

## CTAS NEWSLETTER JUNE 2013

This trip has inevitably been very wet, being the monsoon season. On the plus side there has (unusually) been electricity for most of the day, so that has been a welcome bonus.

All the projects are running well and we have managed at last to get an agreement signed to bring a bored water supply to another village in the Pokhara valley.

Our latest project at Nagen Tole has been quite difficult to conclude; with the earlier promise of a water supply from a nearby slaughterhouse that did not materialise.

We have now reached agreement with the water suppliers for the Mahatghouda village that we will replace their 1.5" main water pipe with a 2" pipe; in return they will give us one free connection point for the Nagen Tole villagers. This will also benefit the 25 or so houses in Mahatghouda that already use this water supply, as their water volume will be increased by the larger pipe size.

We carried out further pressure checks during this visit and ascertained that, for the time being,



the provision of a 1,000 litre tank for the Nagen Tole villagers will suffice. This will provide the daily recommended minimum of clean drinking water for each of the family members during the dry season, and more than the recommended intake throughout the rest of the year. Work will start at the end of the rice planting season to lay the 2" pipe, with the co-operation of peoples from Mahatghouda and Nagen Tole. The change in the tank specification has brought a cost effective

solution to the issues, which had arisen with this project.

A significant contribution was recently given to us, to provide a much needed life saving ventilator for the local SEWA hospital in Pokhara. This hospital benefits from the expertise of an English ICU manager, but lacked some vital equipment. The ventilator has now been purchased and will be able to be used in both the adult ICU and neonatal wards.

In recognition of our contribution the hospital will provide treatment free of charge to those who are too poor to pay for it. Many of the adults who end up in the ICU do so because of drink related problems. We are currently working with the hospital to help them set up an alcohol rehabilitation programme and an education programme about the dangers of excessive alcohol consumption.



Recently our chairperson has been given the Paul Harris Fellow award by Seaford Martello Rotary, in recognition of the work she does within our charity. She was "greatly honoured to receive this, but couldn't do the work without the assistance of the committee in the UK and especially Som Nepali, our CTAS administrator and treasurer overseas".

We have pledged our continuing support for a further six months for both children's' tiffin projects, at Damsaede and Rato Paiera.

Our next area of focus is an ambitious project to bring clean drinking water to over 300 families at the village of Puranchour. Given the size of this project, we will be making a special appeal in the forthcoming months to provide further details about this work.



Thank you as always for your continued support, which enables us to keep working to help improve people's lives, to bring them the basics we all take for granted.

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