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### Building Work As It Moves:

The drawings for the Aanandi 3, is now complete and the process for the government registration will begin. Krishna Lal, a local officer from the Municipality has promised us that he will help expedite the process once the documents/drawings reach the Municipality. Srijana our AO<sup>1</sup> at Tewa, and SDC<sup>2</sup> our architect is getting the documents readied as per GoN<sup>3</sup> specifications. We have more or less completed the boundary walls on the necessary 3 sides on the new land where a potatoes patch is already growing. Interestingly we have also initiated a necessary small guardhouse as fringe benefits – since we needed one on our western boundary where we have left an open passage for the community to go back and forth to their fields. Furthermore we have begun to dig a well in the new land to ensure water for building and long-term watering of plants and vegetables. All these pieces of work is being done by Tewa/TC<sup>4</sup> meaning we are hiring labourers but are buying the raw materials ourselves to keep costs low. The Aanandi 3 will be built by the AM Construction Company.

### Funding for Aanandi 3:

The first update went out end of February, and many positive responses came in right away, even

<sup>1</sup> AO – Administrative Officer

<sup>2</sup> SDC – Srijana Das Chowdhary

<sup>3</sup> GoN – Government of Nepal

<sup>4</sup> TC – Tewa Center



though some said that they couldn't make a financial commitment. Of course, not many of us can, but your words and encouragements are just as valuable. I have also not missed a chance to speak with potential donors in Nepal who may be inspired to honour a deceased loved one. Susanne, has said she will do house teas with Dhaka cloth weavings, specially dedicated to Aannadi 3 (although having completed 20 years of Tewa Teas, she was planning on not doing any more from this year!). **Louise** and **Chela** are saying they will make contributions, and we have \$ 5,000 in our banks and an additional pledge of \$ 5,000! The backstopping consultant company promised to donate back 25% of their total cost. Yet others are thinking about it and seeing how to support. Although it appears like our "ask" is significant, when we look at the work needing to be done it will be necessary. I/we will keep ourself/ves open. This is what we have learnt in the past. For the time being, the TC is able to set aside 2 million rupees to begin the walls, and so far close to **14,00,000 rupees** has been spent in all the construction materials, labour, and other supporting expenses e.g. a Friday mid-meal for the labourers and 2 times drinks. If necessary, we will reach out to both Tewa and Nagarik Aawaz, in order to ensure that there is some working capital for now before gifts flow freely ☺!

### Conclusions:



The building work has its own flow – things to complete before the monsoons, holidays, or speculated strikes! There is constant dodging and

preparing for any turn of events e.g. the recent blockade. Lets pray all goes smoothly!