

 स्वयंसेवी अभियान नेपाल  
Volunteers Initiative Nepal

Work Camp – Toilet Construction  
9<sup>th</sup> July to 18<sup>th</sup> July



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## Letter of Appreciation

Dear Partners,

It was a pleasure to receive volunteers from your organization for the Workcamp. Thank you for all you brought to our VIN. Without your help the Workcamp wouldn't reach to its goal. Your dedication for sending us the volunteers has been invaluable.

Also we want to thank all the participants of 'Stop Open Defecation Campaign, 2013' for their welcome assistance. We want to show our appreciation for their enthusiastic involvement in every task they did.

We hope you will accept token of our gratitude and that you will continue to help us next year.

Warm Regards,

Team of Volunteers Initiative Nepal

## Background

VIN has been working in Jitpur community through integrated community development approach. Women and children are focused with different programs; likewise, youths and community health are other targeted major programs of VIN. Toilet construction program falls under community health program. VIN has planned to make Jitpur VDC an Open Defecation Free VDC by the end of 2014. The work camp from 9<sup>th</sup> July to 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2013 with the involvement of Korean students from Yeungnam University directly supports to fulfill the goal of VIN in making Jitpur an ODF.



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10	KIM TAEHUI
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12	KOO SEULKI
13	KIM SOHYEON
14	LEE SUNYOUNG
15	HEO HAEHEONG
16	YU CHEONGHAN

## Objectives of the work camp

- Construct toilets in Jitpur as much as possible
- Raise the awareness on importance of toilet, and the use of toilet
- To make Jitpur community an ODF VDC

- Support in building health environment and healthy living of the people.

## Major Activities

- Toilet construction
- Awareness raising on toilet use, health and hygiene
- Some skills transmission to the school children

## Methodology

The international volunteers were divided into 4 groups (A, B, C, D) with 1 local volunteer in each group. The local volunteers worked together as well as helped in translation of language. This work camp had two different parts; toilet construction and awareness raising activities. These group volunteers were assigned different families/different places to construct toilets. The schedule of the volunteer for toilet construction was from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. with some breaks (breakfast and lunch) in between. After constructing toilets, the volunteers conducted some awareness program to the toilet construction families on the importance and ways of toilet use.

International cooking night was celebrated in one of the nights of their volunteering period, where the volunteers enjoyed a lot by cultural sharing; preparing and tasting the domestic foods. The program was made joyful by singing, dancing and doing fun activities.

At the end of their volunteering period, these volunteers did some teaching and awareness in Mahadevsthan School, Dandagaun. The volunteers group transmitted skills of making paper art and bracelet to the children. The children were very happy to learn new techniques.



### Major Achievements of the program are as follows:

- Altogether 6 gulfs for toilet safety-tank was prepared, 1 toilet house without roof was prepared and 2 toilets were totally completed
- Around 50 children were transmitted the methods of preparing paper art and bracelet
- Around 50 children were taught hand washing with demonstration and practical
- Around 50 children were made aware about personal health and hygiene
- About 9 families were made aware about importance and use of toilet



### CHALLENGES

While working the toilet construction there were different types of problem arises they are as following

1. Lack of skilled man power and tools in the toilet construction family.
2. Some families were not helpful to the toilet construction volunteers group
3. Due to stony/rocky land, the toilet construction was difficult for some groups
4. The season being monsoon, sometimes created problem while working.
5. Some volunteers had some health problems like back pain, headache etc

### Conclusion

The work camp of toilet construction was successful. The groups worked for 11 toilets in total (both; completed and incomplete). The groups of volunteers were friendly and did the fantastic job. VIN is grateful to these volunteers group for assisting in our goal of making Jitpur VDC an ODF.

Annex:

Annex 1: participants list

Name

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