

### Micro Loans

Micro Loans is probably the most successful scheme we run as a district. We run successful schemes in Africa Nepal and Sri Lanka. This scheme provides a loan which must be paid back within a year without interest.

In some cases, the same money has been recycled over eight times, helping individuals in a community to help themselves. We are about to launch another scheme in Sri Lanka, working with the local Rotary club to the Yorkshire School. This has additional benefits, in that creates stronger ties with this club, which will help us look after our district investment in the Yorkshire school.

Another example of a successful scheme is Nepal. The scheme has been running for over four years. Approximately 300 families have benefitted and there has not been a single failure to repay a loan.



### EXCELLENT SAND DAMS

#### District 1040 Support Sand Dams

Our objective is to raise £20,000 by the next district conference in October 2019. This will enable the District to build a Sand Dam in Kenya. We will be working with Excellent who have a fine record of building such projects. ***And the following is the challenge;***

Excellent Development supports people living in drylands where water scarcity and food insecurity can be an everyday issue. Drylands are defined as regions with arid, semi-arid or dry sub-humid climates. They cover 40% of the world's land surface, support 50% of the world's livestock, account for over half of all farmland, and are major wildlife habitats. There are significant dryland regions in 110 countries across six continents.

Whilst important and vast, dryland regions are also very tough places to live. Rainfall is erratic and water from heavy downpours runs off the bone-dry land and disappears to the oceans, taking valuable fertile soil with it. To make things worse, climate change is causing dryland areas to turn into desert.

Drylands support 74% of the world's poor. Most of these live in rural areas. Here, the constant search for water traps millions of people in a vicious cycle of subsistence. Women and children often spend 6 to 12 hours a day trailing across parched scrubland to collect water, often from unclean rivers and unsafe sources. In times of drought, it can take even longer. This why we want to build a Sand Dam

To participate in this project you can contact me on [tonyperryman@sky.com](mailto:tonyperryman@sky.com) or donate use the following bank account "Rotary Club of Brighouse Sand Dams Account" Sort code: 20-35-84 Account number: 03508714

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### Clean Water

#### FRANK WATERS

Towards the end of last year, a small team of staff visited their newest project in the village of Thosne Khola, Nepal.

There, they met 82-year-old Jeet (pictured) who lives alone after his wife died. Despite his age, Jeet was very involved in building the village's new gravity fed water system (the previous water supply was damaged in the 2015 earthquake). He wanted to be part of bringing safe, reliable water to his village and his home. "I need the water, I need to do the hard work to construct the water supply."

With the new system, Jeet saves around four hours a day. He has more time and more water to grow food.



This is a project we can support, if you want to participate then;

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