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There has been a lot achieved in 2023 since our last update towards the end of 2022; below are some of the highlights from the projects we have completed over the past year.

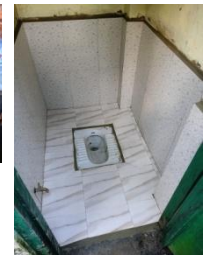
On my previous visit to the Damsadi school there had been a landslide behind the village school, and piles of earth and stones were lodged behind the classrooms, making them damp and causing a hazard.



With the help of local volunteers to clear the landslide, we bought netting and other materials to make a gabion (netted wall) at the rear of the school to shore up the hillside and (hopefully) prevent future landslips. This work was completed over June and July last year, just ahead of the rainy season.



With the help of the Rotaries and local donors we also, in September 2023, carried out substantial refurbishments at the Youbabarsha School by re-plastering, tiling and modernising the boys and girls toilets. In addition we built a large hand-basin for the children to use safely for washing, as previously there was no proper hand-washing facility.



The Rato Paiera kindergarten was also in need of some refurbishment last year.

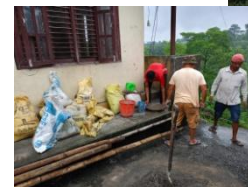


The plasterwork on the balcony had begun to crumble and the retaining veranda wall, which protects the infants from the steep drop down to the riverside, had begun to crack.



Working together with the local people and the community building's committee and using local labour we provided 50% of the total cost (materials and labour) for these building repairs to be made.

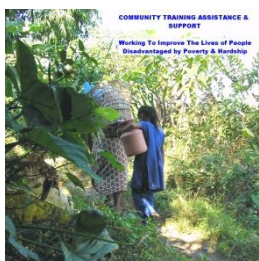
This will ensure the safety of the toddlers, and other users of the community building.



We have continued our monthly support for the tiffin and kindergarten projects, where we supply hot lunches to 2 mountain village schools (Damsadi and Kristie) and to the larger Youbabarsha School in the Pokhara valley.

The kindergarten has continued to run well, and the tiffin and teachers that we support enable the parents in that Ward to go out to work, knowing that their infants are being well looked after.

A big thank you goes to our NGO committee in Nepal who have kept our projects running during the past year: and a special thank you to our NGO Treasurer (Som Nepali) without whom we could not have continued our work.



Thank you for your support, it is much appreciated: and enables us to make a huge difference to the lives of people, who are less fortunate than we are in the UK.

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