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Volunteers Initiative Nepal

Workcamp report: Stop open defecation campaign 2013

4<sup>th</sup> August- 17<sup>th</sup> August, 2013



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## *Letter of Appreciation*

Dear Partners,

It was a pleasure to receive volunteers from your organization for the Workcamp. Thank you for all you brought to our VIN. Without your help the Workcamp wouldn't reach to its goal. Your dedication for sending us the volunteers has been invaluable.

Also we want to thank all the participants of 'Stop Open Defecation Campaign, 2013' for their welcome assistance. We want to show our appreciation for their enthusiastic involvement in every task they did.

We hope you will accept token of our gratitude and that you will continue to help us next year.

Warm Regards,

Team of Volunteers Initiative Nepal

## Background

VIN has been organizing workcamps in Jitpur community for the development of different field. On the month of July, VIN organized 2 workcamps which received 19 volunteers altogether from different part of the world. On the month of August, VIN had only one workcamp project where VIN received 3 international volunteers. This is a report of 2 weeks workcamp of '**Stop Open defecation campaign.**'

VIN started its work in jitpurphedi community with different objectives. One of the objectives was to make the community Open Defecation free sector because through the baseline survey, 40%-50% of the households in Jitpur community was not access to permanent toilet. VIN started to support the local people with an aim to prepare a toilet in each house. VIN intends to achieve "stool-free" (Open Defecation Free) status for Jitpur Phedi, with each family having access to and being motivated to use a toilet. The implementation of the **Stop Open Defecation Campaign** is expected to generate a significant improvement in the health and sanitation conditions of the community, observable as a reduction in the occurrence of sickness within the community and an improved quality of life. Using toilets in Nepal has been a recent phenomenon.



The workcamp started on the 4<sup>th</sup> of august to 17<sup>th</sup> of august, 2013 with an aim to complete some toilet in Aapchaur community. The workcamp took place in a small community where 5 households were access to only one toilet. The workcamp aimed to benefit the four houses.

**Table 1: Participant Detail**

Name of Participants	Sending Organization	Country
Minyoung Park	KNCU	Korea
Chiu-Shih Chieh	VYA	Taiwan
Song-Keon Mo	KNCU	Korea

## Objectives

VIN has been sponsoring the local people to make toilets in the community since 2009. By the end of 2013, VIN has supported to build over 130 toilets in the community. The objectives of '**Stop Open defecation campaign 2013**' are:

- To construct toilets to the needy households.
- To raise awareness on health and sanitation and to community people.
- To Stop Open Defecation.
- To promote friendship, understanding and solidarity among local people and international workcampers.
- To develop cultural immersion

## Major Activities:

- Toilet construction
  - digging
  - stone collecting
  - making hole
- Awareness campaign on using toilet



## Methodology:

The workcamp was scheduled with different activities. On the very first step, the workcampers were given a brief introduction about the organization and the workcamp. They were told briefly about the nature of the work. They were also given some information about the host family. Then on the second day workcamper were taken to the working area 'Aapchaur' and were introduced with the families they will be working with. They started their work on the same day.

The main work was to dig the hole for the toilet and to aware people of the community on why they need toilets. Along with that the workcampers were also interested in learning the culture of the community. They explained that they had a good time with the



community and learned a lot of culture of Nepal.

VIN also organized a cultural and cooking night during the workcamp which was very interesting for both parties.



#### Workcamp was appreciated for:

- The type of work was **different and very fulfilling** when they saw the finished toilet.
- **Kindness and hospitable** people
- **Cultural integration**
- **Support from camp leader**
- Difficult to make hole

#### Achievement

- 4 Houses benefited from this work camp
- Community people learn about using toilet
- Community people interested to make toilet

## Conclusion

Toilet construction is a labour work and it takes a lot of courage to complete this work. The workcampers were very hardworking and diligent that they completed four holes and one toilet in two weeks. This workcamp was successful and was an example because in spite of having 3 international volunteers and one local volunteer, they completed 4 holes and built one complete toilet.

VIN is thankful to all the participants and people who were involved in this workcamp because it helped VIN to accomplish its objective.

## Annex:

### Annex 1: Members of work camp

<u>Name</u>	<u>country</u>
Song-Keon Mo	Korea
Chiu- Shih Chieh	Taiwan
Minyoung Park	Korea
Sarita	Nepal

### Annex 2: Tools used

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

- Shovel