

## **Thulo Dhading under re-construction because of helping hands**

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Sindhupalchok, 32th of Jestha. Thulodhanding of Sindhupalchok which has been heavily destroyed by the devastating earthquake is under the process of reconstruction. Because of the quake of 12 and aftershock of 29 this village where 95% population is Tamang ethnicity, has been excessively affected.

This village inhabited by Tamang and Dalits had 600 houses but no single house is intact anymore. The villagers were facing terrible problem of shelters before but they have now united to build temporary shelters.

They have united to make temporary shelters properly using the relief materials provided by the German association "Bridge to Tibet". Similarly, the Dhamodaya higher secondary school also has been severely affected. The principal of the School, Shantira Paudel, said that they are very worried due to the fact that the monsoon has been nearly started. He said "our twelve-room building has been completely destroyed. No room is useable anymore. We are compelled to start the school under the tent. Therefore, this has been challenging to continue the school".

Not only the school has been destroyed but the minds of students also have been divert/weak. The school started from the 17<sup>th</sup>. Bimala Lama [one of the students] says "We were very worried thinking that where we should go for study. Now we have been obliged to start school under the tent though it is very difficult. There is nothing left when we look at the destroyed school. We feel crying. Finally, we are hopeful. Since the new temporary rooms are being built for the school, we hope that it will be easier now".

Since there was no any appropriate land for re-building the school, they were worried. Since the locals, Mani lama, Vira Lal Lama and Dilipa Kumara Lama provided 15 ropanis of land, the construction of temporary school-rooms has been started.

The Nepal representative Sonam Lama said that the organizations, SAI HELP NEPAL of South Asia Institute of Heidelberg University and Bridge to Tibet association, have provided 17 bundle of tin roof sheets as well as stationaries and teaching materials to the children.

Sonam Lama further informed that 5 sheets of tin roof sheets have been provided to 42 poor families whose houses were destroyed.

(Tin roof sheets are handed over also to 20 Dalit families whose houses were destroyed, to repair the primary school and to repair the medical post.)