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Happily during this visit the problems with lack of electricity due to load setting, were not as bad as usual. I was also fortunate that during my stay there were no bandahs called (shop and road closures), so I was able to move around freely and managed to visit most of our projects.

Our local committee has looked again at the water situation at the Mahendra Secondary School. However during their visit the school principal did not come to meet our representatives and has not subsequently contacted our local chairperson to pursue the matter. It seems that the children are currently using the water from the main tank that we recently built, and so repairing and bringing a supply directly to their own tank is now perceived as less of a priority.



In the meantime however, we have been asked to help bring clean water to a place called Nagin Tole. Here there are some 30+ houses, housing some 150 people. There is no fresh water supply to this place. The villagers make daily trips of over 1 km to collect water from a river. The trek is quite steep and when the path is wet it is also dangerous; the water is not that clean either.

We are currently looking at how we can best bring a bored water supply from the nearest distribution point some 300 m away to the village, and to build them a 10,000 litre tank. At the time I left we had secured agreement from the local community to join a supply for the village and are starting discussions with the boring company about how to best increase the size of the pipe supplying the water, to ensure an adequate supply for everyone, even during the dry season.



The water supplies to the Rato Paiera, Hanumantole and Pipaldali tanks continue to flow daily. We are happy that since my last trip a couple of our donors have been to Nepal and visited the various projects. As one explained in an email to the Trustees "The tank in the town is obviously in constant use - lots of buckets were lined up and women chat while they wait for their buckets



to fill - it takes a while as pressure is low. It was explained how much the tank has changed people's lives now they have available water."

The Rato Paiera tank was the first project we undertook in Nepal, but we have not previously made it known to the local community that CTAS provides the water supply. This trip that has been rectified and a plaque erected, detailing the contributions from the local community to the building of the tank, and the support from ourselves in bringing and maintaining the water supply.

We continue our support for the local kindergarten, providing their daily tiffin (lunch) and a variety of educational play materials. We are also looking at assisting another kindergarten in the Pokhara Valley, a steep 3 km climb down and up a hillside to an isolated school.



Thank you for your continued financial support, other gifts and donations. As one of our donors who visited Nepal said "it was really interesting to get a better understanding of how my small donation is being spent, and to meet people locally."

Michele Spencer
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