

## Welcome to JustAid's latest update!

JustAid works to support communities in the developing world by enabling *them* to identify the help they need. Donors provide the finances required to meet these needs by sponsoring individual projects. As an organisation, JustAid's running costs are funded by independent sponsors so that **100% of your donation** can go directly to your chosen project.

We are working in partnership with a Nepalese charity which has years of experience working with some of the most marginalized communities in Nepal. This charity works closely with the communities to help them identify their most pressing needs. These communities then determine their own level of input for a particular project; this may be through labour or a contribution of funds or materials. The remaining balance needed to carry out a project is calculated and this is where outside assistance is sought. Each project has a detailed budget showing exact cost breakdowns so that donors can see exactly how their funds will be spent. These Project Lists are sent to JustAid and we do our best to find a donor.

Each project is a real partnership, where both the community and the donor each contribute what they can. The community therefore has a real sense of ownership of their project, where they have identified the need themselves, completed a significant part of it and taken on responsibility for long term maintenance.

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## JustAid's recent visit to Nepal

Two of the founding members of JustAid have recently returned from a project visit to Nepal and had the pleasure of meeting some of the communities that JustAid donors have supported.

Members of one of the communities we met with are from the Tharu caste, one of the most disadvantaged groups in Nepal. Up until 5 years ago, many of these people worked as 'bonded labourers'. (See attached info sheet)

In 2000, the law in Nepal was finally changed making bonded labour illegal. This meant that many of these people were finally released from their forced obligation to work for a particular family. However, many of these Tharus lived on the land of their 'employer' and so, once released, they had nowhere to live and no job. The families that we visited have been temporarily placed on a narrow strip of land close to Chitwan National park. However, this land is not big enough for the families to farm, there is no access to clean water or sewage facilities and as the families have very little of their own, there is little chance of them being able to build these facilities themselves.

Our partner charity in Nepal has been working in this area for some time, helping them to make changes in their community.



Having received a number of project requests from them, JustAid has recently completed two Water Projects providing safe drinking water to over 50 families (see photos above and below).

It was very rewarding for us to see the water-wells and hand-pumps in action and to see how many families will benefit from this facility. The community provided all the unskilled labour needed and made a small financial contribution towards the project themselves.

They were delighted with the facility and it was in constant use while we were there with over 25 families using the water for drinking, cooking, washing and cleaning.



This community still does not have any toilet facilities, and this is their next priority. The land that they have been assigned is such a small area that there are immediate health risks facing the whole community as they are forced to use the surrounding land. Diarrhea is a major problem

that still kills children in Nepal and poor sanitation is a major contributing factor.

There are 9 other communities living nearby, facing the same situation who need support to build a safe water facility and a toilet block.

**The total cost for a water project in this area is £151 and the total cost for a concrete toilet block of 5 toilets that will be used by 25 families is £ 442.**

JustAid has a long list of projects that are urgently needed by some of the most marginalized communities in Nepal. Supporting one of these projects could mean improving the health of a whole community; or could improve access to education for children who previously have had limited opportunities to create a better future for themselves and their families. Having seen firsthand the direct benefits for these communities, we now recognize the true value and huge impact that an individual project can have.

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Some of the projects that have already been completed include: (Total cost of project in brackets.)

- **Toilet Construction Training Project for a remote Nepalese village (£260)**
- **Construction of well to provide drinking water for small rural community (£180)**
- **One Stretcher for a rural Health Clinic in mountainous region of Nepal (£61)**
- **Distribution of Oral Rehydration Salts and Health Awareness Project to two primary schools (£125)**
- **Trail improvement for isolated villagers whose route to nearest town had been damaged during the monsoon (£125)**
- **Waste disposal project to benefit local community and school (£84)**
- **Tree Plantation project for rural school (£167)**
- **Clothing for a year for 16 Children living in a village orphanage (£156)**
- **6 month Education Programme for 20 street children (£436)**
- **Library books and materials for a remote village school (£184)**

We currently have a long list of projects that urgently need support. Each one has a detailed project budget and information about the community or group who have requested the project. Also explained is how the particular community will benefit from your support. If you would like further information about any of the projects, or wish to fund any of the projects, please contact Jodie Hawkey at [info@justaid.org.uk](mailto:info@justaid.org.uk).

### **Give a Project as a gift**

We have found that many of our donors have chosen to buy projects as a gift. JustAid can provide a gift certificate that will include the full details of the chosen project.

### **Share a Project**

Another option is to choose a project with a group of friends or colleagues. For £30 each, 5 people could help change the lives and health of 25 families by supporting a Water Well Project.