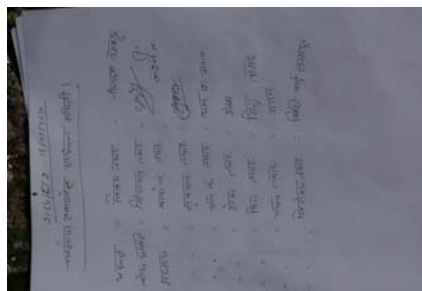


CHAYARSABA PROJECT – REPORT JUNE 2011

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The **Project Chayarsaba** organized by Gabriele Tautscher, and Dirk van Oevelen, since November 2010 is well under way and progressing.

In March 2010 the first meeting with the village people in Kathmandu was held. First aims – toilets for the village – and a time plan for 2011 was decided. Architect Prabal Thapa designed a bathhouse with separate toilet and washing facility and a space for dish-washing and water storage in between. The saddle roof shall be used for rainwater collection. The building materials were planned to be bamboo and slate stone, both available in the region. In November 2010 Gabriele Tautscher and Dirk van Oevelen together with the technical advisor Chhiring Tamang travelled to Chayarsaba to establish the village committee with each household as a member. During the first village meeting three women and three men were elected as chairpersons, responsible for the organization and co-ordination of buying and transporting the building materials. The villagers also decided to use iron rods instead of Bamboo pole and corrugated sheet roof for the roof. Chhiring Tamang was appointed to supervise the construction of the first model bathroom during the winter months. In April 2011 Gabriele Tautscher visited the village to view the progress of the model bathhouse, to calculate the cost of the further bathhouses and to discuss further steps with the village people.

In a village meeting the villagers decided on how to progress. The material bamboo of the model bathhouse has proven difficult and expensive to get in the region and the villagers, too, expressed to prefer the more solid construction of stone. They agreed to our floor-plan of the model bath house with toilet and washing place separate. They also agreed to the slanting roof for rainwater collection. They agreed, actually preferred, that all 26 households shall build (3 households shall improve their already existing toilet) their bathhouse with stonewalls themselves, where necessary in teamwork without technical help from outside. Those households where the members are old or only consist of women and children, shall receive additional help. The new cost-estimate now only consisting of building materials now showed 20.000,- NRp (approx. € 200,-). One member, Mr. Chandra Bahadur Tamang, was

appointed to act as the treasurer of the committee and to manage the given funds. Through him each household has received in April 2011 10.000,- NRp (ca. 100,- €) for buying the building materials. Every household agreed to finish the construction of the bathhouse by November 2011, and to advance part of the building cost. End of November 2011 Gabriele Tautscher and Dirk van Oevelen will pay another visit to Chayarsaba to see the bathhouses and to hand over the second 10.000,- NRp.

Subsequent Project Suggestions

When the bathhouses are constructed following propositions with the left and further funding have been made by the villagers from Chayarsaba:

- to enlarge the existing water tank for a better water supply of the entire village
- to introduce chimney pipes above their open fire place
- to bring seeds for ginger and coffee beans and to give training on how to cultivate and market them
- to introduce apple and orange trees