



TAPRIZA NGO

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Morning assembly © Semduk Lama

TAPRIZA SCHOOL & PROJECTS IN DOLPO – NEPAL

ACTIVITIES IN DOLPO, NEPAL 2014



Festivities and every-day life at the school © S. Lama

TAPRIZA SCHOOL IN NEPAL, NEWS

A Day at the School

On a normal morning the children get up and get ready for the day with the help of the *amas* (school mothers). After short prayers, there is butter tea and *tsampa* – the traditional roasted barley flour – for breakfast. Then the lessons start. Lunch is served at eleven. Usually the students eat polenta or rice with beans and vegetables from the own school garden. Occasionally, the children get to enjoy goat meat. In-between butter tea is served again. The students put their own *tsampa* in it that they have brought from home. The lessons end at around four in the afternoon. Thereafter, the children play, help cleaning the rooms and the compound, and do their homework.

New Kitchens

The Tapriza School was expanded again this year. In the last ten years the number of students has increased from 75 to 235. Therefore, the infrastructure had to be expanded repeatedly. The building that was completed last year contains the dining hall, storerooms, staff room, offices, common room, and the battery station for the solar panels. This year the old kitchen was replaced. The new kitchen building has three spacious rooms with a kitchen for students and teachers respectively as well as a dining room for the latter. Until now there were two kitchens for the children, one each for the older and the younger ones. Now both the stoves are in one room and the cooks can help each other out. At the school everyone is overjoyed with the new kitchen. Still pending is a porch to create more protected space.





The new kitchen © S. Lama

Clean Water at the School and in Kathmandu

The Tapriza School now filters its water with a PAUL filter that was mediated by Hans Rohde. In Kathmandu the water quality was also improved. Since a while the water supply at the hostel had been causing problems. The water pressure was so low that no water would flow out of the taps. This is why the students had to get water from a nearby well. The water there was increasingly dirty and dangerous to health. Thanks to the generous support of the *Aline Andrea Rutz Stiftung* a new borehole was dug, an efficient pump was installed and a filter system was implemented. Since then clean water flows from the taps.

Earthquake 2015

At the time of writing this annual report the earth in Nepal is shaking. With relief we heard that there were no casualties in Dolpo. At the Tapriza School in Dolpo and the hostel in Kathmandu everyone is miraculously well according to the circumstances.

The west wing of the Tapriza School suffered severely due to the earthquake and cannot be lived in safely anymore. The teachers and students, who slept in the upper floor, are not living in the dining hall and the multipurpose building. The classrooms are in danger of collapsing, especially with regard to future quakes and the monsoon. The building urgently needs to be torn down and rebuilt with a strong foundation and as earthquake resistant as possible. For that reason we need additional means of around 60'000 to 100'000 CHF. These additional costs are not listed yet in the Budget 2015 of the Nepali and the Swiss bookkeeping. Likewise the additional costs for the hostel and the office in Kathmandu can also not be assessed yet.

We are thankful for all donations (note 'earthquake relief')





The health post with dispensary/ maternity clinic/ Shiri Lama treating a patient © S. Lama

TAPRIZA PROJECTS

Health Posts and Scholarships

In Ringmo and Pugmo the health posts were equipped with clean water, toilets, furniture, and electricity. Additionally the health post in Chunuwar opposite the Tapriza School was extended to a simple birthing clinic. Thanks to the valuable contribution of the *Soroptimisten Clubs Zürich* we can continue to support four former students in their education to become health workers. The progress of the health projects was described in detail in the Newsletter 2015. In the severe earthquake in April the Amchi clinic for Tibetan medicine was heavily damaged. A wall of the clinic's herbal show room collapsed completely.

We would like to pause and commemorate the deceased Geshe Sherap Nyima, known as Shiri Lama, who recently fell off the path between the clinic and Ringmo in an unfortunate accident. He was the grandson of the famous Khyungpo Karu Namgyal Sherab Gyaltsen (1881-1948), in whose tradition he was instructed. For a long time, he worked as an *Amchi* (Tibetan doctor) in the clinic and against all odds healed many difficult cases with his medical and spiritual knowledge.

