

Child Watabaran Center Nepal

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Dear Friends

As I am writing this preface for this report, I am equally concerned about the forthcoming constituent assembly election to be held in November. People are aspirant, leaders are confused and the streets of Kathmandu are full of garbage, dust and what not. But I am more concerned about children living on the street. What actually will the Constituent Assembly Election give to the children living on the street? Actions are louder than words.

It is my pleasure to share some of the greatest works of our team to reach out to more needy children. We are extremely committed and our services particularly on the street are systematic and goal oriented. We set targets and we try to achieve them. Some news is more than we expected, for example, the marriage of our two youths. They are responsible and committed. I congratulate them and request all to applaud for their happy conjugal life. This is indeed happy news.

As I am writing the preface for this report, I am touched by one sentence of Poonam Pariyar, who drafted this report, "Every time, I draft the report, I feel like I am narrating new and exciting stories." Well, it is up to you to read the news with the same zeal. What we want back from you is a constructive comment.

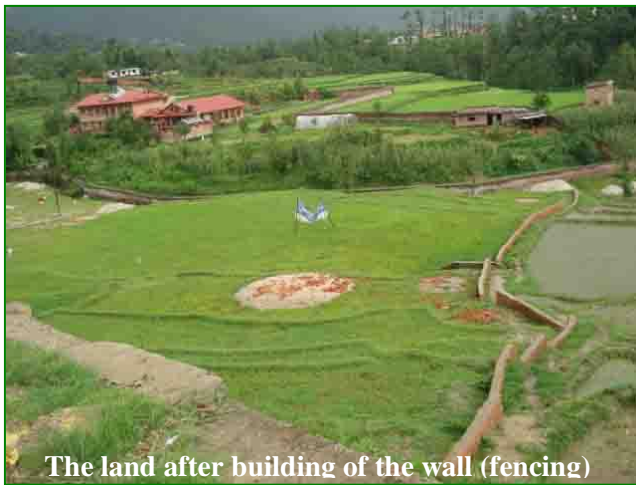
Have a nice reading

Regards

Tirtha Rasaili and the Watabaran Family

Project: Construction of child Homes

Fencing of the land/building of a wall:



The land after building of the wall (fencing)

The land purchased by CWCN for the construction of the child homes is now fenced. The land needed to be fenced from the southern side as the other sides were demarcated by the river (east), access road (west) and the plotting of real estate company (north). After the demarcation was completed, a land survey was done by the engineers to calculate the elevation to place the buildings in the right places on the available land.

Project Operation Committee (POC) amended:

For the right governance of the construction project and to give the committee a team of technical experts, the Executive Board of Child Watabaran decided to replace Mr. Dharma

Kumar Shrestha with Civil Engineer Mr. Dhruva Shrestha. As planned, the committee will be responsible for the effective operation of the project. The POC will be responsible particularly for the approval of the quality designs of the building, Civil Engineering, recruitment of the contractor and any other decisions needed. A detailed TOR on responsibilities has already been drafted and the POC is already into action. The POC consists of the following members.

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| 1. Tirtha Raj Rasaili | Director, CWCN |
| 2. Dhruva Kumar Shrestha | Civil Engineer |
| 3. Sohan Babu Khatri | Social Business Promoter/CWCN, |
| 4. Maurice Arts | Representative of LeasePlan Corporation |
| 5. Poonam Pariyar | Coordinator, CWCN |

Chief Engineer Appointed and Structural Designing of the project is in its midway:

A Civil Engineer Mr. Minesh Tamrakar has started his work from the 20th of July 2007. Mr. Tamrakar is B E in Civil Engineering and has a Masters in Structural Engineering. He was appointed after consultation with all Project Operation Committee Members. He is presently working on design modification and finalization of all necessary drawings of the boys home, girls home and academic building. He is also working with the Structural Design, Drafting etc. He will also be working with monitoring, Control and Supervision of Detail Architectural (Working) Design/Drawings and Specifications, Detail Electrical Design/Drawings and Specifications and also Detail Sanitary Design/Drawings and Specifications. The work is already mid way and all the pre-construction work is expected to be completed by the third week of September 2007. As the previous design did not meet the TOR, there are some errors which need to be corrected. The construction project is expected to start from November 2007.

