



An Action for the Thirsty Lands

The very existence of the entire world is ensured with the amount of water available. Every organism whether a tiny insect or a blue whale and even plants need water. Nepal, the second richest country in the world in water resources is still thirsty and dry as we are struggling to make the proper use of these vast resources available. After the destructive 2015 earthquake, the situation became worse as dwindling water resources took place. There are many districts that were directly affected by it and scarce the basic necessity.

Among the least developed districts Sindhupalchowk, Ramechhap and Kavre are the places which are devoid of access to adequate water. Women leave their houses early in the morning and walk for 2 or 3 hours in stiff terrain to fetch it from nearby rivers and brooks running from the mountains. They carry water in plastic bottles and stack them in a bamboo basket and again begin the journey to reach home. From the unhygienic environmental situation, there is always a high risk of stored water being contaminated. They do not have access to basic sanitation and are extremely vulnerable to waterborne illness. From using water for personal use to feeding it to cows and goats, they have no other choices but to use each drop properly. They have to rely on rain fed agriculture which only works out during the monsoon, and insufficient rainfall adds up to the existing problem which makes the whole village undergo a terrible drought. Living a healthy life without clean water is just an imagination for them. The scarcity of water is very acute in these areas because of poor economic condition and difficult landscape.

Upon being notified about these issues, NJSI took quickstep to conduct the preliminary survey in each area and concluded that the issue was to be dealt urgently. To abate such problem, Nepal Jesuit Social Institute team marched toward lifting the water from the nearby source to the villages. NJSI already succeed in making 69 drinking water taps in Thumkadanda, Kavre along with a reservoir tank of 18000 liters. In Sirantol and Gahirotol of Helambu Rural Municipality, Gyalthum, Sindhupalchowk 15 taps has been constructed which is ready to be handed over to the beneficiaries. In Chapadi, Ramechhap a reserve tank for drinking water was built and now NJSI is taking over irrigation project in the same area by making 18,000 liters midway transfer tank which has been completed and RCC work for 2,00,000 liters capacity reservoir tank is in the progress.

The irrigation project at Chapadi village will provide locals the opportunity to increase their production of high-value vegetables and crops throughout the year especially in the dry season despite of the limitation of adequate rain. Thus, additional income possibilities for the subsistence economy of the households are also being provided.

The happiest beneficiaries are the women as the taps near to their house reduced the load of getting water by walking miles. Keeping the sustainability of the work in mind, NJSI is planning to do more in this area. This kind of plan is ideal for the mountainous terrain of Nepal where communities often sit high above a water source, having to rely on rain fed agriculture. We are grateful to all for believing on us and helping to give these families a healthy and better life.

HIGHLIGHTS

Adieu to Miguel Santiuste



On 27th January, NJSI gave a farewell program for Miguel Santiuste, representative from Xavier network. He guided and helped us in developing the strategies for NJSI for a year. He also helped in enhancing the mechanism of the finance department. We wish him a luck for his future endeavor.



Pilar López - Dafonte Suanzes, Xavier network Coordinator for South Asia and Philippines was with NJSI in the last week of January. Now, she will be directly

monitoring and evaluating the activities of NJSI. On her first visit to NJSI she shared some ideas on the education system which we could follow in the future for the betterment of the students.

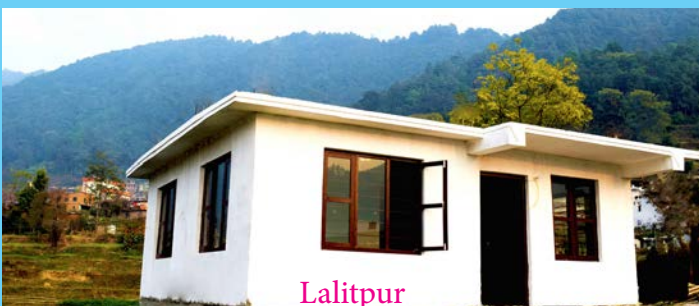
3 Women's Centers Handed Over at three different places



