

LANGTANG COMMUNITY REESTABLISHMENT MEETING
1000hrs December 10th 2015 – Venus Restaurant, Kathmandu



Agenda:

1. Samaritans Purse/OM Nepal Winterization
2. Trail update
3. LMRCommittee Fund Report
4. Plywood appeal
5. Rasuwa Relief – Storage Project
6. Memorial/Museum/Archive Project
7. CAN Involvement
8. NCV – Water pipes/Toilets
9. Community Center
10. Volunteer Coordination
11. Floriane Deyse – Trek Magazine Article
12. Technical Working Group
13. Vulnerability Workshop II

1. Samaritans Purse/OM Nepal – Winterization

- Samaritans Purse:
 - Winterization packages were distributed as planned on Saturday, Dec 6th
 - Transportation partially on mules and on helicopter
 - 3 mules with one transit above Sherpagaon on porters, because the trail was still too narrow for mules at that section.
 - Further involvement by Samaritans Purse is requested and needs to be discussed in the next meeting.
 - OM Nepal will invite a focal point of Samaritans Purse to the next meeting.
- OM Nepal:
 - 136 blankets and 1160 Plain GI-sheets will be transported with MAF helicopter from Dhunche to Langtang Village on December 21st
 - 116 stoves will be transported with MAF helicopter from Dhunche to Kyanjin Gomba on December 27th. Lhakpa Dhair from the LMRCommittee presented the stoves to the LMRCommittee and OM Nepal in the meeting. The presented stoves imported from Lhasa for 13.000 NRS each. Stoves have covers and chimney to prevent smoke from entering the kitchen and have traditional Tibetan design made in Lhasa. The LMRCommittee and OM Nepal approved of the presented stoves.
 - 20 foam mattress rolls will be transported by local porters from Syaphru Besi to Rimche (2 days, approx. 3.000 NRS) and by Langtangpas from Rimche to Langtang Village (2 days, approx. 3.000 NRS). OM Nepal will contact Lama Tsjerung and Gyalbu Tamang from the LMR Porter subcommittee to find 20 local porters in Syaphru Besi and Sandu Dhair from the LMRCommittee will find 20 Langtangpas to transport the rolls from Rimche to Langtang.
 - 50kg of Transportation per HH will be postponed to January 2016
- Now 150-180 people are in Langtang. About 50% of the people are planning to return to KTM when heavy snowfall starts. Rest is planning on staying up in Langtang throughout winter.

2. Trail update

- Trail in Langtang Village was cleared from rubble
- 2 Bridges over Langtang Khola below Ghoratabela are finished
- Trail after Sherpagaon is being worked on to open for mule transportation by the Bridim Buffer Zone Committee. The Chairman stated that the trail will be opened within the next days.
- Trail from Syaphru Besi along the Langtang Khola through Bamboo along will remain closed for now.

3. LMRCommittee Fund Report

- The current balance of the LMRCommittee Fund is 175.000 USD
- The LMRCommittee will work out a transparent Fund Report for the Community and partnering NGOs for the next meeting on December 17th
- To create the report the LMRCommittee will meet again on Thursday, December 15th, 5:30pm, Venus Café, Lazimpat
- LMRCommittee in looking for an accountant to keep records of fund

4. Plywood appeal

- The LMRCommittee received for the Plywood appeal as until now:
 - 1.600 USD (Rachel Sykes)
 - 1.000 USD (Andrew Mellor)
 - 17.000 USD (Rebuild Langtang)
 - 10.000 USD (1zu1Nepal/Sano Madad, additional support discussed)
 - =29.600 USD

5. Rasuwa Relief – Storage Rimche

- Design of the Storage was presented to LMRCommittee
- Supa Dhai from LMRCommittee is in contact with Rasuwa Relief for starting the construction
- 3 international Volunteers are coordinated by Lhakpa Dhai from LMRCommittee to help Rasuwa Relief in the construction of the storage.

6. Memorial/Museum/Archive Project

- Joint project by Rasuwa Relief, CAN and other volunteers
- Photos, videos, recording, stories and other material for archive will be collected during winter
- First small exhibition planned for anniversary ceremony on April 25th 2016
- Long-term project of archive will continue
- Separate fundraising from museums etc.

7. CAN Involvement

- Cooperation with Langtang in the past. CAN is hesitant for future projects, because of bad experiences in the past
- Many other projects in other districts in Nepal
- 60.000-80.000 USD are raised for Langtang with focus on education and health
- Project ideas:
 - Adult education (carpenter training, baking training etc.)
 - Hostel for elderly people near the monastery in Kyanjin Gompa
 - Mental Health Project with Amchi camp/training for Langtangpas
 - Re-roofing school building in Mundu to be used as a Community Storage/Shelter
- Next meeting with CAN will be on Sunday, December 13th

8. NCV – Water pipe/Toilets

- 500 m water pipe for Gompa Village will be transported by OM Nepal from KTM to Langtang Village on December 21st
- 5 temporary toilets will be transported by Sandu Dhai form the LMRCommittee to Langtang by porters
- Additional 1000m of water pipe was requested by the LMRCommittee for Thyangsapu to NCV but denied.

9. Community Center

- Langtang Buffer Zone Committee funded by WWF/Langtang National Park are planning a community center in Langtang Village
- The TWG will work out a first draft of the planned community center and present to LMRCommittee in the next weeks
- First Ideas for the Community Center are:

- Purpose: ceremonies, festivals, marriages, dancing
- Size: 12,5x20m
- Location: Upper Langtang Village
- 1 story
- Local materials: stones, wood
- Traditional architecture: wooden carvings, pillars, wooden roof tiles
- 4+ bathrooms outside
- Kitchen in extra building (with walls, 5x5m)
- No additional outside space needed, most is happening inside

10. Volunteer Coordination

- Jonathan Ramsey (Volunteer with OM Nepal) will support Lhakpa Dhai with the volunteer coordination
- Volunteer sheet is being finalized and will be posted on Facebook and website
- Website (<http://langtangreconstruction.com/>) will have an extra tab for volunteers
- Coordination Email address until now is: info@langtangreconstruction.com new Email adress is planned with volunteer@langtangreconstruction.com for volunteer coordination
- All planned volunteer trips will be entered in the Langtang Google calendar
 - 3 volunteers are planning on coming in Dec 2015
 - 1 group from the German Alpine Club (DAV) are coming in Feb 2016

11. Floriane Deysse – Trek Magazine Article

- Floriane Deysse from France is writing an Article for the Trek Magazine on Langtang
- She was visiting Langtang in Nov 2015
- For further interest in the article and photos of her trip you can contact her directly (contact@floriane_deysse.com, +9779818429308, +33634134754)

12. Technical Working Group

- The TWG will meet again on Monday, December 14th, 2:00pm in Swayambhu
- Sandu Dhai from the TWG will discuss further plans with the rest of the Members of the TWG who are all in Langtang right now
- Timeline for building designs of model houses:
 - Approval by LMRCommittee by January 2016
 - Approval by Government by February 2016

13. Vulnerability Workshop II

- The next vulnerability workshop is planned on January 28th 2016 in KTM
- Most Langtangpas are expected to be in KTM during the Losar Festival (February 8th 2016)