Successful Local Vaccinations of Yaks

In this year the yak project again financed the vaccination of the yaks in Phoksumdo. In 2014, the three young men who had received a training from the district veterinary in the last year, could vaccinate themselves. The villagers can now take care of animal health on their own. Due to the vaccinations the yaks are more resistant and most of them survived the winter.





Trainings, solar panels at the health post. (above) / The future of Dolpos (below) © S. Lama

Tarpaulin Sheets For Various Small Monasteries

With a minimal financial contribution the Taprizza NGO could bring a lot of joy. The roofs of most monasteries in Dolpo hardly withstand the rain in the summer months. Every year the monks suffer from the dampness. The seepage is slowly destroying the artefacts and murals. The Taprizza NGO supported the monasteries with tarpaulin. It is a simple and cheap way to keep the monasteries dry and protect the cultural heritage of Dolpo. The monks are overjoyed and express their thanks by including all the donors in their prayers.

Ups and Downs at the Hydro Project in Pugmo

The Kagmara micro hydro project was completed in August 2013. Since then it supplies Pugmo with electricity, even with more than expected. 2014 however the turbine was damaged. The engineer had not instructed the local operator properly and consequently the turbine was maintained insufficiently. Some parts of the turbine had to be replaced and other brought to Kathmandu for repair. It was expensive and difficult to organise. In order to prevent such repairs in future, the Taprizza NGO plans to enable a group of the villagers a proper training in micro hydro project maintenance in Kathmandu.

Additional Trainings for Villagers

As the example of the micro hydro makes evident, live in remote Dolpo is changing and the villagers are faced with new challenges. It is crucial that the villagers learn new skills to adapt to the modern requirements and to make a living. In 2014, we supported several trainings. Amongst other, the former student Gyamtso Rokaya received training as an electrician and Nyima Gyatsen was trained in the tourism sector.



NGO ACCOUNTS 2014 (1.1.-31.12.14) & BUDGET 2015

Income	2014	Budget 2015
Membership Contributions	18'500.00	19'000
Class sponsorships	20'625.52	21'000
Scholarship funds	1'895.00	8'000
Donations regular	7'224.80	7'700
Donations extraordinary (incl. for winter school and hostel)	39'156.35	14'000
Donations murals and furniture in the «Tapriza Schoolgompa»	0.00	12'000
Donations various projects (cultural conservation, yaks ...)	623.00	800
Donations Micro hydro project	0.00	0.00
Donations health projects	20'829.27	5'000
Donations earthquake relief	0.00	???
Sales revenue (lectures, postcards, CDs)	80.00	100
Capital gain	41.30	50
TOTAL INCOME	108'975.24	87'650
Costs		
Office material	486.56	600
Office rent, infrastructure, homepage hosting	2'353.50	2'500
Administrative costs (office and book keeping)	7'797.70	7'800
Reimbursement publicity and fundraising	1'400.00	1'200
Mailing expenses	1'051.80	1'200
Telecommunication and internet connection	711.90	780
Brochures, photos, printed matters (new envelopes, cards)	1'734.55	2'500
General assembly and events	684.25	800
Capital expenditures	457.30	500
TOTAL COSTS SWITZERLAND	16'677.56	17'880
Transfers to the Tapriza School Nepal	61'636.86	65'000
Scholarships to Tapriza graduates (some under health)	2'950.00	5'000
TASHI D various projects	4'700.00	4'600
Transfers to micro hydro project/ trainings	0.00	3'000
Transfers to health projects	14'300.00	8'000
Transfers earthquake relief	0.00	???
Bank charges for transfers to Nepal	87.00	100
TOTAL COSTS NEPAL	83'673.86	85'700
TOTAL COSTS SWITZERLAND/NEPAL	100'351.42	103'580
Operating results	8'623.82	-15'930

