



CHAYARSABA PROJECT – REPORT MARCH 2012

Kathmandu, Gabriele Tautscher

With special thanks from the villagers of Chayarsaba to Mr. Walter Baltensperger, Reinold Geiger, Günter Tautscher, Belgum Mountaineering Association, and all our sponsors who took part in Cultures Connect Travels and bought Christmas Gifts at the Christmas Bazar in the Restaurant Yak & Yeti in Vienna.



The building of 27 bathhouses (**Project Chayarsaba**) organized by the anthropologist Dr. Gabriele Tautscher, and Dirk van Oevelen, was finalized in December 2011 and the total sum of 540.000,- Nrs (€ 5.340,-) has been handed over to the Village Committee. 24 bathhouses have been completed and three toilets are still to be finished – these households will receive the second 10.000,- NRps as soon as the toilets are built. In the meantime the money is kept in the villager's trust.

The bathhouse project was finished within the planned time. It has greatly improved the villager's quality of life, risen their self-esteem, and strengthened the co-operation among the villagers. The architecture the villagers have chosen has shown that they prefer the locally used toilet model with heavy building method, rather than the light bamboo construction proposed by us. They also preferred a smaller ground plan. They felt more at ease to build the bathhouse themselves rather than with the help of a technical advisor from outside. Their mistrust that outsiders only earn money on them is still very high. It, too, was most important for them, that each household would receive exactly the same amount of financial support, so there would arise no conflict among each other.

We now can proceed with the further projects in Chayarsaba decided by the Village Committee together with Dirk van Oevelen in November 2012:

In April 2012 Gabriele Tautscher will meet with the village committee of Chayarsaba to discuss the location and construction of the new water tank and to make a first cost estimate. In September/October Dirk van Oevelen will come to Nepal and try the first chimney pipes.

Planned Projects for 2012 - Our Present Budget: € 2.621,-

1. Enlargement of the existing water tank for a better water supply in the entire village
2. Introduction of chimney pipes above the open fire place – to improve the air quality inside the house
3. Introduction of seeds for ginger and coffee cultivation and give training on how to cultivate and market them to improve their income.

