

 स्वयंसेवी अभियान नेपाल
Volunteers Initiative Nepal

Work camp – Painting/coloring, Ground maintenance and
Afforestation

4th July to 12th July, 2013



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Dear Partners,

It was our pleasure to work with your volunteers on 'Jitpurphedi Gardening/Painting, 2013' Workcamp. We really appreciate your effort on helping VIN achieve its goal of "Empowering Marginalized Communities" in Nepal. Without your volunteers, there would not be a beautiful garden and school compound created.

We would also like to thank all the participants of 'Jitpurphedi Gardening/Painting, 2013' for their welcome assistance. We would like to appreciate their enthusiastic involvement in every task they did.

We hope you will accept token of our gratitude and that you will continue recruiting more volunteers in the future as well.

Warm Regards,

Team of Volunteers Initiative Nepal (VIN)
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Background



Background

VIN has been organizing work camps in Jitpur community for the development of different field. On the month of July, VIN received 19 work camp volunteers for two different programs. Programs were '**School health talk on hygiene and sanitation, 2013**' and '**Jitpurphedi Gardening/Painting**'. Under these programs many activities were conducted in Jitpurphedi community. The programs aimed to bring development in schools of the community. This report explains the activities of 'Jitpurphedi gardening/ Painting'.

The work camp on Painting, coloring, ground maintenance and afforestation in Mahadevsthan Primary School, Dandagaun was conducted from 4th July to 12th July, 2013. the importance of this work camp in this school is very high compare to other school. The land around the school is public/private and not much is owned by school. It is barren and due to the lack of the trees the landslides occur during the rainy season. This project aims to plant flowers and trees around school to make environment friendly area. There were seven international volunteers from different countries and a local volunteer was placed for that work to facilitate them.

Table 1: Participant Detail

Sending Organization	Name of volunteer	Country
SVI	CARLOS JESUS RUIZ FERNANDEZ	Spain
SVI	MAREN MALLAGARAY URZAINQUI	Spain
SVI	ISABEL GUTIERREZ GONZALEZ	Spain
SVI	Gregorie Mazars	France

SVI	Alexis Leqcor	France
Voltra	Ka Ming	Hongkong
NICE	Yoshitaka Yuda	Japan

Objectives

The overall objective of this work camp is to promote volunteerism in the community and to assist the school in maintaining clean and calm environment.

The specific objectives of this work camp are as follows:

- To paint the wall and fence of school compound.
- To make the ground plain.
- To make garden around school area.
- To paint the school wall.
- To promote friendship, understanding and solidarity among local people and international workcamp volunteers.
- To develop cultural immersion



Major Activities

- Paint the school fence and school gate
- Maintenance of play ground
- Afforestation in the school area



Methodology

The group volunteers received orientation at VIN office for their work schedules, their specific jobs; their roles and responsibilities. According to their schedule, they were first taken for an observation in the community. These volunteers divided their roles themselves for painting the fence and maintaining ground. Forestation was done in the school area in order to avoid the landslides and other disaster in future. Volunteers prepared the ground for the plantation.

The volunteers first coloured the fence and the gates. They showed so much of interest to color the fence and the gate. They filled up the holes in play ground, managed stones and bricks of the ground made it flat and smooth for the kids to play.



Achievement

- Painted the fences and gates of Mahadevsthan and Dadagau school
- The play ground of the school is made smooth and flat
- The school area has been made healthy through plantation

Challenges

- The season being summer, it was very hot due to which many volunteers were sun burn
- Due to the rainy season, the paint on the fence was washed away so they had to paint thrice.
- The distance between the working area and host family was long and slippery
- It was sometimes, difficult to manage time due to rain
- Lack of tools to maintain ground
- One of the volunteers was sick on the whole day of the work camp





'It has been a great experience what we loved is the fact that the workcamp was not just about painting, gardening, etc. it was beyond that. It was sharing with people from an incredible other culture. And the kids have brought us more than what we did for them.' - workcamper

Conclusion

It may look easy to paint fence, maintain ground and do plantation but in reality, it is very difficult and need a lot of hard work. The volunteers did a fantastic job even in very hot environment and in rain as well. VIN is thankful to these group volunteers for helping us maintain greenery and good environment in the school.



Workcamp was appreciated for:

- The workcamp was not only limited to meeting its objectives of gardening and painting but also focused on **Cultural Integration**. The cultural night were highly appreciated by the work campers.
- The concept of **living with host family** during the workcamp motivated and helped in learning the lifestyle of the community.
- The people of community showed a lot of **appreciation and support** to the workcampers for their volunteering work.
- **Difference in the type of work** during the workcamp brought a lot of learning experience.

Annex:

Annex 1: Members of work camp

<u>Name</u>	<u>country</u>
Carlos	Spain
Isabel	Spain
Maren	Spain
Gregoire	France
Alexix	France
Elsa	Hongkong
Yoshi	Japan

Annex 2: Tools used

For painting and coloring

- Khakshi
- Tarpin oil
- Primer
- Blue color
- Gloves

Tools used for planting

- Kuto /spade
- Kodalo
- Sickle
- Blade

Tools used for maintaining ground

- Kodalo (spade with long handle)
- Kodali (spade with Short Handle)
- Gada
- Shovel

Some Photos of Workcamp



Workcampers; during the painting session in dadagaun



Cooking night



Painting session



building walls