Analysis of the targeted plans in the previous report:

Almost all the targeted plans such as fencing of the land, appointment of the chief engineer have been carried out. The detailed structural design of the building has taken some more time than expected as there were some major corrections to be made to meet the standard of building construction of such kind. Since the detailed structural design is not finalized, the approval of the Blue print and appointment of the construction company has not started yet. However, it is expected that this will not affect the kick off time of the construction.

Future Plans:

1. Appointment of the Contractor
After the finalization of the detailed structural design and work drawing the project, the committee will appoint the best company to build the child homes. The contracting strategy will be developed by the Chief Engineer and approved by the Committee.
2. Visit of Mr. Maurice Arts:
One of the members of POC will be visiting Child Watabaran Center before 2nd Week of October 2007. During his visit, the drawings will be finalized, the contractors will be appointed and all other major decisions regarding the construction will take place together with the full participation of the project members.
3. Construction of the retaining wall of the land:
The construction of the retaining wall on the river side of the land will be constructed right after the detailed designs and placing of the buildings in the land. This job is necessary as the land is in slope elevation and there is a risk of small river flow cutting the edge of the land. The retaining wall will protect the land from the river cutting the edge and holding the earth pressure of the land in slope.

Concluding remark

The fact is that the designing of the building has taken a little more time than expected as it is the dream of a home of many children and we want to make it superb. So, we are working hard without compromising the design and functionality of the building. However, all these works are not expected to push the deadline of starting the construction in November 2007.

Project: Girls Home



Four new girls in girls home:

After the reintegration of three girls in the families, Girls home could accommodate five more new girls making all together 15 girls in girls home. The details of the girls are as follows:

S.no	Name	Age	Status
1	Sita Rokka (taken in January)	12	Referral from other organization working with disadvantaged children (Sahara Group)
2	Laxmi Bhandari	12	Girl of difficult family background
3	Sarita Khadka	12	rescued from the street
4	Kamala Chaudhary	12	rescued from the street
5	Pramila Rokka	14	rescued from the street

Medical Check up of new girls

After the admission of the girls, their thorough health check up in a private hospital has also been carried out. No serious problems were identified; however, they had some minor problems like worms in stomach, small cut in hands. Along with the new girls, two other girls

had their eyes and ears checked out. The girl with the eye problem is now wearing glasses and the other with the hearing problem is undergoing treatment.

Family visit of new girls:

The girls have now completely adjusted themselves in the child home and at the same time we have finished finding out about their families. The families of all the new girls are found and we have talked about their child. Not surprisingly, the family condition of all the girls are pathetic and there seemed to be no family who could take their daughter back and give her a good future. It has given us added responsibilities of working with the child as well as preparing the family to welcome the child.

Kritina got married:

Kritina Shrestha and Ganesh Bhujel recently got married in July 2007. Kritina is one of the girls reintegrated from the girls home and Ganesh Bhujel is a youth reintegrated from Yubalaya. They got married in the presence of both of their family members. Kritina Shrestha was reintegrated into her family in April. CWCN supported her education and advanced stitching training. Ganesh is a tempo driver. They are so far successfully earning as both of them are skilled and can support themselves. It is not only the story of two achievers of youths from CWCN but also the success story of the hard work of all the staff of CWCN.

Analysis of the targeted plans set in the previous report:

As planned last time, we have taken in new girls and the vacancies are fulfilled in the girls center. We just have the capacity of 15 girls in our home and we have 15 girls at present. Yamuna's citizenship process was also carried out. But, we found out that her father has the citizenship but he has kept it in his work place or rather his employer has kept it, for what reason we do not know. We are following the case but Yamuna's citizenship process is not yet started as we need to find out the case of her father first. This is shifted to the future plan.

The challenges:

With the entry of new girls, Girls Home is not the same. With them a bunch of problems have entered. The new girls are still in the recovering stage from street to family. They have not yet been able to give up their habits like smoking, using rough language, hitting friends and less interest in studies. This has disturbed the smooth environment but we are overcoming it. It always happens when we take in new children and this time the number was more so it is more problematic. The situation is improving and hopefully it will be better in months to come.

Concluding remarks:

Though there are challenges working with these girls, the challenges are the lesions for the caretakers and staff to work better with new girls in future. We feel happy that we are in our journey of transforming the lives of girls and we trust that we will make them reach horizons of dignity, rights and security.

