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Working in some of the most deprived areas through trusted Nepali intermediaries, Nepalrvt aims to improve education and increase food security in Khotang, eastern Nepal.



Villagers in Dolpu, Jaleshwari, Khotang, with Nepalrvt trustee

Pupils and teachers in Rhupangmare School, Lower Solukhumbu. The school have received solar panels and valuable teaching resources.



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Christmas approaches and after a successful year of fundraising, Chris and I are starting to prepare for our trip to Jaleshwari, Sukepokhari and Rhupangmare in February 2019. We are in touch with NRVT Nepal Chairman Pasang and are discussing the delivery of irrigation materials to the nearest town of Aiselukharka. Aiselukharka is a three hour walk from Jaleshwari and a very difficult 300km jeep ride from Kathmandu. It is important to preorder materials to ensure we can start installing irrigation to the first small holdings while we are in the village. Chris's expertise as a gas engineer and plumber are likely to prove very useful on this trip!



This picture shows the difficulties that jeeps venturing to upper Khotang often encounter.

According to Pasang, the families most in need live in an impoverished sector of Jaleshwari known as Sector 7. This is the area we plan to target first with the irrigation. To ascertain which families should be the first recipients we intend to map and survey Sector 7 on foot and assess each homestead according to predefined criteria including income levels, number of children etc., This should ensure that the families most in need are the first to receive this valuable aid package.

Other plans for the February trip include delivering teaching resources to Rhupangmare School to be used in conjunction with the solar panels installed earlier this year. We will also be visiting the Jaleshwari schools to see how the teaching resources and CUP books are being used in the classroom.

We recently put a request out on Facebook for children's DVDs and the response was fantastic. We will have a good selection to offer to each school to help the kids learn English - and just to entertain in these villages with no television and very little internet.

There will be more news early in April when we return from Nepal. Meanwhile, we would like to thank everyone who has donated and helped run the events during 2018. It is you who make this work possible and the people of Jaleshwari are enormously appreciative. Thank you and Merry Christmas.

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