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For a change I am not writing this whilst sitting at Kathmandu airport. As some of you may know I unfortunately had to postpone my scheduled visit to Nepal (due to temporary ill health). However, this has not stopped progress on our projects, as the Nepalese committee have carried out the work on several new projects.



We are now giving support to the children at the school in Damsaede, to enable them to have a decent lunch (tiffin) every day. This is costing around £35 per month, and we are very grateful

to an individual donor who gave us the money to support this project for the next 12 months. Damsaede is a mountain village across the Seti river, just outside of Pokhara, which is a steep and dangerous climb, once you have got down to the river, and then crossed the bridge.



We previously supported the installation of windows and doors at the Asha orphanage in the Pokhara valley. Now, thanks to another individual donor, we have been able to buy the materials for the orphanage helpers to start work on building a washing place and installing dhara (water taps). Previously the children had to use water running from a plastic pipe out of the ground, and had no place to shower, or properly wash their clothes and kitchen utensils. This project has progressed very speedily, and work is nearly completed at the dhara place. The water to the Rato Paiera, Hanumantole and Pipaldali tanks that we have helped to construct and supply, continues to flow daily and people bring their various pots and buckets twice a day to collect the water.



We are still in discussions with the bored water owners of the supply in Mahatgouda, to try and negotiate an arrangement to bring water to the next village of Nagin Tole. This is proving to be a more difficult task than we previously thought, as we have to ensure adequate pressure for the additional length of pipe run to the last village, throughout the year. We hope to resolve this before my visit in early spring next year.

Our support for the Rato Paiera kindergarten continues, and we have received various updates from the kindergarten teachers during the past 6 months, about the children's progress in reading and drawing. We are pleased with what we have been able to achieve during 2012. As always thank you for



your financial support, other gifts and donations, which enable us to continue our work to improve the lives of people, to help bring them the basics we all take for granted.



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