

World Water Day (WWD) 2023–Kathmandu, Nepal

Summary Report

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Mr. Pranuj Malla, ROW coordinator, Kathmandu arranged the WWD 2023 program in Kathmandu, Nepal on March 26th by discussing with a few children and a teacher the importance of protecting rivers and streams, and saving water for a healthy living of all people including their own friends and family.

The painting below by a teacher, Ms. Salika Patangwa from the IIMS college, Kathmandu, Nepal reflects the importance of saving water.

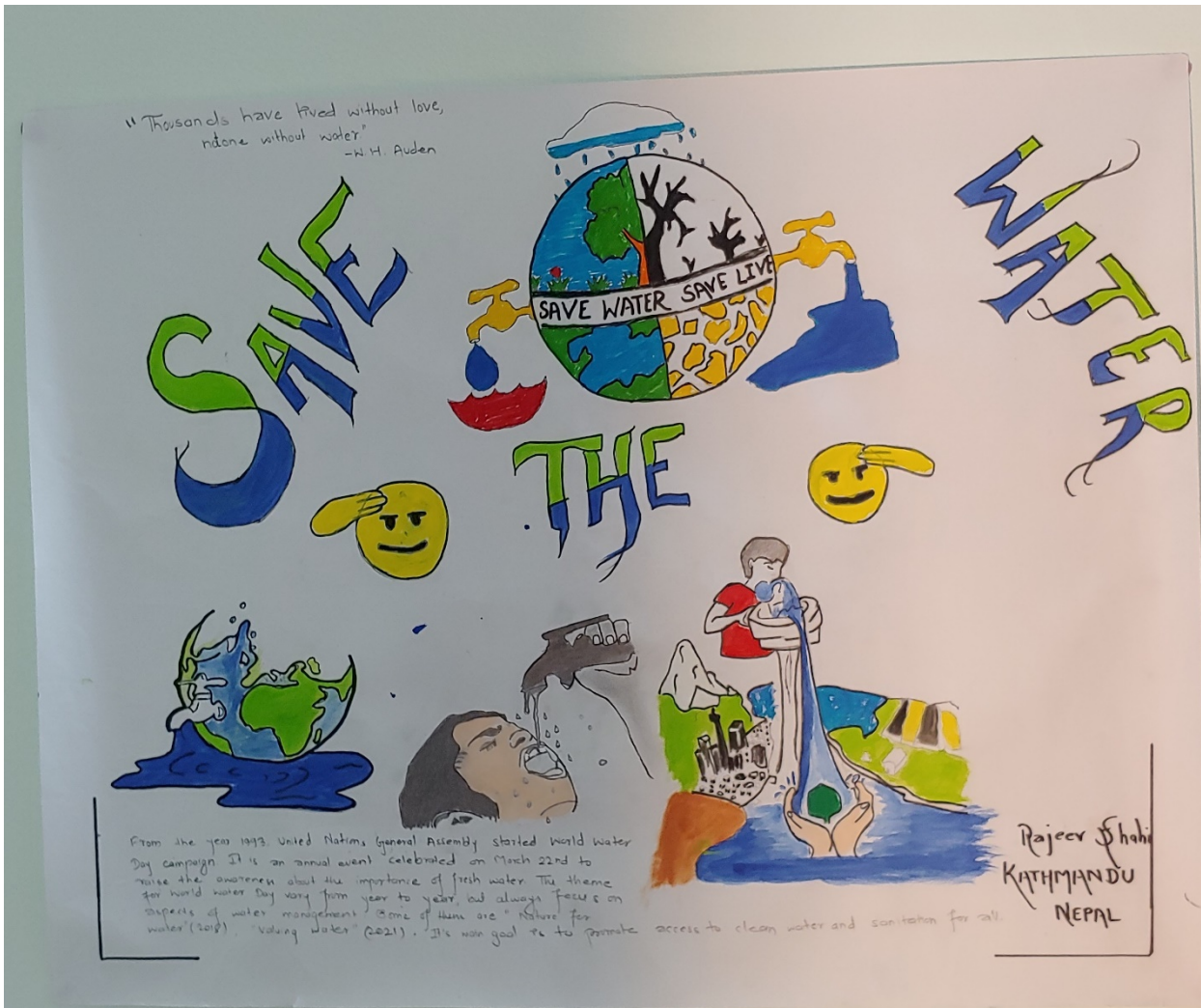


She explained importance of water to some of sixth grade students and others. The thoughts and interactions behind the painting by this teacher, was conveyed well to teach the children the value of protecting the water. The streams and rivers receive the trash, plastics and other pollutants from the residents and businesses as they are unaware of the extent of damage these items cause to the local people, including themselves.

This painting shows the vital role of water in sustaining life on Earth and other several important aspects, such as supporting - life, hydration, Agriculture, Food Production, Ecosystem and Water Cycle. She had shown multiple factors of water and its role.

As conveyed by Pranuj Malla, ROW coordinator, Kathmandu, children also learnt from the cleanup activities of the Balambu river last year, near Thangkot, where a large amount of trash, such as plastic bags, residential garbage and other materials were taken out from the river. A few children were also taken to the site at the 2022 event to get educated about water pollution and how it effects health and surrounding. The team explained to them that due to lack of awareness, how people are polluting their surroundings and the environment.

Another painting was done by Rajeev Shahi as shown below.



Referring to the activities during the river cleanup last year, and relating that to the paintings of WWD-2023 the ROW-team explained to the children how they can recycle rain water and use it in our daily life. The team also explained to the children how to save water and clean the rivers and streams. They were informed about ways to make less pollution when using petrol and diesel transportations. The role of plants and trees and its impact to human beings and animals were also explained to them.

The ROW Foundation thanks the children, teachers and parents for observing the WWD-2023 and making a difference in their locality towards improvement of their water and environment for a healthy life. Please send your questions or comments to rowfoundation@gmail.com.