

**Water and Sanitation Facility Construction at
Shree Dharmodaya Secondary School, Mirkot-5, Gorkha Nepal**



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Facilitated by:

**Healthy Nepal Foundation
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1.0 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

1.1 *Project Summary*

With the support from America Nepal Medical Foundation (ANMF), we were able to establish two toilets and a drinking water facility in a secondary school in Mirkot-5 Gorkha. The establishment has directly helped a total of 270 students and staffs. The two earthquakes in April and May had completely devastated the school. With the support from different donors, the school has been built. However, the school did not have toilet and drinking water facility. The lack of toilet had also caused many students to drop out of school. Before we initiated this projects, students had to go nearby places to urinate and clean their bowels. The construction of toilet has not only improved the health and sanitation of the school, but also prevented the dropout of students from the school.

1.2 *Organizational Background and Capacity that constructed the facility*

Healthy Nepal (hereafter HN) led the project and completed it in a month after the funding support from ANMF. HN is a non-profit organization that organizes community based programs to prevent communicable and non-communicable diseases in Nepal. HN is teamed up by medical doctors, social workers and volunteers and have been instrumental to conduct several health camps after the two major earthquakes in Nepal. The organization has also played a major role to establish seven temporary learning center and one health post. The organization utilized the network at the school to construct the toilet and drinking water facility.

1.3 *Project Objectives and Expected Results*

After the funding support from ANMF, we convened a meeting among school staffs, volunteers and HN executives to plan to develop the toilets and drinking water facility at the school. Our plan was to establish a single building with toilets at two sides. However, after consultation with experts and due to limitation of the budget, we established two toilets with four pans and two urinals. With this, we have one toilet for male and the other for the female. The toilet facility also has a water system so that the toilet remains clean all the times. The total sum received from ANMF was Nrs. 3 lacks and we were able to manage additional Nrs. 50,000 from students' organization in US.

Objective 1: Build a permanent toilet that can hold around 6 people at a time



Fig 1. Boys Toilet with Washing Facility



Fig 2. Girls Toilet (Right side) with Safety tank at the front

Objective 2: Develop drinking water and sanitation facilities at the school.



Fig 3. Installation of Water Facility in front of the toilet



Fig 4. Water and Sanitation Construction

2.0. Inauguration program

After the completion of the project, HN organized an inauguration program at the school venue on September 11, 2015. HN invited community leaders, school management committee, social workers and volunteers who helped in the construction of toilet, safety tank and drinking water facility in the school. The school board thank both ANMF for the support and HN for facilitating the process of building the sanitation facilities. The school organized a small cultural program to welcome delegates and handed a certificate of appreciation to those institution who helped in the building process.



Fig. 5. Letter of Appreciation to America Nepal Medical Foundation



Fig. 6. School Teacher welcoming the participants at the program



Fig. 7. School Management Committee Briefing the updates of the program



Fig. 8. Vote of thanks to different personnel who helped develop the school and the sanitation facility



Fig. 9. Cultural program performed by students



Fig 10. Cultural program to mark the completion of the project



Fig. 11. Final pictures before the adjournment of the program

3.0 Future prospects of the project

While we were able to install water system and the toilet and the school, we were not able to establish a complete solution of drinking water facility at the school. We are looking for donors who are willing to help us establish permanent drinking water facility that provides safe drinking water for the school.

3.1 Monitoring, Evaluation and Sustainability

HN will regularly make a contact with school officials about the development of any new resources to help the construct permanent drinking water facility. While the development of the toilet provided a relief to the school, HN will help the school for any health and hygiene program in the coming days.

3.2 Contact Information

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3.3 Final Note of Thanks

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