

Volunteers Initiative Nepal (VIN) Monthly Newsletter



October 2013

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Co-operative Board Member Meeting

A meeting was conducted with the co-operative board members in order to celebrate the special occasion of Dashain and Tihar and exchange greetings among the women members of the co-operative and the VIN staff.

During the meeting informal discussions on subjects such as sewing cutting training for the women's group members, selling of fertilizer and seed, hiring of new staff and planning of the general assembly were conducted.



Women's Education and Life Skills

Two International volunteers, Lidewej and Maria, held sessions teaching English language skills to the women. The classes were held in Jitpurphedi Kisandol for around two hours a day. On average seven or eight students were able to attend each day.

The women found the sessions very valuable and expressed their appreciation.

Women's Group Meeting

During October several Women's Group meetings were conducted in various locations in the Jitpurphedi VDC. Matters discussed at the meetings included savings collection, group management, toilet construction, co-operative work summary and health awareness.

Participation in the meetings was good despite the women's time being taken up with rice harvest and Dashain and Tihar festival preparations.





Children's Club Annual Publication of 'Creative Souvenir'

Jitpurphedi United Children's Club, with the assistance of VIN's facilitation, annually publishes the 'Creative Souvenir' which is a collection of articles from the local children. The schools of Jitpur also provide their support in this endeavor. Articles provided by the children and the teachers are collected for typing and editing. Hare Ram Phuyal and Ghanashyam Pudasaini generously give their time to assist with the editing of the articles.

Advertisement Collection for Publication of 'Creative Souvenir'

The 'Creative Souvenir' publication provides a platform for the children to showcase their talents. Publication requires funds so a committee for financial collection was formed. It was decided that VIN would shoulder half the publication costs and the remaining half would be provided by the school and advertising income. The advertisement collection was executed by visiting local institutions, hotels, enterprises, individuals and political parties.

These enterprises and individuals made a commitment of 25,000 NRs which will be collected after the publication of the 'Creative Souvenir' book.



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 October was 156 over 10 separate clinic sessions.



Health Campaign at Mahadevsthan Primary School, Dadagaun

VIN's health camp in October was carried out at Mahadevsthan Primary School in Dadagaun. The major objectives of this health camp were to:

- check the general health of the children
- screen the oral hygiene of the children
- raise the children's awareness of the importance of hygiene and sanitation

30 students were examined in the age range of 3 - 13. The children were found to be suffering in the main from wounds. Some children were suffering from gastrointestinal issues including abdominal pain and diarrhea and 2 of the children were found to be suffering from a common cold.

Toilet Construction in Jitpur Status

During the month of October VIN was able to provide four families with non locally sourced toilet construction materials for the imminent construction of their toilets. Other ongoing construction efforts in the area were monitored and support provided where necessary. Four international volunteers were participating in the toilet construction program during October. Work is accelerating with the aim to declare Jitpur as an 'Open Defecation Free' village in the near future.

Volunteer's Corner

General Updates

This month the VIN office celebrated the Dashain Festival among the VIN staff, local and international volunteers.

The volunteers, children and staff happily celebrated singing, dancing and feasting together.

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. <http://www.volunteeringnepal.org/child-database/1/5/Sponsor%20Children%20from%20Remote%20/%20Disadvantaged%20Area%20%28Okhaldhunga%29>

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



International volunteers working hard in the Jitpur Toilet Construction Program



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