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PPE Distribution in Pharping

‘Friends For Nepal’ has been playing a vital role for the development in and around Pharping for many years. Especially, when it comes to the calamities which are either natural or otherwise, DMS management, have been the frontrunners to offer the help needed. Working with dedicated volunteers and collaborating with other organizations to achieve a common goal, Friends for Nepal has helped people in need throughout Pharping, Lamagaon, Dandikhel, Bhaktapur and Lalitpur for almost a decade.

Currently, the number of corona virus case is rising rapidly and the government is practicing strict lockdown measures. The general lifestyle is completely disrupted while many people relied on daily work to bring in food and everyday needs. Since the lockdown many people are deprived of work and are struggling.



Pharping Food Bank

Thankfully, an organization named “ Food Bank Pharping” in Pharping is assessing and distributing food and other necessary items to the needy. The food bank was created by a group of enthusiastic young people who reaching out for the actual victims of the pandemic who are neglected by the government. Manisha Basnet, principal of DMS is also the part of the team for the Food distribution plan and a representative for ‘Friends For Nepal’.

To support the cause, DMS has donated 4 sets of PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) to Pharping Food Bank as their work involves getting in contact with people in different places.



The Organization has been approaching the disadvantaged people all around pharping and reaching out to help. They are mainly focusing people such as orphaned, homeless, widows, and physically or mentally disabled, elderly, people with weak financial status.



The School management is happy to help in this time of hardship and also deeply appreciates the humane effort by Pharping Food Bank and the people involved. The school management has also promised to help further by providing clothes and warm blankets worth of Rs. 55,000 and Food materials worth Rs. 100,000 totaling NRs. 1,55,000 (One Lakh Fifty-Five Thousand Rupees). The organization has now supported over 200 people in need and there are still about 1000 more people who are in need of support during these tough times. Our heart goes out to all the people who are suffering and hope everything turns out to be better in the near future.



PPE to Dakshinkali Municipality

Similarly, DMS have also donated 25 sets of PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) and 25 sets of masks to the Dakshinkali Municipality. With the increase in new cases, the everyday tests have also increased.

With the limited amount of test kits and PPEs the municipality was struggling to keep up with the number of tests but now with the new kits coming in, the tests should run smoothly for some time to come.

‘Friends For Nepal’ will continue to support people and organizations to help overcome the difficulties caused by the pandemic and hopefully all hardships will soon come to an end.



Construction Work

While most of the world is recovering from Corona virus or Covid-19 pandemic, Nepal is still fighting and most of the businesses, Educational institution and other firms still remain closed. Though there are many obstacles we have to do what we need to do. In Dolphin Magic School there are many construction jobs needed to be done and we are already far behind because of Covid-19 crisis. There are a few important constructions that is needed to be done within this 2020 for the betterment of the school and its solidarity.



The Road Maintenance

We have been hurdled a lot regarding the road here at Dolphin Magic School. Because school itself is situated on a steep landscape the condition of the road during and after the monsoon is very pitiful.



It is impossible even to imagine driving a bus during rainy season. For the permanent settlement of this issue we have our construction supervisor Mr. San Man Lama in action for the long term vision and proper management of drainage system and road connecting the school.

For the road, it has been discussed that it should be paved whole with the stones and it will be 13 feet wide and one or half feet deep with stone dust on top after completion to hold the stones and to fill the gaps. The main material for this construction is the stone and we will need 31 big trucks of stones.



One big truck of stone cost 17000 rs and the total cost is 527000 Nrs. Where the labor charge is 400000 (four lakh rs) approx. On the other hand there is a place in need of a wall construction. The wall will be 40 meter long and it will be 3 meter to 3.5 meter deep depending upon the construction site. It is important to construct the wall there because the road is very narrow at that place and also very fragile part. The wall construction will be approx. 100m³ where the cost of 1m³ is 10000 Rs. Therefore, 100 m³ will be 10,00000 Rs. Or One million Nepali rupees which include all the materials and labor cost required for constructing the wall.



We also need to bring digging machine for couple of days to clear the landslide out of the way. We have to dig for the wall and we also need to clear the landslide from the upper part of the garage which will alone take minimum two days of continuous elbow grease. We will need two tippers to load mud and one digging machine. We will have to organize their eating as well in school for the workers. Depending upon the work we will need 250,000 Rs.

