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Sir Ed with Sherpas bearing chang and a petition for a school.

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School Based Teacher Training Programme

HTN Training Officers, Ishwornan Rai and Ujwol Bhomi visited schools of Solududhkunda Municipality ward no. 1 from 16th to 31st December 2022 to facilitate the implementation of Grade 1-3 Integrated Curriculum (use of evaluation record book, portfolio management) and for data collection, class observation and feedback collection. They also provided follow up support on Grades 6-8 Centre Based Teacher Training content, developing model question, use of specification grid, rubrics and assessment; as well as assessment techniques for Grade 4 and 5. In addition, they assessed the need for stationery and evaluation record books for grade 1-3 for the new academic session 2023/4. They also handed over ECED materials and literacy improvement books to schools.



SBTTP team facilitating on evaluation technique grade 4-8 Taksindu SS, Nunthala.



ECED materials and literacy improvement books handed over to the Principal of Taksindu SS, Mr. Prem Kumar Katel.



SBTTP team facilitating on evaluation technique grade 4-8 Saraswati BS, Phuleli.



ECED materials and literacy improvement books handed over to the Principal of Saraswati BS, Mr. Ram Kumar Rai.



Group photo with students and teachers in Dudhkunda BS, Hewa.



Members of the SBTTP team explaining how to use different ECED materials to teachers at Balbikash BS, Chhulemu.

ECED Training in Schools

HTN conducted three centre-based training for ECED teachers at Junbesi, Khastap and Sotang. This training included 17 schools from Solududhkunda Municipality, 19 schools from Mapya Dudhkoshi and 24 schools from Sotang and Mahakulung Rural Municipalities in December 2022. HTN's teacher trainers led the five-day training and 56 teachers attended the training.

The objective of the training was to build the capacity of ECED teachers in facilitating classes in line with the government-mandated curriculum. The training is part of the Quality Education Programme in Solukhumbu (QEPS) supported by New Zealand Aid Programme and Himalayan Trust New Zealand.



Training participants, guests and trainers in Junbesi Secondary School.



Training participants, guests and trainers in Himalaya Secondary School, Basa.



Training participants, guests and trainers in Birendra Jyoti Secondary School, Sotang.



Ms. Rashmi Gurung facilitating a session.



During a demo lesson by HTN trainer Mr. Abin Maharjan.



Mr. Mahendra Kathet facilitating a session.



Participants' observing readymade ECED materials before beginning of technical session.



Participants displaying classroom decoration materials prepared at the training.

Likewise, another centre-based training for the ECED teachers of Khumbu Pasanglhamu Rural Municipality schools was conducted in Mahendra Jyoti Secondary School, Chaurikharka. The five-day training was led by HTN teacher trainers and total of 16 teachers were trained.



Glimpses of five day's ECED training in Mahendra Jyoti Secondary School in Chaurikharka.

Saraswati Basic School, Hill

A joint monitoring team consisting of Deputy Mayor, Gaurab Rai and Education Officer, Gajendra Bhattarai of Mapya Dudhkoshi Rural Municipality, and HTN Programme Manager Lhakpa Tenji Lama (Sherpa) and LIL Program Coordinator Chandra Dev Bhatt visited Saraswati Basic School, Hill on 27 December 2022.

The meeting discussed the current situation of the school, including issues and questions. The meeting decided to implement the daytime snack programme for students and teachers from 16 January 2023 with the support of HTN and Light for Kids. A tripartite agreement between the service provider, the school and the HTN has been signed.

HTN hired Rakesh Sunuwar Rai, a qualified English teacher to teach at the school upon the request of the SMC. Similarly, child-friendly furniture were installed in the classrooms. Earlier, the classrooms were repaired. All these have been possible with the funding support of Light for Kids, Germany under Saraswati School improvement project.



Joint meeting organised at Saraswati Basic School, Hill



MoU signed for the implementation of day meals for students and teachers of Saraswati BS, Hill.

Uniform Distribution in Schools

HTN distributed school uniform to the students and teachers of Toshkham Basic School and Narkel Basic School in Sotang Rural Municipality. The chairperson of Sotang Rural Municipality Ward No. 3 handed over the school uniforms to the students and teachers in the presence of SMC Chair, teachers and parents. 37 students and 4 teachers of Toshkham and 47 students, 6 teachers and 1 office assistant of Narkel benefitted. This support has been possible through the funding support of Kinderhilfe Nepal e.V., Germany in recommendation of HTN Chairman Mr. Pasang Dawa Sherpa.



Education Officer of Sotang Rural Municipality, Mr. Nanda Raj Rai handing over the uniform set to a student.



Group photo of guests, students, teachers and parents.



Students and teachers of Toshkham BS with new school uniform.



Students and teachers of Narkel BS with new school uniform.



HTN Chairman Mr. Pasang Dawa lighting a butterlamp, left and delivering a welcoming speech.

