



# TAPRIZA NGO

## ANNUAL REPORT 2013



Homework in the late autumn sun © Semduk Lama

## ACTIVITIES IN DOLPO, NEPAL 2013



First experiences with laptops / Toilet construction and joy over apples, a seldom treat (below). © S. Lama

### TAPRIZA SCHULE IN NEPAL, NEUIGKEITEN

#### The Advent of Modernity: Electricity and Laptops

A new extended solar energy system has made the administration and the running of the school easier. In the year 2013 the school bought a projector and is now equipped with a computer, a copier, a printer and a TV. The teacher's preparation time is thereby drastically reduced, and the new media is used in the lessons with enthusiasm. This year the school additionally received six new laptops from the *Werth Foundation* in collaboration with *WWF*. Now the students can gain first experiences with computers. The computer lessons already began in early October. For the first time the school offers the children the opportunity to work with modern technology. The school management, teachers and students are overjoyed and would like to cordially thank Peter Werth for his donation.

#### Toilets, Water pumps and Hygiene

The number of students has again increased significantly to 235 (Mai 2014), therefore new toilets are urgently required. Mid 2013 the construction of four new toilets was started and should be completed in the year 2014. Thanks to a new portable pump, also donated by the *Werth Foundation*, water is transported from the river to the school more easily and the hygiene situation has increased.

#### Tapriza Eco Club

In April 2013 the Tapriza Eco Club – comprising of eleven students and five teachers – was officially registered under the name *Tapriza Child Eco Club*. It takes a stand for the local environment and health. In the year 2013 the club held first campaigns at the school and in the surrounding. The club members and volunteers cleaned the school grounds, dug ditches



Students from remote Mo © S. Lama / Upkeep of the surrounding © M. Bauer / The school in winter © S. Lama

for waste, regularly cleaned the campsites and collected the garbage the travelers left behind. Thanks to their dedication the school surrounding is kept clean. Local residents, tourists and other travelers are informed about the importance of the protection of nature. The club collects small donations from trekkers to finance its work.

#### Old and New Partners – An Appeal for New Partnerships

The *American Himalayan Foundation*, who supported the Tapriza School annually with 13'000 US \$, has decided to concentrate on own projects and therefore cannot continue their regular contribution. We would like to extend our thanks for the long and fruitful partnership. We also thank Peter Werth, who has facilitated support to us in several areas. We would be glad to welcome new partners who help sustain the school on the current level with regular contributions.

#### Winter School and Winter Activities

This year ten students of Class 10 were in the Tapriza hostel in Kathmandu to study for the final exams. At present additionally eleven students of the Class 10+2 and a girl doing her bachelor studies live in the house. While the students of the final year learn for their final exams, the other children of the Tapriza School go home for the winters, live with their parents and help in everyday life. The elder students help with the yak caravans and collect food for the animals. The girls learn weaving blankets, bags and belts. Old and young move to the lower winter villages with the animals. There the children have enough opportunities to play, participate in village life, listen to the stories and live the local religion and culture. The highlight is the celebration of Losar, the Tibetan New Year, with its many rituals and mutual visits.





Extension of the health posts and improvement of the water supply © S. Lama

## TAPRIZA PROJECTS

### Health Projects: Health Post, Nurse and Water Supply

In the year 2013 there were more illnesses in the Tapriza School than in previous years. However, the government health worker was hardly on site and the school received insufficient medical care. The teachers had to take on the medical care of the children themselves or together with our nurse Pasang Dolma. The expansion and supervision of the health posts is therefore urgently required.

Thanks to the support of the *Soroptimist International Club Zürich* the Tapriza NGO paid the salary of nurse Pasang Dolma Rokaya, a former Tapriza student, who now looks after the health post and the sick in the surrounding villages as often as possible. For this purpose rooms were chosen for health outposts in Ringmo and Pugmo, converted and furnished with the support of the *Fondation Niquille Nicole*. In Pugmo the interior finish still needs to be completed. With the aid of *One Heart World Wide* the water supply of the main health post in Chunuwar was established. Two water tanks, a well and a toilet were constructed. In the near future the expansion of the Chunuwar health post into a maternity clinic, the overall improvement of the health care in the region as well as the training of further «health workers» is planned.

### Vocational Trainings for Electric Supply, Micro Hydro Plant and Yak project

Our local partner organisation *TASHI-D.* sponsored the former student Gyamtso Rokaya from the village Ringmo to attend a further training in the installation of electrical cables on houses. Additionally, five young men from Pugmo participated in a training for works and maintenance of the Kagmara Micro hydro plant. They can now carry out crucial works for which otherwise experts from the outside need to be hired.



Joy on the pastures with gumboots and leak-proof roof / Butter donations, new electric poles © S. Lama

The district veterinarians, who were invited to Phoksumdo through our yak project, trained two young men from Pugmo so that in the future they can vaccinate the yaks, horses and goats by themselves. The villagers considered the vaccinations to be very successful because this year only few animals died. The women on the summer pastures were equipped with first-aid kits, gumboots and plastic sheets to protect their huts from rain. The women expressed their thanks with a generous butter donation to the Tapriza School!

