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In the past year, many volunteers have come to help particularly at Tamekoshi Cooperative Hospital, and to the school at Bardia. A new x-ray machine has been bought for Soo Jung Hospital, and Dev Kumari Rai starts work as the midwife in Basa, Solukhumbu.

KATHMANDU

Women's Foundation Violence-Free School, Boudhanath

To combat the normal trend of physical violence as punishment in school, the Women's Foundation (WF) has just set up a violence-free school in Boudha, close to their office, workshop, shelter and daycare centre. Working with women from all over Nepal, WF provide a range of services from legal support and counseling for women, to a shelter for abused women and children and daycare centre. Following bad experiences with local schools, WF decided to set up its own school where their own shelter children as well as those from other children's homes and the local area can be provided with a modern education, free from the fear of violence.



DEUSA, SOLUKHUMBU

Deusa Secondary School: new classrooms The local community, VDC and Rural Reconstruction Nepal are busy rebuilding some of the classrooms that were long overdue for replacement. Support is being provided by the village's Rai community living in Kathmandu and abroad as about £7,000 is still needed to finish the work.

RAN have two teachers working at the school, with Dev Chandra Rai teaching primary English and Mani Ram Rai teaching English and Social Studies to secondary classes.

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MADHELA, BARDIA

Shree Jagadamba Higher Secondary School, Madhela, Bardia



Kalpna Chowdhary is entering her third year teaching primary classes at this large government school located close to the national park. Bolton Sacred Heart Primary School provides support to the school by sponsoring her salary.

Royal Mountain Travel donated a couple of computers in 2012 that are being used to teach children some basics.

In particular, this school is very proactive in the area with improving environmental awareness and acts as a focal point for the schools with its Eco Club.

Thanks go to volunteers who have spent time here helping the students, but more importantly, helping the teachers. RAN hopes to be able to send more computers whenever it gets the opportunity.



Learning about computers

SOO JUNG HOSPITAL, DOTI

New x-ray machine: Very big thanks go to Anders, his wife Jorunn, and colleagues at the Norwegian Radiation Protection Authority, the Norwegian Radium Hospital and their friends for raising money to provide Soo Jung Community Hospital with a new x-ray machine. Following training given by Anders to the staff at Soo Jung in 2012, he saw that the twelve year old machine needed to be replaced. His colleagues and friends contributed to a new machine that was installed in April 2013.



New X-ray machine

TAMEKOSHI COOPERATIVE HOSPITAL

Health camps and medical volunteers:



Health camp at Tose, a village in eastern Ramechapp.

Since the last news in May 2012, the steady stream of medical volunteers has provided valuable support to Tamekoshi Cooperative Hospital in Ramechapp district, where Dr Suman Karmacharya is now able to provide monthly health camps in different villages around the district. The local communities provide the funding for free medicines, while the hospital provides the staff and logistics, sending as well as doctors, dentists and opticians. Medical volunteers help provide the additional staff needed, while HexN (UK) provides funds that support the running of the health camp.

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RAN continues also to pay salaries of four teachers (Garimudi school has now been given the allocation of a teacher that they were short, so from now will have one teacher funded by RAN), and two midwives. Dev Kumari gave birth to a baby boy in April and is resuming her duties in June, at a small clinic in Basa VDC, a few hours walk from Deusa. This clinic was built by friends of the community from France as the government healthpost at Basa is a few hours away and often is closed.

Thank you to everyone who has helped RAN in its work, whether as volunteers, donors or providing much appreciated moral support and spreading the word.