Kavre



Sindhuli



Lalitpur

Completion of 2 Water Projects at Kavre and Sindhupalchowk



Accomplishment of Six month course on "Personality Development" at St. Anne's



Reflexology Therapy Session at 3 different places



Graduation of Tailoring Training for 2 women's group at Suri, Dolakha



Tamang Community
Appreciation certificates from 2 Schools



Surel Community
Appreciation certificates from 2 Schools



NJSI INTERVENTIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Kavre

A Multipurpose Hall to “Dedi Devi Women’s Group”



This is the 10th women center that NJSI has built so far. Dedi Devi Women’s group consists of 45 members who will be using this center to perk up the empowerment activities for the women. This center is located at Guragaitar, Mandendeupur Municipality - 7, Kavre which was handed over on 9th Jan in the presence of Vice Mayor of Mandendeupur Municipality, government official’s representatives Mohan Adhikary, Jit Bahadur Tamang, Jalak Prasad Paudel and NJSI team.

On the same occasion, NJSI conducted Social Audit Program as well. The motive of this audit was to be transparent and accountable towards the beneficiaries. One of the staff of NJSI provided all the information chronologically such as donor of this center, total budget spend and named out all the participants who helped to accomplish this project successfully. We gave an open platform to forward their feedbacks and recommendations at the end of the audit session. The women’s group was very delighted to receive a center and expressed their gratitude towards the donor, Misio Achen and NJSI for implementing the project. Now they are confident enough to start up the activities for the welfare of the community and the women.

Fulfilling the urgency of water supply at Katunjethumka



Even in a 21st century, there are people living in rural areas who are still deprived of various minimum necessities but the saddest part is that their basic necessities are still not yet fulfilled. Similarly, the people living in the village named “Thumka Danda” which is located at Kavrepalanchowk district still had to struggle for the water. They have the water source but the people had to walk for hours to fetch water. They didn’t have a proper management system in that area. Seeing no system of water management in the area, NJSI constructed 17 taps and a water reservoir tank in the village. They expressed their appreciation towards NJSI and the donor, Xavier Network for the tremendous contribution in their community.

On 9th January, the water project was handed over to the community. There was a handing over ceremony where all the honor guests inaugurated the taps and handed over to the community. There are total 105 households mostly consisting of Tamang community. In the ceremony, Miguel from Xavier Network, Government officials and NJSI team attended the program.



Distribution of Nutritious food with Medical Intervention for differently abled



On 4th January, NJSI team went to Kali Devi Hostel to supply nutritious food for the children with special needs. The hostel is located at Mandendeupur-7, Kavre and we have been nourishing these children with different wellbeing intervention in every 2 or 3 months as per their need.

This time we provided 25kg of grains, 25kgs of flours, 16 packs of Sarbottam pitho (a home processed weaning food), 5 bottles of Horlicks and 4 crate of eggs to 8 children residing in Kali Devi Hostel built by NJSI. Caritas Italy has been funding for this project. Simultaneously, thyroid test of the children was also conducted on the same day.

Construction of 4 classrooms



Students studying in TLC



Shree Bhuwaneshori Basic School is located at Mahabharat Rural Municipality ward-5, Budakhani, Kavre which is one of the difficult terrains of Nepal. The construction work has been started, the wall work has reached up to window level. The truss work is going on. There are about 127 students in the school. Now the students are studying in TLC with no proper management. Soon the students will get classrooms.

An attempt of Financial Support by NJSI to Improve Livelihood of Rural Population



Opened a Tailoring Shop



Prepared the shelter for their animals

NJSI has supported financially to 26 women of Danuwar community at Jaretar, Kavre. NJSI assisted these women in order to start up their own business independently. There are five different groups in which one group consisting 4 members have started the tailoring business, they have opened a shop in the community itself. These girls are the one who received tailoring training from NJSI few months ago. Now, they have built their confidence enough to stand financially independent. Another group consisting 5 members have started their "poultry farm" and other three groups consisting six members in each have started with their "goat rearing". All the groups have built the shelter for their animals. After a few months they are expected to be flourishing in their business. The main motive of this program is to make women economically independent. Along with this, soon NJSI is going to give them a training program according to their needs in the respective field. These training programs would help them to learn systematic techniques and methods with an idea how to reach to the product in the market.

