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**4SF: 1 year old**

**Friday, March 5, 2010**

First birthday of the Helping Hands 4 Smiling Faces Foundation. Happy!

## **DRC: Start digging the well**

**Thursday, April 1, 2010**

Time for another update on the groundwater well & pump for the DRC Nepal.

Good news: Today we got quotes for the realization of the groundwater well and pump in the DRC. Once realised the DRC will be a lot more independent from the irregular delivery of drinking water.

Groundwater here is very clean because it comes from the mountains. It will be used for all non food activities like shower, toilets, washing and the garden. Drinking water will be used only for food. This way the DRC can do way longer with there drinking water, that is only delivered once every 14/8 days...

And even better news: The work on the well will start tomorrow and will take approximately 10 days to realise depending on the state of the ground. If theirs a rock, there will be a delay since all the work is done by hand.

[Read more on this project](#)

[Photo's groundwater well](#)

#### **4SF: Solar lanterns**

**Saturday, May 15 ,2010**

The 20 brand new solar powered lamps have arrived. They are a gift of Phillips Light. The lamps will go to both the DRC Nepal and the Didi & Dai orphanage. They are given to help the kids go on reading and studying without being hindered by the frequent and long power cuts.

And they can use the support because without light they cannot do much more than go straight to bed when they come home.

[Read more on this project in the DRC](#)

[Photo's solar lamps DRC](#)

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[Photo's solar lamps D&D](#)

## **DRC: Groundwater well ready**

**Saturday, May 15, 2010**

The construction of the groundwater well and pump installation at the DRC Nepal is completed. The groundwater will be used for all non-food activities like flushing the toilets, the showers, washing clothes and watering the garden.

Why is the construction of the well so important?

Because drink water is a luxury in the Kathmandu Valley. De deliverance to homes is - at the least - irregular. Sometimes there is no drinking water for 2 weeks!

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[Photo's groundwater well](#)

#### **4SF: Waiting game**

**Sunday, August 1, 2010**

At the moment we are talking to the two Nepalese children homes we support to see what project we can take on next. For us is really important that we support them with things they really need. As soon as their wishes are clear, we will make a decision on our next project.

In Nepal processes like that take time, things go slower than we are used to in the West: they battle with constant power and internet cuts which makes communication difficult. And its monsoon season so they are pre occupied with keeping everything dry and liveable.

## **D&D: Sewage system**

**Friday, August 27, 2010**

The Didi & Dai children's home has recently moved to a new location in Jorpati. In contrast to their previous accommodation they have free access to the new building.

In Western eyes this building is not yet fit for occupancy by the 25 children and staff. A lot has to be done to get it up to a for Nepal acceptable standard. Former volunteers from Ireland will take care of things like banisters, railings for balconies and rooftop terras, toilet doors etcetera.

4SmilingFaces first takes on a job that doesn't smell good: the sewage system of the building, witch at the moment is open and covered with rubbish. That is never an attractive option, but with so many children around an absolute no no. Their health is on the line!

Earlier this year the head sewage system of the neighbourhood was realised. The new building is not yet connected though and 4SmilingFaces wants to change that.

When the sewage system is working, our next job is inside: At the moment the children have to sit on harsh concrete, witch is unsafe and moreover cold. With the winter approaching (and those way colder in Nepal than we are used to here) that becomes intolerable. For this reason good floor covering is very necessary.

At this moment it is not yet clear when the construction of the sewage system starts: As soon as there is more news, you'll read about it here.

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[Photo's sewage system](#)

## **D&D: Sewage work**

**Saturday, September 18, 2010**

Work on the new sewage system for the Didi & Dai orphanage has begun! It is not clear exactly how long it will take to get the job is done, because it's all done by hand. No machine!

We will keep you up to date via this news blog.

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[Photo's sewage system](#)



## **D&D: Work in progress**

**Monday, November 1, 2010**

Work on the sewage system of Didi & Dai orphanage is in full swing. Much of the system is ready and the connection to head sewage system (which incidentally was only realised in 2009) is almost a fact.

Today we received new pictures, which from now are shown in to see the photo album.

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[Photo's sewage system](#)

## **D&D: Sewage system ready**

**Sunday, December 19, 2010**

The Didi & Dai orphanage was connected to the head sewage system earlier this week. This means the end of the very unsanitary conditions that were caused by the open sewage system that was there until recently.

An email from the children says it all: "The most important thing you can't see in the pictures: It doesn't stink anymore!"

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