



*Darjeeling Children's Trust*  
*Can you help make dreams come true?*

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Dear Friends and Supporters,

A major goal is in sight - the relocation of the girls currently being looked after at the Kripasaran Children's Home from their current airless, cramped and dark home in to healthy and airy dormitory accommodation. Construction has been going well and although the monsoon is soon to be in full swing, the remaining works are mostly under cover and can carry on regardless of the weather.

**BUT – and it is a huge but, our funds to complete construction and buy the necessary new bunk beds, bedding, cupboards and desks fall short of the monies we need by about £6000.**

Even this amount won't complete the bedroom for the women staff members which isn't ideal once the girls are on site, but the priority must be giving the girls the same standard of dormitories which the boys have enjoyed for the last five years. We know that we still have a mountain to climb to complete the project with construction of remaining elements such as a new kitchen, water harvesting and prayer room but improving conditions for the girls will be a major milestone.

**Can you help by making a donation? Every £ helps towards this goal. If you would like to help, you can make a donation through our web site [www.darjeelingchildrenstrust.org.uk](http://www.darjeelingchildrenstrust.org.uk) to our Just Giving page.**

*Marilyn Adams, Chairperson, Darjeeling Children's Trust*



This amazing photo shows the site with the boys' dormitories on the right and the unfinished state of Phase 2. The incomplete brickwork identifies the floor where girls' new dormitories are located. Part of the floor below with its green shuttering is being used as a temporary kitchen. The unfinished staff accommodation is below that. In the background you can see the steps leading to the old

prayer hall which is still to be demolished. The photo shows the steepness of the site and suggests the difficulties of construction which have had to be overcome. There is no direct road access so all new materials and demolition waste have had to be carried by porters up and down the steep hillside.



**And finally ..... a huge thank you to you all for your continuing support and for making a positive difference to the lives of children in Darjeeling.**