HOLISTIC DEVELOPMENT OF KHATAMMA

PROGRESS UPDATE

September 30, 2020
Background

This was the first year of the 3-year commitment from Clare Rhoades for the holistic development of the community of Khatamma. This was our first year of partnership with the community of Khatamma and hence the first year activities of our "deep development" methodology were intended here.

"Deep development" is our inclusive and participatory approach of community development. It is a bottom-up approach and community members are the center of this approach. We decided to extend our work in the community after our staff assessed the social and economic condition of Khatamma through interaction with local members. Your support made it possible for our work to begin this year.

In first year of our partnership, we formed 9 to 11 Community Development Groups (CDGs) to represent every neighborhood, geography, ethnicity and gender. The members of CDGs are trained on skills like group management, project identification and proposal writing. Each CDG then prepare a project proposal for seed amount of US $500. We use these projects to build rapport with the community, educate them about our practices and understand their willingness to work with us, financial honesty and commitment to contribute in our future projects. Upon successful completion of all these small projects, we start larger projects from the second year of our partnership with the communities.
The COVID-19 infection was almost insignificant when we last submitted the report. However, the Nepal Government decided to issue an order of nationwide lockdown considering the potential threat of spreading the virus. The lockdown continued for almost 4 months. During the lockdown, the mobility of people and transport was completely restricted. Meanwhile, even during the lockdown, Nepalese stranded in other countries and India were repatriated back to Nepal. But the Nepal government couldn't handle the repatriation as well as their home quarantine and it led to the upsurge of the infection rate in the western side of the country and Southern border.

Yet, the government decided to ease the lockdown in July, which led to opening of markets and travel to people. This caused lots of infections in most of the country and capital city itself too. The infection rate started rising at a concerning rate. As a result, different local administrations issued restriction orders individually, including in Kathmandu. The capital city had to go under another month of lockdown.

The lockdown and restrictions has eased again. However, the infection rate is growing every day. To date, 69,301 people have been affected by the virus while 50,411 have been healed and 453 have lost their lives. Fortunately, the community of Khatamma does not have any COVID cases so far.
Since last reporting, we completed following starter projects:

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<th>Name of Starter Projects</th>
<th>Beneficiary Households</th>
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<td>Construction of drinking Water and toilet</td>
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The “Community Visioning” Program, project identification and feasibility study for those projects were scheduled next after our last report. But unfortunately, we had to cancel the community visioning program due to COVID-19 situation. We did receive the request for the construction of 2 drinking water systems from the community of Khatamma for fiscal year 2020-21. But we could not do the on-site social and technical feasibility of those projects but decided to move ahead with them through our internal evaluation.

The two drinking water projects the community has selected for Khatamma are Khotomalung drinking water project and Mempang drinking water project. The agreement document has been signed with our local counterparts for both of these projects. We will be building around 139 individual taps for 139 households of Khatamma. The construction of these systems will help to bring clean and safer drinking water for 139 families and improve the hygiene behaviours of around 700 people resulting in a decrease in diarrheal diseases and improvement in their health.
The estimated cost for the first year activities in Khatamma was $18,000.

By the end of August 2020, we completed all our first year activities except the community visioning and feasibility study of a larger project. We made an expenditure of $10,508 including overhead. The local contribution pledged by the community was $5,607.

We have received $195,364 from Clare Rhoades Fund in two installments. We have a remaining fund balance of $184,856. This fund balance will be spent on two drinking water projects selected for Khatamma. The detail budget of these two water projects is explained on page 6 in this report. Once the visioning session is held, we will identify project priorities for the remaining balance.
The visioning session that was scheduled for year 19-20 will be conducted as soon as we can safely gather the community.

The total estimated budget for the Mempang drinking water system is $50,722 for which community has pledged an estimated contribution of $8,660.

The estimated budget for Khotomalung drinking water system is $31,675 and the community has pledged an estimated contribution of $3,546 for the project.
What's Next

- Depending on the situation of COVID-19, we will be rescheduling and conducting the cancelled "Community Visioning' Program and collect project proposals from the community for fiscal year 2021-22.

- We will be forming construction committees for both of the drinking water projects. The construction committee will be composed of the users and local skilled manpower.

- The construction committees will collect the necessary local construction materials and complete local contribution before we release the first installments of the project.

- We aim to complete both of the projects by the end of June 2021.
Thank you for your generous support. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or comments.

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