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This trip felt like “a first” because there was no load setting in Pokhara; so we actually had electricity every day; I felt quite spoilt, compared to usual!

I visited most of our existing projects and met with various people who are requesting us to support them with new projects – mainly to bring fresh drinking water (see later).



The Hunumantole tank is in desperate need of repair, but the local community have requested that rather than repair the old tank we assist them to build a newer and bigger tank, as the number of people using it has increased (now some 350+).

We've received a proposal and estimate from them: and need to consider how we respond to this, given the other proposals also received on this trip.

We are also being asked to assist with the building of an underground tank and water supply for some 450 school children at the Mahendra Secondary School (in Lahachok). We have visited this place many times before (and I visited them again during this trip) and know well the problems of sanitation that they face, without any sustainable water supply.

The tiffin projects at the schools of Kristie and Damsaede continue to run well and receive our ongoing support. The water at Damsaede is still flowing in abundance.



However, the village of Kristie is without a sufficient water supply, and although they built a 20,000 litre storage tank themselves a year or so ago, the springs higher up, which supply the tank do not give enough water. The other

mountain springs are below the village, and to bring the water up to the village will require a pumping mechanism. Currently there is not any water at all in the Kristie school; to be able to help the community to resolve the lack of fresh drinking water would bring benefit to some 300 people.



During this trip I also visited the villages of Puranchour, Nagen Tole & Upalamiltara, where we have previously helped the communities and supplied tanks and/or water. The current issues facing such villages are growing populations, and increased demand for water. The knock on effect in a couple of these villages is that the bored water suppliers are reducing the daily duration of time that they send water to the tanks. We are currently arranging meetings with the respective suppliers, to review our agreements with them, which they are not currently adhering to.



As usual no trip would be complete without a visit to the kindergarten that we run in Rato Paiera. Since my last visit we have installed a gate valve to better control the water flow to the tank on the roof; put extra foam carpeting on the floors, so the children do not get cold during the winter season when sitting eating their tiffin: and are currently replacing some of the broken glass in the window panes, to stop the draughts.



Your continued support enables us to make such a difference to people's lives.
Thank you for your generosity.

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