Medical Provision at Koshidekha



In a collaboration with NavJyoti Center, Balwatar, NJSI conducted Medical Camp with general and dental checkup facility at Koshidekha, Kavre on 5th March.

The general checkup was conducted at one of the local Health post of Koshidekha. Almost 400 people of the village and adjacent villages came for the checkup. Along with the check up, medicines were distributed free of cost to the people according to the prescriptions of the doctors. NJSI executed this program with the financial support of "Missio Achen".

And on 10th March, a team of 8 reflexologist provided the training on reflexology in a women center of Koshidekha, Kavre.

In simple terms, reflexology is the application of appropriate pressure to specific points and areas on the feet, hands, or ears. The reflex points correspond to different body organs and systems that pressing them creates real benefits for the person's health by pressing them which benefits the person without going through heavily priced medicines and medical treatment. It is a natural therapy.

The team treated people simultaneously while teaching the different techniques to figure out the affected body parts and organs. Adding to this, they equipped the people with distinct reflexo therapy which would help for their well being.



People waiting for their turn

Reflexology Therapy session at Shree Bhagawati Secondary School



On 11th March the same team of reflexologists conducted a session with the students of Bhagawati Secondary School which includes differently abled children of the school too. There were 58 participants along with the teachers present there.

For the session, the school management team expressed their gratitude to the reflexology therapy team and NJSI for organizing such an informative activity in the school.

Medical provision with Reflexology session at Jaretar



On 12th March, the second medical camp was conducted in a women center of Jaretar, Kavre. This camp was organized in collaboration with Navjyoti Center and which was financially supported by "Missio Achen". The camp comprised of general medical checkups and distribution of medicines whereas accompanied reflexologists team conducted reflexology therapy session. In total 356 people were benefited from the camp which includes villagers and students from that area.

Lalitpur

Emancipating the women for Initiation



“Bishankhunarayan Bahuudeshya Mahila Bikash Sahakari Sanstha” got a newly built women center at Mahadevdanda, Godavari, Lalitpur. The group consist of 392 women which is one of the biggest groups that NJSI has worked so far. The women of this group are really motivated and energetic to do something good for themselves and for the community as we.

On 28th December, 2018, the women's center was handed over to the women. The Mayor and the ward chairman of the area, section officer of Women and Children Department, beneficiaries and NJSI team attended the ceremony. In total 65 people attended the program.

The women group itself conducted all the activities creatively and systematically. One of the representatives of the group carried out the financial audit process in a very smooth manner. They gave out information of all the expenses of the construction in a detailed way.

NJSI too conducted its own social audit where we gave out all the information chronologically from the day we received the request till the day we handed over the center.

The beneficiaries and the Government officials were immensely happy seeing our work and requested for some more programs that would help them for their sustainability.

Contribution in CAN Info-Tech Exhibition



Computer Association of Nepal conducts CAN Info-Tech every year, it is their one of the major activities that brings together in the field of Computer and Information Technology under a single umbrella for business platform, promotion, exhibition and knowledge transfer. The motive behind the CAN Info-Tech exhibition is for latest technological displays in order to flow awareness regarding IT applications to the people. Bright Star Society, one of the collaborators of NJSI had participated in CAN Info-Tech 2019 for a week. The exhibition was from 29th Jan to 3rd Feb where NJSI financially supported logistic management of Bright Star Society to set up their own stall in the exhibition. Bright Star Society is a nonprofit organization working for the empowerment of differently abled people through entrepreneurship development, capacity building and independent live skills. In CAN Info-Tech 2019, their stall displayed some life changing tools for visually impaired like a palm talking map, smart clock, talking blood pressure measuring machine, Amazon Alexa device, talking thermo-meter, different kind of talking and tactile watches, tactile books, different scientific and geometrical tools, different kinds of accessible games like: cards and chess. This has opened the avenue even for potential employers to consider and un-lock their understanding of hiring blind and visually impaired people in different job markets.

During the exhibition, Bright Star Society distributed 50 white canes and audio players to the visually impaired.



