

Drinking water tank for a community run secondary school

Project Reference: 56

► How will this project help?

This school was set up to provide the opportunity for children from some of the poorest families to attend school. There are around 300 children from Himalaya village and many from families from the Tharu caste who are extremely poor and/or homeless. Tharus are one of the most disadvantaged groups in Nepal, often made to work as bonded labourers. They generally have little, or no financial independence and in the past were effectively treated as slaves. 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 with little opportunity to improve their situation. This school is solely for those people who can not afford private education which is expensive. The school currently has only one water pump but this is not sufficient to provide all of the students with drinking water as they only have a 45 minute lunch break. Your support with this project will provide these students with a cemented water tank with ten taps situated around the tank. This will enable all of the children access to safe drinking water throughout their school day.

► Cost of Project

Cost breakdown

Cement 20 sacks x 400 NRS = 8000 NRS
 Iron rod: 100 kg = 4850 NRS
 GI Pipe 4 pc x 600 NRS = 2400 NRS
 Sand = 2000 NRS
 Bricks 3000 x 6 NRS = 18,000 NRS
 Gravel = 2500 NRS
 Tapes 5 x 450 NRS= 2250 NRS
 Project Implementation costs = 3100 NRS
 Local bank charges to receive funds = 350 NRS
 The school will cover the cost of skilled and unskilled labour
 Total cost of project in local currency = 43450 NRS

► **Total Cost of Project in Pounds =**
£362.0833

► Who needs help with this Project?

Himalaya Secondary School in 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



"No single measure would do more to reduce disease and save lives in the developing world than bringing safe water and adequate sanitation to all." - UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan, Millennium Report