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I am now sitting in the plane on my way back from a 3-week trip to Nepal; having visited all of our ongoing, recently finished or soon to be started projects.



The roadside overflow water tank at Pipaldali has been refurbished since my last visit and this whole project is complete. I walked through the village and saw a number of the 36 dhara (taps) from



which people now go to get their water. With this number of collection points throughout the village it is only a short walk for the women to carry the heavy water back to their homes.

The local community leaders told me that there is more than enough water coming every day from the main 36,000 litre tank for the villagers, and everyone is very happy with the outcome.



There is a daily water supply to our Hanumantole tank, and the women from nearby houses come to fetch the water. The supply to the Rato Paiera tank continues to come

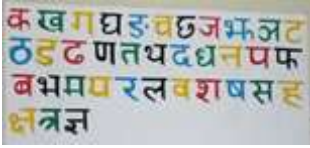
twice daily (between the periodic electric load setting cuts) and the locals leave their various collection utensils in position each day, ready to fill them, when the "open tap" time arrives.



I visited our new Lahachok project again and met with the children and students from the two schools who, together with the nearby community houses, will benefit from the water



tank we will start building later in November. The construction of the water tank will be supervised by the new Chairperson from our local NGO (CTAS Nepal), who is an experienced builder. The project is likely to cost in the region of 500,000 rupees (around £4,500).



We are continuing to support the Rato Paiera kindergarten with tiffin (lunch), and a regular supply of fruits and vegetables to ensure a healthy diet. We also (thanks to one of our donors) are able to supply the infants with writing and drawings materials, pencils, crayons and educational reading materials. This time



we have sponsored the painting of the downstairs area, where the infants' learning will be aided by illustrations of "A, B, C", the English and Nepali numbering system and the Nepali alphabet. Several wall paintings have also been commissioned, which will be used to teach the names of animals, and remind the children of the value of study.

During this visit we received three more proposals for assistance in bringing clean drinking water and education to other wards in the Pokhara valley region. We hope with your financial support we can continue to change and improve lives for more people. As always we thank you for the donations and other gifts, which enable us to make a difference.

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