

## CTAS NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2019

There has been quite a bit going on with the various projects over the past 3-months.



We are still trying to raise sufficient funds for the Mahendra Secondary School, which has some 315 students. There is currently no running water in the toilets or kitchen.

We want to assist the school to build a 15,000 litre underground tank to store the water coming down from the hillside springs. Not only will this provide a continual supply of clean drinking water (including through the dry season) and proper sanitation, but will enable them to broaden their curriculum to cover additional subjects such as science and horticulture etc.

The adult education class in Rato Paiera continues to run 6 evenings a week. Many of the adult students are



progressing very well: and the teacher has informed us that several who could not read or write properly in their own language before starting the class, are now actually reading Nepali books.

We plan to carry on supporting the class all the time there are a minimum of 10 attendees; progress is evidently being made: and funds permit. We have also been very lucky in that a group of overseas sponsors have paid for a fan to be installed in the

teaching room, which will aid concentration and make learning more bearable in the sweltering monsoon season.



The school projects are continuing to run well: and we are supplying daily tiffin (hot lunch) to the Damsaede, Kristie & Youwabarsha schools.

We are about to start the final phase of the netting project at the mountain school of Damsaede.

This will mean the children can safely play ball games: and the youngsters run about, without any danger of them falling over the steep edge, should they trip or fall.

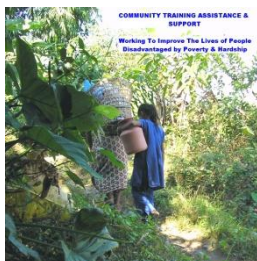
We hope over the coming months to assist the local people in repairing the tank at Rato Paiera. This was the very first water project that we undertook, back in 2004/05: and the old tank has withstood the extremities of the climate well, but there are now several cracks and some water corrosion appearing, and the tank needs repairing both inside and out.



Our NGO committee is continuing to meet regularly every month to review how all the ongoing projects are running.

They recently had a picnic with family members, which unfortunately we were unable to attend. Apparently a good time was had by all (despite the weather): and our thanks go to those NGO members who give up their time to attend committee meetings: and help keep our projects running.

The kindergarten continues to be well attended by the infants, with up to 30+ on some days. The children are for their ages well advanced with their reading and writing skills, which we hope will stand them in good stead when they start their formal education. The school was fortunate to recently receive a visit from some overseas students (linked to another small charity we partner with in Nepal): and they brought educational presents for the children.



We're hoping to raise £3,500 for the Mahendra water project. We know these are difficult times, but anything you can contribute is hugely appreciated. Thank you as always for your continued support, which enables us to make such a huge difference to people's lives.

Wishing you a peaceful and healthy New Year.

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