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SCHOOL ROOM COMPLETION REPORT

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Overview

Project ID #: **NP-SR-08-0012**
Name of School or Community: **Shree Sakala Devi Primary School**

Location

Village/City: Dibyapuri
District/Zone: Nawalparasi
State/Province: Lumbini
Country: Nepal

Description: Divyapuri Village Development Committee (VDC) is situated in Nawalparasi District, 164 kilometers southwest of Kathmandu. It takes about 5 hours to reach the school from Kathmandu.

The school is located 96 kilometers from the Rupandehi field office. From there, it takes about 2.5 hours to reach the school.



Nawalparasi District is indicated in blue.

Student / Teacher Information

NUMBER OF STUDENTS/CHILDREN	NUMBER OF TEACHERS
Female: 138	Female: 3
Male: <u>135</u>	Male: <u>4</u>
TOTAL: 273	TOTAL: 7

GRADE/LEVEL OF STUDENTS: Grades 1 through 5

Community / School Profile

The school is situated in Divyapuri VDC, Nawalparasi District. Nawalparasi lies southeast of Kathmandu and is located in the lowlands of south-central Nepal. The district is irrigated by the Narayani River, one of the largest rivers in the country. Nawalparasi is inhabited by Brahmins, Magars, Chettries and other ethnic groups. Agriculture and animal husbandry support most families, though some people are employed as blue-collar workers.

The population of the region is approximately 2,000. Large families remain the norm, with the typical household consisting of a family of five. Generally, the houses are two-storied, built with stone and mud mortar, and roofed with corrugated iron sheets. The region has access to state-supplied drinking water and electricity.

Current Situation and Reason for Support

Established in 1983, Shree Sakala Devi Primary School is currently housed in two buildings comprising a total of eight rooms. One room is used as an office, one houses a library, and the remaining six serve as classrooms. The existing buildings are in critical condition. Due to their weak structural integrity, they are in danger of falling at any time. The classrooms are small, with an average size of fifteen feet by twelve feet, and consist of mud mortar and stone walls and mud flooring. The roof is made of corrugated sheets that consistently leak water during the rainy season (from July to September), making it quite difficult to hold classes. The walls are in very poor condition-- some are tilted away from each other while others are cracked in places. In addition, the classrooms are not adequately ventilated.

Date Established

June 25, 2009

Project Details

The newly constructed two-story building has a total of six rooms. Of these, five are being used as classrooms and one houses the library. These rooms are adequately ventilated and well lit by ample natural light. The newly constructed schoolrooms can accommodate 41 students in each classroom very comfortably. The walls of the school building have been plastered and painted. The external walls of the school building have also been plastered and painted.

The school also has a five-room toilet facility, sufficient for students and teachers, with a good water supply.

Resources Provided

Challenge Grant Provided by Community - 52.73% of Total

Blackboard; Building Maintenance; Clean Water; Construction Materials; Educational Materials; Electricity; Furniture; Land; Salvaged/Reused Materials; Sponsor Groundbreaking Ceremony; Sponsor Opening Ceremony; Transportation of Materials; Volunteer Labor

Provided by Room to Read – 47.27% of Total

Building Design; Construction Materials; Furniture; Monitoring and Support; Skilled Labor; Transportation of Materials

Trainings

Basic Construction Techniques; Financial Management; Other; Project Management; Specialized Construction Techniques; Water And Sanitation

Comments

Headmaster Krishna Prasad Sapkota is delighted with the new school building. "The buildings are great and the classrooms are nothing like we have experienced before. The students and teachers can now sit comfortably and learn side by side," he says.

Om Kumar Chaudhary, a fifth grader, greatly appreciates his new classrooms. "Our rooms are spacious and more comfortable than the old rooms. We don't have to be crammed in any more," he says.

Photos



Newly constructed school building.



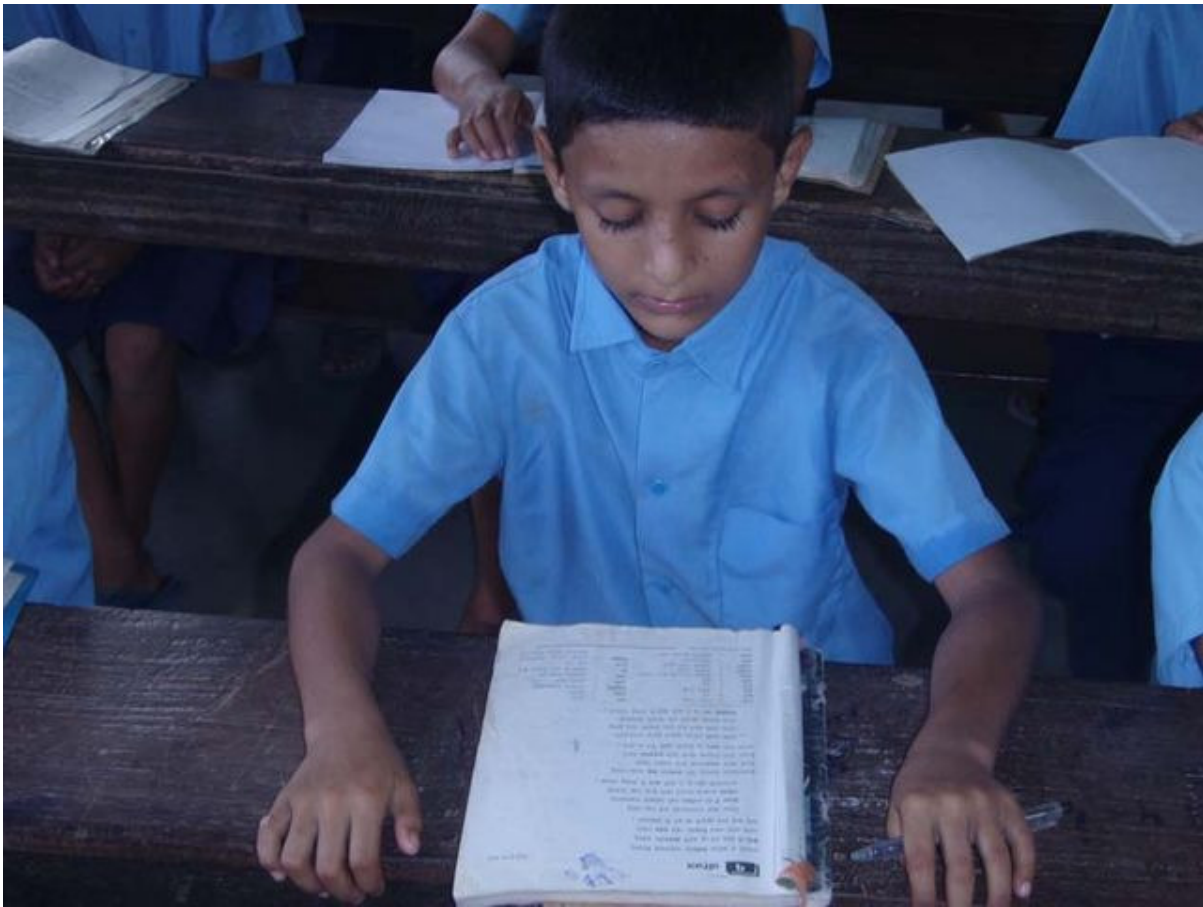
Dedication plaque.



Students in newly constructed classroom.



Students in front of dedication plaque.



Child studying in newly constructed classroom.