

## **A Brief Report on Project site visit to Bhalayadanda School in Rasuwa District**

**Visited by:**

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After more than 100 km drive by the bus through mountainous road, the team has to walk few hours to arrive the school construction site. Under supervision of School Construction Committee, the ground floor of the construction work has been already started. This part of the construction work was sponsored by the Rasuwa District Educational Office with grant of Rs. 528.000. After agreement between Sudari Bains Onlus of Italy and Langtang Foundation Society of Nepal, a floor will be added above this part of ground floor for which a stronger foundation must be laid than initially designed and Langtang Foundation Society will provide in addition Rs. 275.000 for this purpose.

The delegates took photos of the site and arranged a meeting with the School Construction Committee in which most of Committee members, including Mr. Dhruba Acharya, President of the Committee, were present. They received information about present situation of development of works and their concerns with suggestion from the Committee members. The delegates were impressed from the cooperation and enthusiastic to works for the construction work from locals since it is their project and school for their children. At same time the locals were collecting woods for frame that are necessary to cast pillars and beams. Seeing the sands that were not properly stored and used, the delegates suggested avoiding misuse of the sands that are expensive due to high transportation cost. At the same time they were suggested to stop students coming to site and not to disturb the school classes by the construction works.

The delegates met Mr. Tirtha Raj Chhatkuli, the Head Master of the School who also exchanged their views each other on the project development works/activities. On the next day, before leaving for Kathmandu, they met also Mr. Sanker Das Dongol, President of the Langtang Foundation Society who was happy to know about delegates' visit and report about future prospect of the project. He has promised best possible cooperation on behalf of the Society and thankful for kind financial help from the Italian side.

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