

Construction of flower garden/community meeting area

Project Reference: 147

► How will this project help?

The families who are living in this community are all Tharus, which is an ethnic group of people in Nepal. This is one of the most disadvantaged groups in Nepalese culture who, in the past, were often made to work as bonded labourers. As such, they have little or no financial independence. In 2000, the law in Nepal changed, stating that all bonded labourers must be released and so they are now 'free'. However, on having to leave their employers, these families also had to leave their homes and so were left jobless and homeless. These particular families in Chitwan have been assigned a small strip of land to live on, but this is insufficient for them to make a living from. Having recently received support from JustAid with the construction of deep-water wells and community toilet blocks, this has produced much encouragement amongst the community. They have proposed a scheme to help improve their environment further by creating an outdoor meeting area, comprising of a flower garden and a seating area. This project has the added benefit of ensuring the area surrounding the well is maintained and kept clean. The meeting area will be used to run community health and sanitation classes twice a month.

This stretch of land is several kilometres long and over time, the community hope to create these meeting places around the water-wells, positioned every half kilometre. The villagers have offered to contribute materials and labour towards the project, but now need the finances to complete their project. Your support will enable this community to create one communal meeting area/flower garden, helping to improve the living environment for all of the families in the surrounding area.

► Cost of Project

Cost breakdown

Flower plants = 5000 NRS
Fencing = 10,000 NRS
Board = 1000 NRS
Hose pipe = 2000 NRS
Sand and stones = 6500 NRS
Labour = 2160 NRS

► Who needs help with this Project?

Jeskelo Youth Club Ujjawal Nager, Chitwan

► Where is this project needed?

Chitwan, Nepal



► Nepal Factfile

- ◆ Population: 23.1 million
- ◆ Average annual income: US\$ 220
- ◆ Often described as the "country of villages" with over 80 % of the population living in over 40,000 villages, some of which are located in remote mountainous regions.
- ◆ Only 28% of the population have access to adequate sanitation
- ◆ Every year 35,000 children still lose their lives due to diarrhoea.
- ◆ 76% of adult females are illiterate



"People who have come together as a community to solve problems that the government used to solve but currently cannot have seen the effectiveness of their own actions as an organization. The large numbers of repaired water pipes, rehabilitated schools, and well-maintained community buildings testify to the capability and resourcefulness of organized communities." UNDP

Use of Motorised equipment = 5000 NRS
Refreshment = 1500 NRS
Project Implementation costs = 3,100 NRS
Local bank charges to receive funds = 350 NRS
Cost of complete project = 36610 NRS
Minus the community's contribution of 8160 NRS

Total cost of project in local currency =
28450 NRS

► **Total Cost of Project in Pounds =**
£237.08