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### Tools and Stretchers

Back in the summer, NRVT received a large amount of gift aid from the generous donations to the school uniform appeal. After consultation with Pasang it was decided that this could most usefully be used to purchase tools and stretchers for the people of Jaleshwori and the surrounding villages. These were things they had been requesting for some time.

Pasang had to wait a few weeks before he was able to make the journey to Khotang as heavy monsoon rains had caused flooding and landslides. He purchased the stretchers and some tools in Kathmandu and took them with him. Other tools he was able to buy at the ironmongers in nearby Aiselukharka.

Good quality tools are obviously crucial to subsistence farming communities and stretchers are essential for outlying villages with no road access or where landslides are a routine hazard. Roads in this area are essentially mud tracks cut into the mountainside and they require a very sturdy 4x4 at the best of times. Heavy rain often render the roads impassable even for the one of two jeeps that exist in the area. No one can afford helicopters.

Traditionally, sick people were transported in large woven baskets with volunteers taking turns to carry them down the steep slopes. The stretchers will enable sick villagers to be transported more comfortably and securely.



Sadly, this is the last NRVT newsletter and the charity will now be formally closed. We would like to thank everyone for their interest and enthusiasm during the ten years that NRVT has been running. The people of Jaleshwori and the surrounding area have benefitted enormously from your support and lives have genuinely been changed through the practical aid that has been offered. The people of this remote area of Upper Khotang now have the Community Farm, solar panels in schools and many other additions to help them move forward more confidently into the future.



# Pasang distributing the tools and stretchers to local villagers in Jaleshwori

