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During the year 2012-2013, SESTAA supported one major project in Guwahati which we can all be proud of. This was for the provision of drinking water in Shishugreh, Guwahati through the repair and reconstruction of an existing well. The decision to fund was possible through the initiative provided by Sundar Sarma and the investigative work done by him at the ground level. SESTAA did not support the use of a deep tube well as it was noted that the ground water at Guwahati and in its surrounding area is not fit for human consumption. We explored the possibility of installing a rainwater harvesting system, but that was not possible due to the high cost involved. As per report received by us, the well has been repaired and reconstructed by replacing the old pipe line, installing iron removing filter and a new pump. The possibility of having a rainwater harvesting system installed in Assam is something we can explore for future.

Due to the busy schedule and other commitments of our volunteer members, SESTAA did not fund any other new projects during the year, but we continued to monitor the existing ones. The establishment of the training cum conference centre at *Prerona* (Jorhat). The centre is being used for parent meetings, training programs, workshops, aids and appliances assessment camps and health camps.

Rural Volunteers Centre (Dhemaji) expressed difficulty in working with exclusive focus on the disabled. Due to the frequent occurrence of floods in Dhemaji and the Centre's primary focus on disaster risk reduction, RVC reported preparing a needs assessment for the disabled. The results have not yet been communicated to SESTAA.

We continue to get support from our committed members and volunteers throughout the year for all these activities. During the year, we had 9 Active members, 4 Associate members and 7 Ordinary members. During the year, with the limited number of our volunteer members, we very successfully participated in two fundraising activities – Whitehorse Spring Festival (October, 2012) and Global Fiesta (March, 2013). We are grateful to the Whitehorse City Council for giving us the opportunity to participate in its important festivals every year. Through these events, we were also able to raise awareness for our activities in the Australian community. During the year, we raised \$945.30 through fundraising activities and \$4150.50 through donation.

I would like to offer my thanks to all our supporters, members and donors. Among our donors, I would like to specially thank Chinu and Malathi Srinivasan for their generous donation for SESTAA's activities. I also acknowledge with thanks the hard work and commitment of our executive committee members, admin officer, food officer and liaison officer.

Dr Deepali Dhillon, President, 5th of October, 2013

Replacement of Old broken down small water well by a New large water well equipped with modern filtering and pumping units at Shisu Greh, Guwahati, India by SESTAA of Melbourne, Australia.

Old Well



The well was leaking and the water was contaminated. Shisu Greh is a charity organization which looks after abandoned infants. The well was the major source of water for Shisu Greh and it needed urgent replacement.

New replacement Well with filtering and pumping units



