



स्वयंसेवी अभियान नेपाल Volunteers Initiative Nepal



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Seedling Distribution to Women's Groups

3000 orange and lemon seedlings were provided by the District Soil Conservation Office, Kathmandu. The co-operative board members made the decision to distribute these seedlings equally among the women's groups.

In addition it was reported that the women find it very difficult to measure very small and very large quantities of seed and fertilizer, as a result the co-operative boards members made the decision to purchase a digital scale that can weigh up to 100kg.



Women's Cooperative

The Women's Cooperative supported and facilitated by VIN has extended its membership to 62 women groups with around 500 members, each member has a minimum of 5 shares in their cooperative. The Women's Cooperative monthly board meeting covered topics such as saving collection, seedling distribution, group management, new group formation, toilet construction, co-operative work summary and health awareness. After the meeting the members agreed to buy additional shares in the program.

Sponsorship Materials Distribution

VIN's sponsorship program has been able to successfully sponsor 44 children from the Jitpur community and 24 children from Okhaladhunga. In July VIN's executive director was able to distribute sponsorship materials, 44 children from 11 schools in Jitpur benefited from this.

The sponsorship materials packs that were distributed include all education materials (uniforms, bags, stationery, shoes and fees) needed for 1 year for each sponsored child.

Children with a low economic background are selected for sponsorship.



Kalikasaran School Improvement Program

During July VIN received a group of 22 volunteers from Korea. These volunteers participated in an improvement program at Kalikasaran School where they participated in teaching activities, wall construction and colouring and painting the classrooms. The work group successfully completed 90m of wall construction. The school ground is now a safe and secure place for the children to play. 6 classrooms, including 2 ECD classrooms, were decorated with attractive pictures and alphabets.



Teach First Program

During July a new program, Teach First, was implemented as part of the Teacher Development Program. The main objective of this program is to train the teachers of the schools of Jitpurphedi. 10 teachers from a well reputed UK organisation called Teach First worked with VIN to design and deliver a 10 day program.

The representatives of Teach First spent the first two days observing the Nepali way of teaching. After this they then trained the teachers for the next 3 consecutive days. This activity was then followed up with further observation to ensure the newly learned practices were effective.



Health Post Update

VIN's medical team (medical officer, nursing staff and volunteer/s) has been providing extended medical services to Jitpur community people three days a week. The major objective of this service is to improve quality of health services provided by the existing health post. The number of patients were seen in the month of July was 259 over 13 separate clinic sessions.



Mahadevsthan Primary School Health Campaign

During July a health camp was carried out at Mahadevsthan Primary School. The major objectives of this camp was to:

- check the general health of the children
- screen the oral hygiene of the children
- carry out de-worming of the children
- raise the children's awareness on hygiene and sanitation

36 children in the age range 3 - 13 benefitted from this program. Most of the children were found to be suffering from gastro intestinal diseases such as diarrhea and abdominal pain. Some of the children also were found to have wounds and skin infections. All of the sick children were provided medicine and advised of home remedies they could follow.

Toilet Construction in Jitpur Status

The month of July experienced a breakthrough in the Jitpurphedi toilet construction program. Many more toilets were constructed and/or prepared for construction this month compared to other recent months. A toilet construction work camp was organised, 16 Korean volunteers participated in this program from 8th to 18th of July. The work camp succeeded in completing 2 toilets, 1 toilet without a roof and 6 toilet pits were dug.

General Updates

Official Visit to Korea

In conjunction with GMarket, eBay Korea and better world; an international global volunteer program was conducted in Korea from 6th to 19th July, with the view that world can be changed through volunteerism and volunteer work..

The objective of the program was to unite international youth, develop a feeling of volunteerism and utilize their skills and knowledge to bring positive change in the world.

Three Slogans of this program are:

- Bring your world
- Learn with the world
- Change with the world

Call for Sponsorship

As you know, there are never enough dollars to make the world go round. VIN has many projects, for example: Child sponsorship; to ensure a disadvantaged child has the opportunity to receive a complete education. **Full sponsorship costs around 230 USD a year.**

Any help, such as donations or fund raising ideas you can offer would be greatly appreciated.



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Volunteer's Corner



A couple of our energetic Korean volunteers getting in deep with the toilet constructing project



Global Volunteers with the Child Care Centre's children in Korea



Global Volunteers having fun with the kids