(Two lakh fifty thousand Rs) minimum for the digging machine work. Everything is properly measured, calculated and discussed. The total road construction project will cost around 21,77,000 Rs. In words Twenty one Lakh seventy-seven thousand Nepali Rs. only.



Electrical Wiring

There are four newly constructed rooms and also our garage needs the lights and power supply. In this newly constructed room there is going to be a principal's office and also a place for the playgroup and kitchen hence, it is very important for us to have the electrical job done here at school.



The current situation in Nepal and DMS

All the Schools in Nepal still remain closed due to the instability caused by the novel coronavirus. The current pandemic has affected various aspects of life including education. Too many children are now deprived of the education and everyone is concerned. Nevertheless, DMS has tried its best to engage children in their studies even while being at home.

As per the current situation regarding corona virus the numbers of newly infected and death rate surges rapidly. According to the statistics from Health Ministry Nepal, the total number of people infected is approximately 57000 and 386 deaths as of September 15, 2020. Nepal is now under second lockdown due to the rapidly



increasing cases. The government is still working to get things under control and to ease current lockdown once more. But there is still no sign for educational institutions to resume to normal anytime soon.



During the first lockdown period when there were very few cases of corona, Home Visit was initiated by teachers to keep children engaged in the studies. It had been fruitful but a while ago government authorities advised against any social contacts no matter the reason.

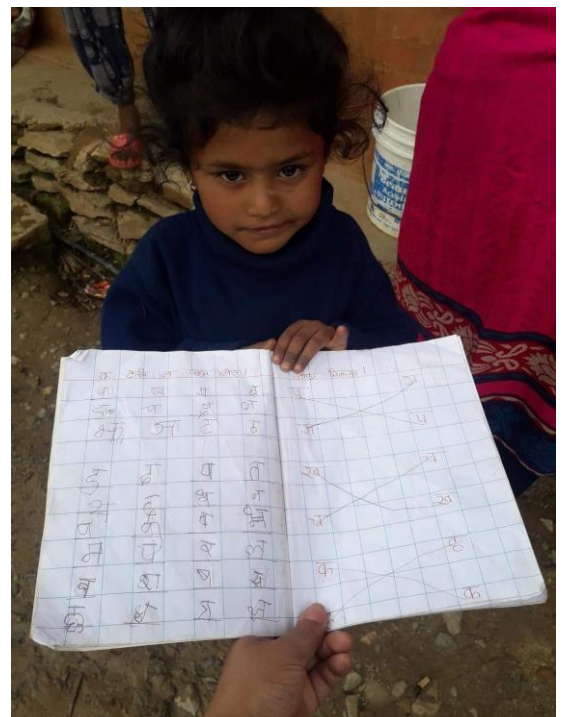
Therefore, considering the safety of everyone Home Visits was stopped for the time being. Luckily, DMS has now started online classes for senior students. Currently, students of class 7 and 8 are now attending online classes everyday via ZOOM application. The students from other classes can also learn via televised episodes for their respective class.



All the schools in the country are not back to normal and will not be for some time.

The idea of online schooling is completely new to the students and maybe not as 100% effective like coming to school and learn firsthand but this is by far the best medium of studies anyone can have. Especially, considering the present situation, and the parents are very happy for their children to have the opportunity of education.

Therefore, DMS will continue to do so hoping the current situation will soon be contained and normal schooling can resume. And every children again gets the gift of knowledge.



Bio Farm

Bio farming has been one of the productive and successful projects under Dolphin Magic School. The farm has been providing plenty of fresh organic vegetables to the school and also the birds nest children as well as providing a valuable lesson in terms of agricultural knowledge.



DMS has been shut down for a few months now due to the pandemic but the farm is still providing a lot of seasonal vegetables, thanks to the expertise of Mohan Tamang and the people who work in the regular basis. The farm produce are now being consumed by the children of Birds nest and the people around the community. We are also prepared for the worst if the nation goes on full lockdown due to the current



unstable situation in Nepal. Not only will we have fresh farm produce for the children and the community but also for anybody who are in need.

