



Mr. Katwal explaining support of Dutch donors to Children of Duhabi Home

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I, Shayam Bahadur Katwal, the Chairman of Society for Helpless Children Dharan (SHC), would like to extend my heartiest gratitude to Mr. Henk Hooghuis, the Chairman of Stichting Children Home, its Board members and the Dutch Donors, for their outstanding and valued contribution through Stichting Children Home the Netherlands to Saraswati Children Shelter Dharan, Dipendra Primary School Dharan and Duhabi Children Home Duhabi, which are running under the supervision of Society for Helpless Children Dharan. Moreover, I would also like to take this opportunity to put forward my views regarding the same.

Since the time of dawn (500 BC), Nepal has always been a sovereign state. Though it possesses ample potentialities for example generating hydropower, it never

developed as expected due to the centralization policy of the government. Even after the establishment of democracy (in 1990 AD) in the country, the situation didn't improve rather it went from bad to worse. Unstable governments and the Maoist insurgency (1996-2006) almost put a damper in the development of the nation. Approximately 20,000 of people were killed and many more were badly injured and handicapped. Many people have disappeared ever since. Children were also badly affected and many of them lost their parents making many children orphan and helpless. Since the Constitutional Assembly (elected in 2008 AD) got dissolved (2012 AD) without drafting the constitution in its four year tenure, the possibility of a new constitution still seems uncertain. It has given birth to the speculations that Nepal is heading towards a failure state. So, the fate of the children who were badly affected also seems uncertain.

It is a very tough and challenging task to attain speedy development in a backward and less conscious community without skilled manpower. However, it is indeed a matter of great happiness that the children of our children's homes-Saraswati Children Home, Duhabi Children Home as well as Dipendra Primary School- have developed well under these difficult circumstances. In this context, the contribution of the Dutch volunteers is very important and the SHC is determined to utilize the donations for the maximum benefit of the children.

The government of Nepal has not taking any responsibility towards our Children Homes and only granted a minimal contribution to Dipendra School and it is clear that there is no such possibility in the near future also. Under such circumstances, the condition of the children homes and school will surely degrade rapidly without the generous contribution of the Dutch donors. Hence we hope and request you all to continue your help until the children homes and school become self sustainable.

In the near future we need your contribution not only for the exploitation of the children's homes and school, but also to complete the construction of the school and protection and maintenance of Duhabi Home.

It is my sincere concern to be transparent and honest in every cent we expend and every work we do. I strongly believe that where there is transparency, there

is also honesty. I assure that we are always mindful about it and our actions will speak of our commitment. Needless to say we will give first priority to the children's interest.

Finally, we are sure enough that our children homes and school have been able to make remarkable progress just because of the great effort and contribution made by the Stichting Children Home the Netherlands. I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to all the Dutch volunteers and the humanitarian donors living in Netherlands for providing us and our children skill developing training and knowledge by coming to Dharan.

I look forward to getting such aid and guidelines from you in the days to come as well.

Thank You.

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