### Power in Pugmo

At the end of 2013 the Kagmara Micro hydro plant was completed. The transport of the necessary material from the plains to remote Pugmo was the greatest challenge. Until summer 2013 the water intake, catch basin and downpipe were completed and the rake for the debris mounted. Thereafter the powerhouse was constructed and the turbine hooked up. A first test run of the micro hydro plant was successful. With a grand community ritual in the monastery the «first light» was celebrated and the facility inaugurated. Soon after completion during the monsoon, an unusual flashflood swept away the intake and parts of the canal. A temporary canal was constructed for the time being. Thereafter, the electrical poles were installed. By the end of summer all the houses in Pugmo were linked up to the cable network and supplied with electricity. In winter, the original site was stabilised by a wall and the intake was repaired. The villagers are overjoyed and experience the electricity as a relief in their everyday life.

Before we are laying electricity cables from Pugmo to the Tapriza School and the health post, it seems sensible to first collect experiences with the installation and the power consumption. As an alternative we are examining if the river next to the school can be used to harvest electricity to forgo the expensive supply line from Pugmo. Only after the optimal course of action is clarified and the financing is secured, the project will be taken forward.



## NGO ACCOUNTS 2013 (1.1.-31.12.13) &amp; BUDGET 2014

| Income  | 2013              | Budget 2014    |
|---|-------------------|----------------|
| Member Contributions                                      | 18'135.00         | 18'000         |
| Class sponsorships  | 16'867.28         | 16'000         |
| Scholarship funds   | 2'180.00          | 2'000          |
| Donations regular   | 10'493.00         | 7'000          |
| Donations extraordinary                                   | 18'584.43         | 16'000         |
| Donations yak project                                     | 240.00            | 300            |
| Donations projects div. (culture conservation...)         | 1'000.00          | 4'400          |
| Donations Micro hydro project                             | 20'000.00         | 500            |
| Donations health projects                                 | 14'090.00         | 16'000         |
| Sales revenue (lectures, postcards, CDs)                  | 1'179.15          | 700            |
| Capital gain  | 72.78             | 100            |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>                                       | <b>102'841.70</b> | <b>81'000</b>  |
| <b>Costs</b>  |                   |                |
| Office material   | 796.25            | 850            |
| Office rent, infrastructure and homepage hosting          | 2'570.77          | 2'600          |
| Administrative costs (office and book keeping)            | 6'400.00          | 6'500          |
| Staff insurances (AHV, UVG) and legal liability insurance | 674.15            | 1'150          |
| Reimbursement publicity and fundraising                   | 900.00            | 1'400          |
| Mailing expenses  | 1'009.22          | 1'000          |
| Telecommunication and internet connection                 | 583.70            | 750            |
| Brochures, photos, printed matters                        | 1'946.45          | 2'500          |
| General assembly and events                               | 427.95            | 700            |
| Capital expenditures                                      | 330.66            | 400            |
| <b>TOTAL COSTS SWITZERLAND</b>                            | <b>15'639.15</b>  | <b>17'850</b>  |
| Transfers to the Tapriza School Nepal                     | 35'954.14         | 61'000         |
| Nepal, office and school material from CH                 | 0.00              | 250            |
| Scholarships to Tapriza graduates                         | 4'386.36          | 6'000          |
| Transfers to the yak project                              | 3'945.79          | 300            |
| TASHI D various projects (culture conservation)           | 4'422.32          | 7'000          |
| Transfers to the micro hydro project                      | 23'000.00         | 500            |
| Transfers to the health projects                          | 9'553.98          | 15'000         |
| Bank charges for transfers to Nepal                       | 150.00            | 200            |
| Telecommunication with Nepal                              | 65.60             | 200            |
| <b>TOTAL COSTS NEPAL</b>                                  | <b>81'478.19</b>  | <b>90'450</b>  |
| <b>TOTAL COSTS SWITZERLAND/NEPAL</b>                      | <b>97'117.34</b>  | <b>108'300</b> |
| Operating results   | 5'724.36          | -27'300        |

## BALANCE PER 31. DEZEMBER 2013

| Assets                   | 2012             | 2013             |
|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Cash office              | 2'304.80         | 770.00           |
| Postal cheque account    | 18'869.73        | 20'090.24        |
| Bank balance             | 51'085.08        | 57'123.73        |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>      | <b>72'259.61</b> | <b>77'983.97</b> |
| <b>Liabilities</b>       |                  |                  |
| NGO capital              | 34'527.25        | 72'259.61        |
| Operating results        | 37'732.36        | 5'724.36         |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b> | <b>72'259.61</b> | <b>77'983.97</b> |

