



DHARMIK NEPAL

Field Visit- Kuntabesi, Kavre

As a part of Dharmik Nepal we have visited Kuntabesi Kavre on 21st August 2009 and gather some information and try to find out actual situation of the house where 10 children living together at the same house. As part of our work we had separate formal meeting with different stakeholders including School Management Committee, some people who look after children & organization, parents & children, office staffs, some of the other community people who are supporting for this children and organization in different issues regarding children.

There were series of discussion and meeting with different key stakeholders, which are as follows.

Organization management team & staffs

We had formal meeting with organization management team and staffs

Basically we have discussed about the organization and children how they are sustaining so far and what is their future plan to continue carry on their work.

- They are getting 1200 per person funds for food from District Education Office on behalf of Government of Nepal, which is not adequate amount of money to provide nutritious food for the children-over the past three months 1200 is insufficient to provide basic and normal food due to high market price of food.
- Some cost of the food and dress is covered by school funds as well but it has to be replace when organization has funds.
- They don't have any resources to conduct different activities such as moral education, sports and others game for the children, which is very important for children to improve their condition.
- They haven't got any financial support from parents so far due to poor economic condition, but they are expecting to collect about 100 per month as soon as possible.
- As our discussion, parents are also very much interested & committed to support for organizational development to providing moral & physical support.
- They want an active teacher who can look after children and support them to providing moral & Practical education, conducting different activities including sports, fun game and other activities. They have one care taker she has to look after disable



children in one hand on the other hand she has to cook food, wash clothes of the children, when care taker been busy for chores, children go to out and fall down as a result mostly they injured.

School management committee:

In the second phase of our field work, we had formal meeting with Kali Devi Primary School management committee- as per our discussion they have been continuously supporting for this children and also committed to help them in the future too.

- If children are interested to come school and study then they are always welcome and school management committee is always happy to support them as much as possible.
- As per school management committee- mostly these children are taking part of the school assembly and some time they are also taking class as well and they are also totally allowed to joint school activities.
- They are providing small fund for these children from school funds but, it has to be replace soonest possible.
- Disable children & School Children are having interaction with each other as they don't have any prejudice and conflict each other and the school children are very helpful, kind and cooperative for the disable children.
- Admin staffs took children to the school and encourage disable children to take part of the assembly some time they also took class as their interest. Mostly they also involved in games and other activities of the school.
- The school committee have their own land and they are ready to provide to the organization for the building if they have fund.



Suryodaya Sewa Samuha:

We had a formal meeting with some members of Suryodaya Sewa Samuha (Suryodaya Service Group) who have been providing building for children and office. During our short meeting they said that they are very pleased to provide housing support to run organization but, the organization has to manage own building their selves as they can't provide house for long time, but they seem still positive

Parents and Children:

In the parents and children meeting we had mainly discussion about their main problems & needs and how parents and Dharmik Nepal can play crucial role in effective way to support and address their problems and needs.

In our brief discussion they inform that they can't afford any money for their children due to low economic status. They also want Dharmik Nepal to support their all living & others expenses as they want better future of the children. Government has provided certificate to the disables people but it does not cover to all district disable people as they have certain policy for the disable to give certificate. If District Development Committee (DDC) provide disable certificate to the children they can get small amount of money as a disable allowance.

In the meeting we tried to talk and gather of the children problem by own words but couldn't able to get actual information from children as they can't express their actual feeling and needs their selves due to mental disorder problem.



Present Condition of the children:

We had a formal meeting with 9 disable children who are having different problem including mental disorder, Physical problems, mental retarded, speech & hearing problem and so on.

As we have seen some children were quite active even though they are not physically well and we think if they get proper medical treatment (May be therapy and something like that) their health situation will be more better than current situation.



Conclusion :

It was fanatic and so much fun to meeting with community people and different key stakeholders and discuss about how we can work together to support disable children who are disparately need support & help to address their problems and needs in real sense. Community people, parents and organization management team has quit high expectation from Dharmik Nepal, but we have limited resource to support for this humanitarian cause. As per our discussion and observation there are lot's of things need to be done for the improvement of living condition & welfare of the children. We think Dharmik Nepal has limited resources to support what they need. Only certain things can be support to the organization as resources available with Dharmik Nepal. As we think it

is very important to support them to providing an active teacher and require resources that can provide moral education and extra activities & interact to disable children with normal children.

What Else?

Have to make detail project plan which can be implemented with in certain time and budget.