BALANCE PER 31. DECEMBER 2014

Assets	2013	2014
Cash office	770.00	290.00
Postal cheque account	20'090.24	21'100.79
Bank balance	57'123.73	64'874.00
Balance credit card	343.00	343.00
TOTAL ASSETS	77'983.97	86'607.79
Liabilities		
NGO capital	72'259.61	77'983.97
Operating results	5'724.36	8'623.82
TOTAL LIABILITIES	77'983.97	86'607.97

IN US \$ EXPENDITURES SCHOOL IN NEPAL

Expenditures School	2014	Budget 2015
Salaries	73'857	83'936
Food	39'416	42'711
Books	3'074	4'356
School uniforms, blankets, jackets	701	1'237
Hygiene and medicine	719	1'041
Energy, solar panels, batteries	1'283	289
Cultural programs, environment classes, sports	1'446	2'265
Advanced teacher trainings	0	4'124
Kitchen	236	186
Travels (Dunai, Kathmandu)	1'992	1'821
Tranportation costs (porters, animals)	4'740	5'773
Transportation costs Kathmandu	1'147	773
Guests (NGO-meetings, official guests, parents, trekker)	743	752
Kathmandu room rent, office, maintenance	3'396	3'140
Communication with CH/USA (phone, email, photos, post, films)	600	727
NGO audit Nepal, other expenditures	1'057	980
Winter school in Kathmandu	6'682	6'778
Deficit 2013 to acquit	2466	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES SCHOOL	143'555	160'889
Expenditures Building and Infrstructure		
Schoolhouse maintenance	968	1'083
New sanitation facilities, drinking wasser / ground leveling	4'075	1'547
Interior fittings upper floor dining hall	1'057	1'835
New community kitchen	12'685	2'000
«Tapriza Gompa» murals and furniture (= multipurpose)	0	12'223
TOTAL EXPENDITURES BUILDING	18'785	18'688
TOTAL EXPENDITURES TAPRIZA SCHOOL	162'340	179'577

INCOME SCHOOL IN NEPAL IN US \$

Income	2014	Budget 2015
Teachers salaries from the Nepali government	34'993	54'506
Parent contributions, local donations and local sales	34'966	42'381
Contributions from education department, district, VDC	8'572	8'505
Donations of parents for the winter school	692	897
TOTAL INCOME SCHOOL	79'223	106'289
Contributions ‹Tapriza NGO› Switzerland	68'012	41'563
Contributions ‹Friends of Dolpa› and ‹Werth Foundation›	19'997	25'000
TOTAL INCOME FROM ABROAD	88'009	66'563
Bank balance and cash office in Nepal, beginning of the year	1'842	6'725
TOTAL INCOME AND BALANCE	169'074	179'577

TAPRIZA SWITZERLAND 2014

In 2014, Tapriza NGO hat 185 members (including 48 class sponsorships and 44 sponsors) and 185 donors. A part of the donations were for specific projects (scholarships, health, yaks). The 16. General assembly was on the 16th of June 2014. 25 members with voting rights and guests were present (see minutes).

Extraordinary Contributions – Thank you

We wholeheartedly thank for the valuable regular contributions and collections. All the large and small donations make the running of the school and the other projects possible.

10'000 CHF	Em2n Architekten
10'000 CHF	Medics Labor AG (Gesundheitsprojekte)
7'800 CHF	Aline Andrea Rutz Stiftung (Kathmandu Hostel)
6'160 CHF	Rolf Wälli (Geburtstagskollekte)
5'000 CHF	Fondation Nicole Niquille (Gesundheitsprojekte)
4'000 CHF	Innovation Process Technology
3'900 CHF	Soroptimist International Club Zürich (Gesundheitsprojekte, Weiterbildungen)
2'070 CHF	Gebhard and Emma Sprenger
2'000 CHF	Anja Felder
1'578 CHF	Riccardo Vrech
1'500 CHF	Serge und Katrin Droz Weiss
1'440 CHF	William Andrew Low Ardloch (Stipendien)
1'300 CHF	Erika Bühlmann-Müller (Geburtstagskollekte)
1'183 CHF	Rotary Hilfswerk Oberstdorf e.V