Nowadays the farm is producing pumpkins, cucumber, bitter gourd, lettuce, corn etc. It is now a good time of the year for agriculture as there is plenty of water for farm. Hopefully the lockdown and the fear of the virus comes to an end and we can finally reopen the school and bring in home produced food and vegetables for the school use as well.



Special Thanks

With everything in the world devastated by the impact of corona virus, Nepal also has its fair share of hardships. Millions of people have lost their job worldwide and the world's economy has collapsed. Nepal being a developing nation is also hardly hit as many are left jobless.

Even during these tough times, DMS has been able to provide all their staffs with their regular salaries and keep development works happening. Also, the children in the 'Birds Nest' are well taken care of with their needs and basic needs. Thanks to all the amazing people who have supported the project by all the means they can.

The sponsor parents are the real heroes, who despite their own difficulties have continued to support the school. The salaries paid to the school staffs have become very helpful for them and their families during the midst of the pandemic. The teachers and the workers are very grateful to be a part of such organization who has continued to support them throughout this situation.



Likewise, DMS is also proud to have a great management team in 'Friends For Nepal' who has always supported the foundation of DMS and never let it fall.

Without the amazing people of 'Friends For Nepal' DMS today would only be a dream never to be achieved. It's been more than 9 years of continuous hard work and support that has taken DMS and Lamagaon to the next level of prosperity.



DMS was started with the motive of providing free education for the marginalized children and now almost every child in the village goes to school. And with a good education, a better society is created.



Lives certainly have changed in Lamagaon in positive ways and will continue to do so as long as we have the great support from the sponsor parents and the members of 'Friends For Nepal' who are making a real difference in Lamagaon and DMS. The whole of Dolphin Magic School is thankful to all those helping hands that have been supporting the school throughout every step of its growth.



A few words from the Health Assistant

Namaste, my name is Ramesh raila. I had completed my 3 years diploma in pd general medicine and I am currently working on the Health care center in lamagaon as a health assistant which is supported by “Friends for Nepal”.

The health station is located in lamagaon which is a multi ethnic village. The Bramhins, Chettris and Tamangs are the main ethnic group living together and Hinduism and Buddhism are the main religion followed by the people around here.

Lamagaon Healthcare Center is supported by friends for Nepal and is growing resourceful since the time of establishment. I myself have been engaged in this organization for over 5 years now providing health services.



Currently, there are three people working in the health station. One of them is a doctor who works as an advisor and counselor for us and teaches us when needed and comes to the station occasionally. He is also from the same locality. Another one is the office assistant and the third one is myself.

Normally we are two regular staffs working 6 days a week. We basically take care of following medical treatments:

- a) First Aid
- b) Health counseling and public awareness
- c) Wound Dressing and Bandaging
- d) Medicine Dispensing
- e) General OPD services

Besides these services we also provide health camps such as, physiotherapy, eye camps, etc. once a year. All the services provided by these camps are free of cost.



Lastly, I am very grateful to be a part of this organization which has given me the chance to serve this community which has helped me to upgrade my knowledge and qualification in practical manners. I would also like to thank all the good people who have supported this organization by any means they could.

New Curriculum Development

It has been a tough year for all the students in Nepal as all school has been closed most of this year. However there is now a glimmer of hope that the school may resume as normal in near future. The government is exclusively trying to bring everything back to normal like it was before the lockdown. Businesses are now partially open and people are going around more often while the public transportations are also partially resumed.

In between all of this DMS is also working on preparing the new curriculum for this academic year. Not everything can be covered on what is remained of this academic year. Therefore by analyzing and prioritizing the more important topics and chapters a new curriculum will be finalized.

DMS has also been getting queries about new admissions on the playgroup class and other classes. So far, the school has received about 35 new inquiries about new admissions in various classes. A thorough examination as per the school protocol will be held to check the eligibility of the students before being enrolled as DMS has prioritized marginalized children from poor background.

A lot needs to be discussed and finalized on how to begin this new academic year and most importantly we need to have the green light from the government to get everything started. Let's hope the day when all the children go to school again is not far away and the school administration can get on with the revised curriculum without sparing any moment.



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