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SCHOOL ROOM APPLICATION REPORT *Prepared for: Cam-Mai Brasch*

Overview

Project ID #: **NP-SR-11-0041**
Name of School or Community: **Shree Nepal Shanti Secondary School**

Location

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

Description: Deurali Village Development Committee (VDC) is situated in Nawalparasi District, 140 km southwest of Kathmandu, from which it takes about 6 hours to reach the school.

Shree Nepal Shanti Secondary School is located in a village called Belhani, about 8 kilometers east of Narayangadh. It takes approximately 1 hour to reach the school from the Rupandehi field office.



Nawalparasi district is indicated in blue.

Student/Teacher Information

NUMBER OF STUDENTS/CHILDREN		NUMBER OF TEACHERS	
Female:	372	Female:	6
Male:	<u>309</u>	Male:	<u>9</u>
TOTAL:	681	TOTAL:	15

GRADE/LEVEL OF STUDENTS: Grades Kindergarten through 10

Community / School Profile

Shree Nepal Shanti Secondary School is located in Deurali VDC, Nawalparasi District. Situated southeast of Kathmandu, this district is irrigated by the Narayani River, one of the largest rivers in Nepal. This area is inhabited by people of various ethnicities, most of whom derive their income from labor-intensive agriculture. Wheat, rice, maize, mustard, and potatoes are the primary crops grown in the region.

The population of the area is about 4,500. Large, traditional families remain the norm. The typical household consists of a family of six. Generally, houses in this region are two stories tall and are constructed from either Reinforced Cement Concrete (RCC) or stone and mud mortar, roofed with corrugated iron sheets.

Current Situation and Reason for Support

Shree Nepal Shanti Secondary School was established in 1976. The school currently consists of three buildings, comprising a total of thirteen rooms. Of these, eleven are used as classrooms, with the two remaining rooms used as an office and a library. All existing classes are overcrowded and small in size.

Room to Read is constructing a new four-room building in the school compound; no existing buildings will be demolished. The students will continue to attend class in their old classrooms until the new building is complete.

Proposed Plan

The new lower-secondary school will be a two-story building with four rooms. All four rooms will be designated as classrooms. The new building will be built from brick and cement mortar with a solid, concrete roof to help control the temperature inside the classrooms. Each classroom will have large windows as well as ceilings of adequate height to ensure proper ventilation. The construction of new toilets will also be included as part of the project.

PROPOSED COMMUNITY/SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION TO THE PROJECT:

- Provision of locally available materials including sand, stone, gravel and wood.
- Unskilled labor for construction work.
- Community contribution of 40% of the total project cost.

PROPOSED ROOM TO READ CONTRIBUTION TO THE PROJECT:

- Construction materials including brick, steel rods and cement.
- Delivery of construction materials to project site.
- Skilled masons and carpenters for construction work.
- Community training in project management and construction techniques.
- Assistance in fundraising for Challenge Grant match.
- Collaboration with community on creation of building design.
- Room to Read contribution of 60% of the total project cost.

Photos



Students studying in one of the existing classrooms.



An outside view of one of the existing school buildings.



An outside view of some of the existing school buildings.