Sir Ed's 15th Death Anniversary Observed

On 11th January 2023, the 15th death anniversary of Sir Edmund Hillary was observed in Trust office at Dillibazar. Board members including staff of HTN attended the programme. At this meeting, decisions were made on small grants for various educational and community projects for the fiscal year 2023/24.



15th Death anniversary of Sir Ed observed in Trust office, Dillibazar.

Scholarships Awarded

Louise and Belinda Hillary Memorial Scholarship

Ms. Nima Futi Sherpa
BBA



Two female students **Nima Futi Sherpa** have been awarded the Louise and Belinda Hillary Memorial Scholarship for this year. They will be studying Bachelor in Business Administration (BBA) and Bachelor of Arts- Bachelor of Legislative Law (BALLB) respectively. The scholarship grant is supported by Sir Edmund Hillary Stiftung, Germany.

Ms. Esmita Magar,
BALLB



Two female students **Esmita Magar** have been awarded the Louise and Belinda Hillary Memorial Scholarship for this year. They will be studying Bachelor in Business Administration (BBA) and Bachelor of Arts- Bachelor of Legislative Law (BALLB) respectively. The scholarship grant is supported by Sir Edmund Hillary Stiftung, Germany.

Dr. Lindsay Strang and Jocelyn Neutz Scholarship

Ms. Lhakpa Chhamji Sherpa
Hotel Management and Travel Tourism



Ms. Lhakpa Chhamji Sherpa of Phortse has been successful to receive Dr. Lindsay Strang and Jocelyn Neutz Scholarship to study grade 11 and 12 level studies in Kathmandu taking Hotel Management and Travel Tourism course. Dr. Lindsay Strang and Jocelyn Neutz has been funding the scholarship starting from this year through HTN.



Solar Power Installation in Junbesi Secondary School

HTN installed a 3 kilowatt solar power system to operate the computer lab in Junbesi Secondary School.



Newly installed power supply in Junbesi Secondary School.



HTN representative Mr. Nava Bahadur Bhujel handed over the solar power system to the school.

With the new solar power system, students have been able to learn computers regularly. The support is part of Quality Education Programme in Solukhumbu funded by New Zealand Aid Programme and Himalayan Trust New Zealand.

Dentist Appointed for Namche Dental Clinic

Dr. Sampada Bhattarai has been appointed as a new Dentist for Namche Dental Clinic (NDC), effective from 1st March 2023. The salary of the Dentist and Dental Hygienist including medicine and operation cost of the clinic has been supported by the American Himalayan Foundation. The management service of the clinic has been provided by the HTN since 2018.



Dr. Sampada Bhattarai, Namche Dental Clinic

Drugs Supported to Hospital and Clinics



Drugs of Phaplu hospital.

HTN procured the necessary drugs for Phaplu hospital, Bung and Salyan clinics, and delivered them to the hospital and clinics in February as part of its regular support. The cost of the drugs was supported by Sir Edmund Hillary Stiftung, Germany.



Drugs of Bung clinic.



Drugs of Salyan clinic.

Drugs Dispatched to Goli Clinic

HTN procured the regular drug supplies for Goli Clinic. The operation of the clinic has been supported by the Forgotten Sherpas of Nepal Trust, New Zealand since 2018. The clinic is being run by a Community Medicine Assistant (CMA) and an Office Assistant.

Drugs and Hospital Necessities for Khunde Hospital

HTN purchased regular drugs, hospital necessities, and fire safety equipment from Kathmandu and transported them to Khunde hospital. The American Himalayan Foundation and Himalayan Trust New Zealand have supported the operation of the hospital.



Auxiliary Nurse Midwife Hired for Khunde Hospital

Dayangjee Sherpa of Khumjung has been hired as an Auxiliary Nurse Midwife (ANM) to work at Khunde Hospital, starting April 2023. She had already worked seven years at Khunde in the past as an ANM.



Ms. Dayangjee Sherpa

Science Lab Equipment Delivered

HTN provided science lab equipment, including chemicals and instruments to Khiraule Basic School of Mahakulung Rural Municipality as part of a small grant support under Quality Education Programme in Solukhumbu. The equipment has been handed over by HTN LIL field officer, Neelam Kumari Chand and Computer Lab Monitoring Officer, Nava Bahadur Bhujel.



Science lab equipment handed over to Khiraule Basic School in Mahakulung Rural Municipality.



Classroom Management Support to Solukhumbu Schools

Classroom furniture including desks, benches, book shelves, tables and chairs for teachers, display boards, carpet & p-forms, and cushions have been delivered and installed at 16 schools of Mahakulung, Sotang and Mapya Dudhkoshi Rural Municipalities. Prior to installation of the furniture, a total of 29 classrooms were painted. A total of 56 classrooms were set up with child friendly furniture and materials. Among 56 classrooms, 32 classrooms have been improved as model classrooms with complete set of furniture and materials. This support has been possible with the generous funding support of Himalayan Trust



New Zealand, New Zealand Aid Programme under Quality Education Programme in Solukhumbu.



Child-friendly furniture supported to Solukhumbu schools.

