

The Kailash Hostel - Nepal
Together with
AKIS School – British Stream – Dohar
and
The Ester Benjamins Trust – Nepal



Kailash Hostel Water and Mosaic Project

February 2010

Between 6-11th February 2010 we had the visit of an International School from Dohar. The students (25 in total from 15 different countries) worked in close cooperation with our own senior students on digging trenches to lay pipes and cleaning out an existing water tank in the hills north of the hostel in order to provide clean drinking water to the Kailash Hostel and nearby community.

In cooperation with from the Esther Benjamins Trust the students also participated in a Mosaic project together with 6 deaf children and a British Artist.



THE WATER PROJECT

The aim of the project was to bring a fresh water supply to the Kaiash Hostel as well as improve the existing supply to the local community. A total of US\$ 10,000 was estimated to fund the project. Much of this was raised from the generous donations made by our supporters through www.globalgiving.org Please see appendix I for details of the original water project proposal.

AKIS SCHOOL – Dohar

The 12th grade children of the AKIS School in Dohar volunteered to assist with the water project as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award scheme as well as to raise funds. They raised a total of US\$ 4000 for the project.

The children also participated in a 5 day trek in the Annapurna Himal.

Al Khor International School (AKIS) is a vibrant, fast growing school with privileged facilities. The school is located about 40 km away from Doha and houses about 4,000 residents from about 36 nationalities.

THE WORK

The children participated along side our Kailash Hostel children in repairing and cleaning the existing water supply tanks and laying pipes new pipes. Cement had to be mixed and bricks had to be carried. The work was challenging and tiring for the students but everyone participated with vigour, humour and teamwork.



THE ESTER BENJAMINS TRUST AND MOSAIC PROJECT

The Ester Benjamin Trust <http://www.ebtrust.org.uk/> is a UK charity that supports work in Nepal that provides residential care for children in Nepal that have been affected by conflict or have been trafficked.

The Trust is now helping to train trafficking survivors and deaf school leavers in mosaic art in their Integrated Art Workshop, enabling them to take up commissions that will help them into an independent adult life.

In collaboration with the Kailash hostel and the AKIS school, Mark Wood (a British volunteer artist) and 6 of his EBT deaf students spent 6 days with us working on a special Mosaic. Both the international students, students of the Kailash Hostel and the students from EBT had a rewarding experience. It was wonderful to see all the children communicating in sign language by the end of the 6 days.



The 6 day project concluded with the Children of the Kailash Hostel giving a cultural performance to the AKIS students. A cheque of US\$ 4000 was presented to the nepal project together with a music system.



The Himalayan Children's Foundation

Gorkhana
Kathmandu
Nepal



Drinking Water Project for The Kailash Hostel and surrounding Village Community

**Water, water, everywhere,
Nor any drop to drink.**

Samuel Taylor Coleridge (1772-1834)

Required funding: approximately US\$ 10,000

The Kailash Hostel is currently home to 89 desperately poor children from the remote mountain districts of Nepal. The Himalayan Children's Foundation undertakes to provide a quality education to the Children until they have passed their school leaving certificate (16 years). The construction of the hostel was completed in December 2007 and funding came from sponsors and well wishers of the foundation.

The current water supply for the hostel comes from a 300 feet bore-well but the water had been found to be very turbid and contains unacceptably high levels of ammonia and iron. Currently this is being controlled by the use of a filtration system but is far from ideal. Unfortunately mains-supply water is not available.

An alternative water source has been identified approximately 1.5 kilometers away at the foot of the Shivapuri Hills. The water comes from an underground spring and even without treatment is palatable.

The water source is also currently supplying the nearby village of Nayapati but the water tank and supply pipes are in a poor condition and in need of repair.

In the village there are also six communal water-supply outlets that are in need of repair.

Proposal

It is proposed to repair and increase the capacity of the village water header supply tank and also install a one kilometer 1-inch pipe from an existing storage tank.

The six communal outlets will also be repaired.

Benefits

Approximately 500 people from the village will benefit as well as 89+ children from the Kailash Hostel and around 50+ children from the nearby Pegasus Hostel.

Required Work and cost

The approximate cost is US\$ 10,000 – see below approximate budget. Some of the costs may be reduced subject to the involvement and labor provided by the local community

Sn.				Amount
A	Estimation of Collection Tank			108,155.75
B.	Existing collection Tank repair			55,880.00
C	Estimation of Tap & Sanitary Accessories			587,625.00
		Total cost		751,660.75
			US\$	9,890.27

A detailed breakdown of the above is available on request.

Plenty of water but not a drop to spare !



The existing water tank which is in need of repair and expansion.



Communal water outlets in need of repair.



The Kailash Hostel – home to 89 children.



The surrounding village area and the Shivapuri Hills in the background where the water supply will come from.