## IN US \$ EXPENDITURES SCHOOL IN NEPAL

| Expenditures School   | 2013           | Budget 2014    |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| Salaries  | 79'538         | 79'947         |
| Food  | 40'585         | 39'332         |
| Books   | 3'039          | 4'221          |
| School uniforms, blankets, jackets                            | 610            | 1'474          |
| Hygiene and medicine  | 679            | 832            |
| Energy, solar panels, batteries                               | 231            | 1'263          |
| Cultural programs, environment classes, sports                | 2'193          | 1'921          |
| Advanced teacher education                                    | 15             | 1'526          |
| Kitchen   | 34             | 242            |
| Travels (Dunai, Kathmandu)                                    | 2'150          | 1'795          |
| Transportation costs (porters, animals)                       | 6'475          | 6'295          |
| Transportation costs Kathmandu                                | 92             | 600            |
| Guests (NGO-meetings, official visitors, parents, trekkers)   | 770            | 821            |
| Kathmandu room rent, office, maintenance                      | 3'771          | 3'673          |
| Communication with CH/USA (phone, email, photos, post, films) | 730            | 963            |
| NGO audit Nepal, other expenditures                           | 849            | 1'043          |
| Winter school in Kathmandu                                    | 7'001          | 7'341          |
| Deficit 2013 to acquit  | 0              | 2'790          |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES SCHOOL</b>                              | <b>148'762</b> | <b>156'079</b> |
| <b>Expenditures Building and Infrastructure</b>               |                |                |
| Schulhouse maintenance  | 4'439          | 6'790          |
| New sanitation facilities, drinking water / ground leveling   | 5'074          | 2'474          |
| New community kitchen   | 0              | 15'380         |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES BUILDING</b>                            | <b>9'513</b>   | <b>24'644</b>  |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES TAPRIZA SCHOOL</b>                      | <b>158'275</b> | <b>180'723</b> |

## INCOME SCHOOL IN NEPAL IN US \$

| Income  | 2013           | Budget 2014    |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| Teacher salaries from the Nepali government                       | 41'229         | 38'191         |
| Parent contributions, local donations and local sales             | 36'065         | 36'937         |
| Contributions from educational department, district, VDC          | 6'834          | 11'053         |
| Donations of parents to the winter school                         | 455            | 684            |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME SCHOOL</b>  | <b>84'583</b>  | <b>86'865</b>  |
| <br>  |                |                |
| Contribution «Tapriza NGO» Schweiz                                | 36'824         | 68'000         |
| Contribution «Friends of Dolpa», «Werth Foundation» (new in 2014) | 22'992         | 23'980         |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME FROM ABROAD</b>                                   | <b>59'816</b>  | <b>91'980</b>  |
| <br>  |                |                |
| Bank balance and cash office in Nepal, beginning of the year      | 11'086         | 1'878          |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME AND BALANCE</b>                                   | <b>155'485</b> | <b>180'723</b> |

## REPORT TAPRIZA SWITZERLAND

In the year 2013 the Tapriza NGO had 183 members (among them 44 class sponsorships and 44 sponsor members) and 187 donors in total. A part of the donations was bound to certain projects (Kagmara Micro hydro project, scholarships, health and yak project). The 15th General Assembly was held on the 28th of June 2013 in Zürich by 25 members eligible to vote and some guests (see minutes).

### Extraordinary Contributions – Thank you!

We cordially thank the *Temperatio Stiftung* and the *Aline Andrea Rutz Stiftung* for the support of the Kagmara Micro hydro project. Additionally, we also thank the *Rutz Stiftung* for financing anew the hostel in Kathmandu. The health projects were able to be expanded thanks to *Soroptimist International*, *Fondation Nicole Niquille*, Hans Marty and Claudia Schmid. Further, we would like to extend our thanks to all other donors whose contributions enabled the smooth running of the Tapriza School as well as of the other projects.

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| 16'350 CHF     | Aline Andrea Rutz Stiftung (Kagmara Micro hydro project, Kathmandu Hostel)  |
| 10'000 CHF     | Temperatio Stiftung (Kagmara Micro hydro project)   |
| 5'000 CHF      | Fondation Nicole Niquille (Health projects)   |
| 4'300 CHF      | Soroptimist International Club Zürich (Health projects and education)   |
| 3'000 CHF      | Ernst Göhner Stiftung (running and maintenance of the Tapriza School)   |
| 2'000 CHF      | Ritva & Andre Kind (Tibetan medicine clinic and Do Chörten renovation)  |
| 2'000 CHF      | Hans & Christine Marty (collection for the health projects)   |
| 1'294 CHF      | Rotary Hilfswerk Oberstdorf e.V. (for the children of Mo, initiated by Dr. Rohde)   |
| 1'000 CHF each | Markus Angehrn, Anja Felder, Ursula Leuppi, Dr. Ursula Rutz, Matthias Schindler, Dr. Wolfensberger-Gerber, Tibet Unterstützung Lichtenstein |