

Spring 2019 Update

Hagam

- A challenging project for a hillside community that was cut off for almost 2 years following 2015 earthquakes.
- The route into the village is a hard one. A series of events that delayed us meant our visit in March was all too brief.

On our final approach it was so good to see a completed school building, bright yellow against the green farm terraces. Access is still only possible on foot but we quickly had a small army of helpers to bring the tin boxes and supplies down to the school. The community here is very poor with most surviving on the small plots of land they farm. Education is so important for the children here to be able to develop and help lift themselves out of poverty. Despite their hardship, the school is very well attended and having a new, safe building has made a profound difference to the village. We were warmly greeted, showered with flowers and scarves and had enough time for a few photos before we were forced to continue our journey to avoid tackling the tricky descent in the dark. Unbeknownst to us at the beginning of the day however, a safer road has now been opened up meaning a much less nervous journey. This shortens the journey from our base at Sukute meaning we should be able to make more regular contact with the school.

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