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Monitoring Report

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Public Toilet and Shower House Construction

Patal, Bakanje-1, Solukhumbu

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The concept of building Public Toilet and Shower House is to improve the poor sanitation in the backward community. This concept was developed and highlighted in 2009 while Himalayan Project Denmark (HP-DK) and Himalayan Project Nepal (HIPRON) were conducting Women Empowerment Project (WEP) survey in Bakanje VDC, Solukhumbu. The very project is initially located in the Thami community of Patal -1, Bakanje VDC as a model and it can be replicated in other communities of same VDC. The location of the project was identified by the Women of Patal and WEP coordinator Miss Ambika Maharjan. The drawing of the structure was prepared by HP-DK, and HIPRON forwarded it to the Mr. Da Sharki Sherpa for the consultation. Mr. Sherpa being the most skillful constructor in the area and involved in Chhiringkharka Community Clinic construction, HP-DK and Patal Women agreed to employ him for the construction and procurement of nonlocal materials of Public Toilet and Shower. They also agreed that HP-DK assist nonlocal materials and salary of the constructor and Patal women pay the labor donation for collecting and transporting necessary stone, sand and wood to the site, and payment of the salary and procurement of the nonlocal materials would be done by bill. Soon after the agreement, HP transferred Rs. 60,000 to HIPRON bank account for the construction on 24 December 2010 and HIPRON made advance payment of Rs. 30,000 to Da-Sharki on 28 January 2011. In February 2011, I and Janaki Khadka, Administrative Officer of HIPRON visit Upper Solu to carry out the Runner Service in Solu and at the time Women of Patal had just started collecting stone.



We again visited Solu last time in August; we visited Patal village and site of the Public Toilet and Shower House. At the time, outside structure was completed but all the setup was remaining. We didn't see any sand and crushed stone transported or being transported. We took measurement structure and found it slightly different while comparing with the drawing. We measured the structure following:

	Measure of Building	Measures in Design	Difference
Length outside	297 cm	295 cm	+ 2 cm
Length inside	196 cm	205 cm	÷ 9 cm
Width outside	206 cm	205 cm	+ 1 cm
Width inside	117 cm	115 cm	+ 2 cm
Height front	215 cm	215 cm	-
Height back	175 cm	185 cm	÷ 10 cm
Size of door	168 cm high 109 cm wide		
Size of windows	2 x 30 cm high 66 cm wide		
Thickness of wall		45 cm	

Perhaps it is too early to comment about everything as it is in the process of taking its final shape but this Community toilet and Shower House is a little bit small and very simple. The size of the door is a little bit big, windows looked weak, the quality is very poor, it was made of thin plain plank and no frame can be fixed on them but perhaps frame is not necessary. Septic tank is also not well built. But most importantly Da Sarki should do it carefully while working with floor, fixing pan and putting partition between toilet and shower room. And in future we have to consider on size and quality.

I am not so satisfied with the location of the project as well. Having observed the location and the households around, I hardly can see that this project can benefit only 5 households. The distance is quite far for other households. Maybe more households will be using shower room but not the toilet. It has to be taken into serious consideration and have to be more careful while doing this sort of project in the future.

We didn't meet up Da Sarki, He was busy in juniper oil factory and that was in far off jungle. So still I have not known when it will have completed. Ambika and Ramita are going there soon. So, they can discuss with Da Sarki and push him with this report.

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