2 scanners to BSS

Bright Star Society: A Bridge to Auxiliary Organizations focusing on differently-abled



Working with Bright Star Society has always been an honor. Being a differently abled, they themselves are involved in changing the lives of the people with special needs. Seeing their dedication and hard-work, an urge to do something good for them and empower differently abled people through collaboration, NJSI has been constantly supporting Bright Star Society in their endeavors.

Lately, on 13th Feb, NJSI handed over 8 computers and 2 scanners to Bright Star Society, to which 2 computers are donated to the organization “Blind Rocks”, 4 computers and 2 scanners to Shree Saraswati Secondary School, Gorkha and the rest of the 2 computers will be used by Bright Star Society itself for their official purposes.

Accomplishment of “Personality Development Course” at St. Anne’s



On 23rd January, a graduation ceremony of “Personality Development” was conducted at St. Anne’s, Godavary in the presence their parents, St. Anne’s sisters, Miguel, Pilar from Xavier Network and NJSI team . It is a six month course which comprises basic computer training, spoken English, office management skills. This was the third batch where 8 girls and a boy took training. This program was implemented by St. Anne’s sisters and NJSI supported it financially.

Now, the students are equipped with the skills which they have have learnt in 6 months. In a graduation day, the On a graduation day, the whole events were managed by the students themselves. One of the students played the role of a MC which he conducted it in English language. On the occasion, some of the students recited their poems in English language too. The students played in a drama titled “Impact of Social Media” along with showcasing their talents in singing and dancing.

Witnessing their gradual progress from the day they had joined the course till the day they got graduated has put this training program a successful and a very effective one. Seeing their performances their parents were really proud and thankful to NJSI and St. Anne’s sisters.

Kathmandu

Embracing the differently abled



“Possible Life Center” is an Organization run by 13 differently abled members to upskill the people with special needs so that they could be able to live their life independently. They have been providing different income generating training programs to differently abled such as tailoring trainings, some handicrafts items like earrings, necklaces, bracelets made up of paper. Seeing their perseverance, hard work and dedication, NJSI helped them financially to buy resource materials such as cloths, threads, etc., and the other needed items for the training program.

Sindhuli

Women's Center in Sindhuli



On 28th January, a women's group named "Nayagau Samudayik Sanstha" of Sindhuli received a beautiful women center. This women group consist of members. NJSI has always given its helping hand to the ones who has the field of vision to grow oneself. The women, of this place, had shown the interest which helped them to get a women center for their development. On handing over ceremony, the Government officials, beneficiaries, NJSI team and Relief Nepal organization who had helped us in the initial phase by reaching to local Government authorities, attended the program.

Women's Day Celebration



Narayani Dawadi (Visually impaired) giving motivational speech to the women



women participating in the activities



Dance performances by women and girls

On the auspicious occasion of Women's Day, on 8th March, NJSI celebrated Women's Day with the women's group named "Nayagaun Samudayik Sanstha" at Tinkanya, Sindhuli.

The program comprised different informative activities which would help them to understand the present status of women in Nepal. The significance of celebrating women's day with women is to embrace the struggle that the women had to do in past days inorder to come in this very state, still we have long way to go. In total 39 women participated in the celebration where a teen-aged girl presented her thoughts on importance of being a woman in the form of a beautiful poem. On the occasion along with women their daughters too participated in their singing and dancing.

Providing Safe and Protective Environment in Shree Tulasi Basic School



Students studying in temporary shelter made up of straw

As a part of “Nepal Earthquake Relief, Recovery and Rehabilitation Program” NJSI is constructing 4 classrooms for the students of Shree Tulasi Basic School, Dudhauli-11, Sindhuli. Plaster work is going on. Soon it will be ready to handover.

After the completion of the construction, NJSI will be facilitating the school with 55 sets of desks and benches, 4 chairs and 4 tables for the teachers, white boards for the classrooms and ECD sets of 4 tables, a carpet and cushions.



