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Last year (2024) we were sad to lose one of our regular donors, who left us an unexpected substantial legacy. It is with deep gratitude that we will remember our dear "friend of CTAS" when we undertake future projects that her generosity has enabled.



During 2024 we continued, through the NGO, to support the kindergarten, providing teachers, tuition and daily tiffin for the infants.

This facility enables the parents (especially the mothers) to go to work: and provides the infants with a head start for school, having already acquired the rudiments of language and numeracy both in Nepali and English.



We continue, through the NGO, to provide hot lunches and various educational materials to the schools in Damsaede, Kristi and Youwabarsha in and around the Pokhara Valley.



The Rato Paiera kindergarten water supply, which came from a local bored water supplier, had become unreliable over the past few months. Work has been undertaken by the NGO to lay a new pipeline and reconnect to a different supplier that offers greater capacity and better water pressure.

Instead of the kindergarten teachers having to fetch water up from the river, or bring it from their own houses each day, the infants



can once again now benefit from running water to the toilet and the kitchen.



Similarly, the water supply to our very first tank that was brought into service (in Rato Paiera) nearly 20 years ago had become erratic and unreliable. Additional pipe work was laid by the NGO and local community members, and we funded it to be re-connected to a different bored water supplier. So, once again the people can go to their local tank to collect clean water, instead of having to go down the dangerous hillside path to the nearby river.



We were approached last year by the committee at Numana Tol to help provide a sustainable water supply to their village. There are 135 houses there and some 600 or so people live in the area.



They need to be able to store enough water in an overground tank so that they can have an adequate daily supply for the families living there, even on days when no water is pumped to the village.

We are working with them (and the NGO) to build a 20,000 litre reservoir water tank. Work on this project started this month, the initial materials have been purchased; the workers have marked out the site and dug the foundations, and started to build the retaining wall.

I am hoping to get out there again in a few months time, to visit our current and past projects, and catch up with the local NGO committee, who have kept the projects running during the past year. As usual, a big thank you goes to the NGO Treasurer (Som Nepali) without whom we could not continue our work.



Thank you for your support, it is much appreciated: and enables us to make a huge difference to the lives of people, who are less fortunate than we are in the UK.

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