

## CTAS NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2010

My visit was as always a challenge; this time due to the main Nepalese festival season, which meant that for several days many offices, shops and banks were closed. Nonetheless it was a productive trip and subject to UK committee approval and adequate funding we have identified our next water project, more on that later.

The second phase of the Pipaldali water project is finished and we are now assisting the community to complete the final phase of building a security fence round the tank and refurbishing the roadside tank.



Once the Tihar festival is over, the local people will start work again, and within the next couple of months we hope that the whole project will be completed.



We will then mount the plaque in memory of the past president of the Seaford Martello Rotary, who has donated so generously to this project.

The water supply to the Hanumantole tank is still coming daily and people are happy not to have to face the journey down to the river to collect drinking water.



We continue to financially support the monthly water supply fee at the Rato Paiera tank, where the community is poorer and less organised.



During this trip we re-visited Ward 18 in Pokhara, where we discovered that the nearby Forest Campus is still willing to provide water, free of charge, to the 25-30 or so nearby houses in Tutanga. But, the people do not have the financial means to purchase the piping and materials needed to bring the water the 1km to their tank, which has stood empty for some 4-5 years.

We have requested a detailed proposal be sent to us for evaluation and hope to be able to help the 150 or so people in this area to gain easy access to a regular supply of drinking water. Currently the local people are visiting a nearby spring, but for several months of the year this is almost dry and sometimes it can take up to 15 minutes to fill a small pot.



The kindergarten project is still running well and many health and hygiene improvements have been made; with the children now having their own toothbrushes and handkerchiefs. We have re-affirmed our support for the daily tiffin (lunch), as each year a new batch of infants enters the school.

Thank you as always for your financial support and other gifts and donations, without which none of this would be possible.

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