Sindhupalchowk

57 Houses have been completed



With the regular monitoring and supervision of the shelter construction at Helambhu-4, Sindhupalchowk, the work is really moving fast. Till date, 69 beneficiaries have received 2nd installment and 57 beneficiaries have received 3rd installment. We are expecting to complete the project within six months.

Seeing the challenges and pressure on the beneficiaries for making houses the government has decided to extend the time frame. The deadline for receiving the first tranche has been extended to 16th July, 2019 and the deadline for second and third tranches have been removed.

Water Project at Helambhu



The villagers from Helambhu-4, Sindhupalchowk had requested for the management of drinking water supply. Perceiving the urgency of the community, NJSI determined to taken up the project.

NJSI constructed 18000Ltrs of water tank, excavated 3 km for pipe layout from source to the reservoir tank and distributed it in the distance of 1500m. They have the source named “Changge Khola” from which the water would be supplied. Altogether 15 taps has been built in the community.

On 29th December, a handing over ceremony was conducted in the presence of ward chairman, local Government officials and beneficiaries were present in the program. The beneficiaries are very thankful to NJSI and donor, Xavier Network for fulfilling their need.

Marking a Day for women on a Women's DAY



Shristi K.C (Visually impaired) giving motivational speech to the women



On the Occasion of 110th International Women's Day, NJSI had organized a program for "Majuwa Swabalam-ban Women Group" at Haibung, Sindhupalanchowk in a women center built by NJSI.

The rationale of conducting the program is to mark the day in a optimistic manner specially for the women. It was a three hours long program where we tried to involve the women in assorted activities which would help them to understand the essence of becoming independent and empowered.

For their encouragement, the images of a few famous women of Nepal who had been shown to stimulate their thoughts like Anupama Khujeli, first women CEO in banking sector, Sapna Pradhan Malla, Suprem Court Judge, Anuradha Koirala, an activist and many other women and many other who have contributed to the society from their own level and perspective.

On the occasion, women presented poems, songs and dances. Almost all the members of the women's group attended the program. There were 34 women who participated in the program.

We had 2 visually impaired motivational speakers from Bright Star Society and Blind Rocks for the occasion. Being differently abled, they set an example and put forward some challenges to the women gathered there that nothing is impossible to achieve. They inspired the women through their powerful motivational speeches.

Dolakha

Women being Equipped with Tailoring Skill



Stitched clothes prepared by the beneficiaries during the training session

Two women groups in Suri, Dolakha have acquired the tailoring training. On 25th Feb, the graduation ceremony was conducted.

Basically, NJSI has been providing the tailoring training in two segments, basic and advanced. Each course is for 3 months. A group from Surel community, "Surel Indegenous People Upliftment Society", has completed its advanced course whereas the other group from Tamang community, "Kalidevi Krishak Mahila Samuha", has completed its basic course. Soon advanced course shall be provided to the Tamang Community as well.

In total, 28 women were trained by NJSI where 14 members consisted in each group.

The women were ecstatic for being skilled and hope to utilize these skills on improving their livelihood in future.

We thank Xavier Network as a donor of this project who has helped NJSI to implement such welfare programs in different remote villages of Nepal.



Ramechhap

Lift Irrigation at Rakathum



Completion of 18000 Ltrs reservoir tank



Starting of 200000 Ltrs reservoir tank

One of the sectors that NJSI has been involved for the well-being of the rural population is “WASH”. And one of the districts that NJSI has been greatly involved in after the earthquake is “Ramechhap”. This district is located in rain shadow range creating an extremely arid environment due to which the people have to scuffle for water.

Once NJSI received the request for Lift Irrigation, NJSI team assessed the requirements and needs of the project and started to work for it.

With 200000 Ltrs capacity, a reservoir tank reservoir tank construction has been started in which the base has been plastered and the construction of second tank, 18000 Ltrs has been completed.

Dhadhing

First track from Somsang to Tipling has reached to its Destination



Fuels being transported by Ponies



The road reached to Tipling Village

The first phase of the road construction has been completed, now the work of widening and clearing the road going on. The people are really excited and happy to see the road in their village. Numerous hopes are attached to this road as it is the first step towards development of the people and the place.

On May, probably the road will be handed over to the respective village.

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