Patle Clinic Building Construction

A two-room Patle Clinic building construction project is near completion. The clinic building is constructed with light-weight prefab materials. The project has been jointly funded by Sir Edmund Hillary Stiftung, Germany, Forgotten Sherpas of Nepal Trust, New Zealand, Val Pitkethly, and Light Education Development. The salary of the staff and medicines have been supported by the Forgotten Sherpas of Nepal Trust and HTN has been managing the clinic since 2018.



Patle Clinic Building Construction.

Students Assessment 2023

The School-Based Teacher Training Programme team conducted learning achievement assessments of grades 2-8 students of 20 schools in the Khumbu Pasang Lhamu Rural Municipality and Solududhkunda Municipality (Ward # 1, 2 & 3). Similarly, the Literacy through Integrated Learning (LIL) team conducted assessments of grades 1-3 students of 20 schools in Sotang, Mahakulung, and Mapya Dudhkoshi Rural Municipality. Both teams also assessed the schools' and teachers' performance during the visit.



LIL Education Field Officer Ms. Prabina Karki undertaking student assessment of grade 1 in Chepel Basic School.



LIL Education Field Officer Ms. Rashmi Gurung undertaking student assessment in Deepjyoti Basic School, Didam.



SBTTP Education officer Mr. Abin Maharjan undertaking student assessment of grade 2-8 in Lukla Basic School.



Student assessment grade 2-5 in Phuleli BS, Phuleli.



SBTTP Education officer Mr. Ishworman Rai undertaking student assessment of grade 6-8 in Khumjung Secondary School.



SBTTP Education officers Mr. Bishnu Rayamajhi and Mr. Ujwol Bhomi undertaking student assessment of grade 2-5 in Beni BS, Salabesi.

Sotang Hostel Construction Project

The overall construction of the new hostel building in Birendra Jyoti Secondary School, Sotang is 90% complete. The remaining work will be completed within April 2023.

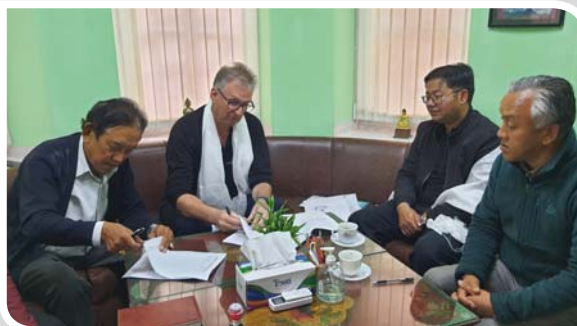
This construction project has been jointly funded by the Grand Circle Foundation (GCF), USA and Sotang Rural Municipality. The new hostel building will have the capacity to accommodate 24 students.



Sotang hostel construction project.

Tripartite MoU on Computer Lab Installation Signed

After successful implementation of computer lab installation programme in Solukhumbu, HTNZ, EduTech Nepal and HTN signed tripartite MoU to continue expansion of the computer labs in more schools in Solukhumbu district and beyond. 27 computer lab has been established until now and 7 more will be established in the fiscal year.



HTN Chairperson Mr. Pasang Dawa Sherpa and Founder of EduTech Nepal Mr. Mike Chisholm signing the MoU.

Donation to Namche Dental Clinic

Dr. Jeffrey W. Phillips, a resident of Silverdale, Washington has donated a state-of-the-art dental digital portable X-ray machine to Namche Dental Clinic. This novel initiative was spearheaded by Mr. Dawa Tshering Sherpa and coordinated by Mr. Mingma Thundu Sherpa from Khumjung in collaboration with Dr. Jeffrey with HTN.



Dr. Jeffrey and Mr. Mingma Thundu Sherpa at Namche Dental Clinic.

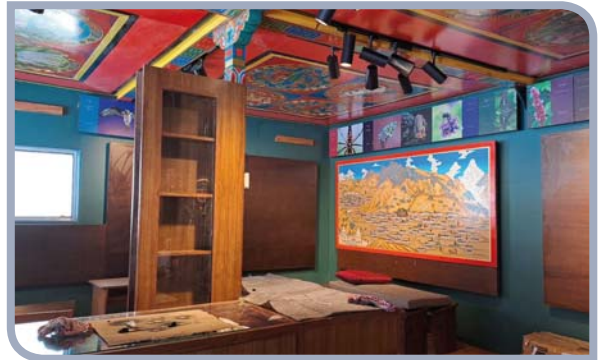


Dr. Jeffrey and Mr. Mingma Thundu Sherpa at HTN office.

Sir Ed Visitor Center

Rick Pearson, Architect from New Zealand visited Sir Ed Visitor Centre in Khumjung School to monitor the progress and assist HTN technical team to complete the remaining tasks. Major work has been completed except installation of some display panels. The remaining task will be completed within 1st week of May.

The visitor center will be inaugurated on 29 May 2023, on the auspicious occasion of the 70th Anniversary of the first successful Everest Summit.



Sir Ed Visitor Centre in Khumjung.



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