

Tibetan Nuns Project

Water for Dolma Ling Nunnery



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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Having a reliable supply of clean, safe drinking water is very challenging in India. But we all know that clean drinking water is vital for the overall health of the nuns.

Providing safe drinking water for the nuns and staff has always been a priority for the Tibetan Nuns Project. We now have an incredible opportunity to make a major impact on the long-term water supply to Dolma Ling Nunnery, which is home to over 250 nuns plus staff.

Since Dolma Ling was built, the nunnery's water supply has come from mountain streams, channelled down through farmers' fields where it is also used for irrigation. This surface water is then filtered and purified with chlorine, and put into storage tanks at the top of the nunnery complex.

Unfortunately, the water from the streams is becoming much more used and contaminated before it reaches the nunnery. Increasing population and development around Dolma Ling Nunnery means that the future water supply is very uncertain. At some point, it will no longer be possible to use this water source.

Although the nunnery has applied for an installed several lines to the government water supply, these function erratically and caused quite a lot of problems with the local villagers. These water lines are also high maintenance because they pass through farmland and frequently are damaged.

An Incredible Opportunity for Clean Water

Last year we had a great opportunity. Dharamsala was selected to be a "Smart City", a government program that aims to provide better infrastructure such as water supply and sewage systems. This opened up some options for the nunnery to work with the local administration on water issues. Through this partnership, the nuns were able to get the government to bore a well to tap into the groundwater for the nunnery to use free of charge.

The well is situated in the lowest section of the nunnery at the front of the complex since this was the spot which was divined to have groundwater and was accessible to the drilling

truck. The well will provide a good potable source of water, which can be used without treatment.

It is our wish to make this water accessible to the nuns by pumping it up to the top of the nunnery into the main storage tanks so that it can then feed to all the buildings through the already existing gravity lines.

We need your help to help install the water lines from the well to the tanks. This involves running 65 lengths of flexible pipe and installing a pump to get the water from the new bore well up to the main water storage tanks.

We need your help to ensure a reliable, long-term source of clean water for Dolma Ling.

To help you can:

1. Make a gift online at www.tnp.org
2. Call our office in Seattle, US at 1-206-652-8901
3. Mail a check to: The Tibetan Nuns Project (for Water for Dolma Ling)
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PROJECT COST: US \$1,500

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