HIPRON) has been monitoring the project and reporting to the donor. With the support of Køge Nord Rotary Klub following projects were completed in Autumn, 2008 and final report was delivered on 10 December, 2008. In the report some minor issues, which were not foreseen and mentioned in previous description, were recommended for support. Køge Nord Rotary Klub considered and assisted for the remaining issues. The grand support was arrived at school bank account on 11 Oct. 2009. But the project was completed only in February 2011 due to delay in starting the construction.

Present condition

With all new facilities, school is running very well. There are 18 kids in total in this school out of which 15 are regular. Himalayan Trust had been supporting a teacher salary, but since last year they withdrawn their support. So, now there are only 2 teachers paid by government. According the villagers and school management committee teachers are moderate in their regularity in the school. During our stay there, we checked the condition of newly completed projects following:

- 1) Extension of playground and iron pole with nylon net completed 2008
- 2) Construction of new building for office, Science lab and village meeting hall completed in 2008
- 3) Interior setup completed in 2008
- 4) Toilet construction completed in 2008
- 5) Place for the garden completed in 2008
- 6) Educational materials supply in 2010
- 7) School Gate construction completed in 2011
- 8) Compound wall construction completed in 2011
- 9) Iron grill for the windows completed in 2011

In above mentioned Project the construction works were done on contract basis. After completion of the project, school has very good environment for the kids. The extension of play ground, compound wall with iron pole and net has made very safe and easy for the kids to play. 162feet long and 3.8feet height compound wall around the school and 142feet long and 2 feet height wall around the play ground has been built. Each iron pole got cement post support making them more stable. Cement post was not mentioned in the project description, but later it came up to be most needed to make irons pole at the playground stable. The total cost of the cement post is Rs.8.970 (690 KR)

There is constructed a new building containing 3 rooms which are currently being used as an office room, science lab and store room. The office room can also be used for village meeting hall as needed. In all these rooms, the new and complete furniture have been

installed. In the course of monitoring, we checked the utilization of the rooms, and found them being used in a proper way. The newly built toilet is in well function, but the shower room was not functioning well, we found showerhead broken and waste water layout was blocked and accumulating water in the shower room. Construction of the school gate, compound wall and work of nylon net fixing was completed. The quality of the work is found very good and satisfactory.



During our monitoring we found some carelessness of the school that is; some extra tin roofs, which can be used in future, were scattered in different places. School teachers have stored fire wood in the corner of the classroom. School was on winter vacation but water tap at the toilet was remained open. The iron pole to hang net of compound wall was broken and net was on the floor. Gyalzen said that some drunk and ill minded people, who came for wedding ceremony from other village, had done it. However, villagers immediately repaired it on same day we were there.

The garden seems not good, there were planted some plants a year ago but they all didn't survive because of bad soil. Afterwards, they didn't pay any attention to the garden. However, they are planning to get good soil from the field to plant nursery to fill up the garden.

The iron grills in 13 windows of new building are not well fixed, but some of the windows were not exactly fitted due to either wrong measurement of the windows or those windows were widening after the measurement was done.

Educational materials were delivered in December 2010. The materials contained exercise book, teacher and students attendance book, chart paper, pen, drawing paper and sports materials. The science equipment was mentioned in the previous project description, but we excluded that as the science equipment were needless for pre-primary kids.

Anyhow, the school is now in complete form of construction, the needs of the school are fulfilled.

Conclusion

The construction of the project started in 2009 and it took 2 years to complete the project. There were various reasons behind delay in completion of the construction. One of the reasons is that there was a lack of manpower in the village. Only a few people have skill to do the construction, and who often busy on trekking and in harvesting during the season.

The other reason of the delay was that there were lack of cooperation between School committee, teaching staff and villagers, which made some trouble causing delay starting in the construction. However, the construction has been completed successfully. The playground, toilet, office room and meeting hall and compound wall are in complete shape. Now there are sufficient facilities at the school as well as for the villagers.

Construction chairman Mr. Gyalzen Sherpa, Janaki and I did the final account. In the account Rs.23,102 (1.800 KR) seen as deficit due to the delay in construction completion and sky rocketing raise of the labour, and cement post construction. The construction Chairman has said the sum of deficit except cost of cement post will be born through internal source of the school. He has applied for cement post expenses.

Recommendation

We recommend that the committee of the School Management should be more serious and visit the school frequently to check the

valuable infrastructure of the school in order to make sure that they are in intact condition.

We also recommend that teaching staff should do the minor repair instantly such as: broken tap, dropping net, water and so on... so that the minor damage doesn't cause the big problem.

And we strongly recommend that teacher should move out the fire wood from the classroom, and the scattered tin roof should be collected and placed in safe place for future use.



Account Detail is given below

S.N.	Particular	U. Price	Qt.	Tools	wages	Gate	Wall	Window	Others	Total Ex.	Income	
1	Stone breaking	750	20pile				15,000			15,000		
2	Wood 5 hat	147	17			2,500				2,500		
3	Nail	160	1kg			160				160		
4	Hintches	240	1			240				240		
5	Cement	1,950	3				5,850			5,850		
6	Sand	120	20				2,400			2,400		
7	Crush stone	120	6				720			720		
8	Iron grill	110	90.5kg					9,955		9,955		
9	Grill transport	52	90 1/2					4,700		4,700		
10	Nylon net	82	50m				4,100			4,100		
11	Axe	500	1	500						500		
12	Rope			840						840		
14	1) Stone transport	950	20pile		19,000					19,000		
15	2) Cutting, removing mud	On contract			4,000					4,000		
16	3) Compound wall	300	89MD		26,500					26,500		
17	Stationeries and transport								15,900	15,900		
18	Deficit on previous account								68,480	68,480		
TOTAL :				1,340	49,500	2,900	28,070	14,655	84,380	180,845		
											Paid through HIPRON for grill	18,743
											Paid through HIPRON for stationeries	15,900
											Arrived at School bank A/c	123,100
											TOTAL:	157,743
											DEFICIT	23,102

Currency Rate: approximately 13,00 NRS/DKR