



TAPRIZA NGO

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Class one students in full concentration. © Manuel Bauer

TAPRIZA SCHOOL & PROJECTS IN DOLPO – NEPAL

TÄTIGKEITEN IN DOLPO, NEPAL 2012



The teachers give their best © Manuel Bauer (above) / Every-day life at the school © M.Kind (below)

TAPRIZA SCHOOL IN NEPAL, NEWS

Thanks to the excellent performance of Tapriza students at the final exams the school has such a good reputation that at the beginning of the school term children from the entire region queue up for admission. Due to reasons of space and logistics unfortunately not all of them can be admitted. Nevertheless fifty new students joined this year in different classes. In the mean time there are 213 children (May 2013) at the Tapriza School, of which 112 are boys and 101 girls.

The teachers are well attuned and motivated. During the winter several teachers participated in advanced trainings. A multi-lingual education workshop particularly focused on supporting learning in the local mother tongue and developing teaching aids in the local language. Additionally, there were workshops for optimising English language lessons. We thank Amanda Christie for the organisation and coordination of the winter workshop in Kathmandu.

Providing food for all the children and the teaching staff is difficult. A large amount of the food items such as rice, flour, lentils, spices and sugar have to be bought in Nepalganj and transported to the school on mule caravans – an effortful and costly endeavour. Potatoes, salt, oil, beans and tea can be purchased locally and the parents usually supply the butter. This time the vegetables from the own garden sufficed for the entire school year! Every morning at 6.30 am there is butter tea with Tsampa (roasted barley flour) and at 10 am the main meal is served. It consists of rice with lentils (Dhalbhat) or polenta (Dhindo) with vegetables. Occasionally, it is complemented with sheep meat. In the afternoon again tea and Tsampa is offered and for dinner another warm meal is served. Three cooks provide for everyone with the help of the school mothers. Since recently the meals can be taken inside the spacious dining hall of the newly completed building in the light of the solar-powered lamps. In the





During lessons / Jamma-Sigyal ritual blessing the school and sponsors © Manuel Bauer

upper floor there is a battery station and the first television. Thanks to solar power and the newly installed satellite dish teachers can now enjoy occasional football games or watch the news, while at special occasions the children make their first contacts with this medium.

Building, toilets, new water pipes, water well

The new two-storeyed building with spacious dining hall and kitchen was appropriately inaugurated. But while cooking the first meal in the new kitchen it became apparent that depending on the wind conditions the smoke could not escape properly and filled up the upper storey. Therefore, the usage of the building was redefined and the food is provisionally prepared in the two old kitchens. A separate kitchen building in which meals for over 200 people can be cooked reasonably is at present in planning. Further, toilets and showers are also urgently required for the steadily growing number of students and staff.

Rituals at the school

The school year always begins with a ceremony to erect the prayer flags. The Matri ritual in June is then followed by the ritual in honour of the protective deities Sipé Gyalmo and Jamma in late summer. During the ritual performance all negative emotions and illnesses are cleaned off onto the *dogpa* (see middle picture below), a kind of scapegoat. They are collected there and driven away from the school together with imagined «enemies». The ritual serves deliverance from negative energies and blesses the school and the sponsors.

Winter school in Kathmandu for Class 10 and scholars

Under the guidance of the present Tapriza scholars in Kathmandu the Class 10 students prepared well for their final exams.





Samling Gompa with Yangton Sherab Tenzin Lama / Hurikot Gompa with two novices © M.Kind

TAPRIZA PROJECTS

Monasteries and cultural events, yak project

In the year 2012 we supported the monasteries in Hurikot, Samling, Kalibon as well as the prayer wheel houses of Ringmo and Pugmo. Additionally contributions were given to the Shey pilgrimage festival in Dolpo and the Mendrub ritual at the Triten Norbutse Bön monastery in Kathmandu (see Newsletter 2013). The yaks of Pugmo received injections against worms from the veterinarian. As a result in the spring nearly all the newborn calves were healthy and survived. The yak herdswomen were given first-aid kits, plastic and boots for the rainy summer months on the alp.

Health projects

To improve the health conditions of the people in Dolpo Marietta Kind participated in several meetings in Dolpo, Kathmandu and Zürich. Together with other NGOs measures for a better health care were discussed such as building toilets in the villages, training and salary for nurses or expansion of the local health care post with a birth unit. For 2013 the expansion of the health care projects is planned in cooperation with Dr. med. Marty and C. Schmid.

Micro hydro project

Unbelievable progress has been made in the project to generate energy with a micro hydro plant above Pugmo – despite most difficult circumstances. In the mean time all the building material has reached the site. The transportation was very arduous as the airport of Dolpo has been out of operation due to the building of a new runway. Therefore, all materials (cement, pipes, cables, technical equipment) had to be carried to Dolpo with mule caravans and porters. Some parts had to be hauled up the difficult trail by six people together. Now the water channels are finished, still missing are the power house, the downpipes and the power



TÄTIGKEITEN IN DER SCHWEIZ 2012



The Tapriza NGO visits Sonja Mathis and Dani Wismer with their yaks in the Valais. © M.Kind

supply lines. As soon as the labourers are back from the «gold rush» of the Yartsa-gunbu business, the construction can be completed. If everything works out well, Pugmo will start producing own electricity as early as this year!

TAPRIZA NGO SWITZERLAND

In the year 2012 the Tapriza NGO had a total of 171 members (of which 42 supported a class and 42 were sponsors) and 177 donors. A part of the donation came in bound to specific projects (yak project, micro hydro, scholarships, health care). The 14th General Assembly was held on the 29th of June 2012 in Zürich attended by 20 members eligible to vote and guests (cf. assembly minutes).

Together with members of the Tapriza NGO and other interested participants we visited the yak farm of Sonja Mathis and Dani Wismer in Valais and walked to the small but mighty guesthouse along trails with wonderful views (www.yaks.ch).

Extraordinary contributions - Thank you!

We thank the Ernst Göhner Stiftung wholeheartedly for the generous contribution in favour of the new building, Urs Furger for the support of the micro hydro project and the Aline Andrea Rutz Stiftung for their important contribution to the winter school. Moreover again various collections were made, we extend our thanks to the jubilarians, musicians and newly weds. And of course we are grateful to all other generous donors and sponsors.

CHF 25'000	Ernst Göhner Stiftung (new building, dining hall, sanitary facilities)
CHF 10'000	Urs Furger (Kagmara micro hydro project)
CHF 7'000	Aline Andrea Rutz Stiftung (winterschool/hostel)
CHF 5'500	Soroptimist Club Zürich (health projects)
CHF 2'480	Pellicorio-Kohler (marriage collection)
CHF 1'900	Denise Meier (birthday collection)
CHF 1'455	Yak Projekt (collection S. Mathis & R. Blanc, www.yaks.ch)
CHF 1'014	Elisa Bonorand (christmas concert collection Guarda)
CHF 1'000 each	Hamasil Stiftung, U. Leuppi, M. Schindler, E. & St. Leutengger-Sonnenholzer, B. & A. Seleski, Dr. U. Rutz, Dr. St. Wolfensberger-Gerber, K. Vissers

NGO ACCOUNTS 2012 (1.1.-31.12.12) & BUDGET 2013

Income	2012	Budget 2013
Contributions of members	10'040.00	13'000
Contributions of class sponsors	14'884.89	15'000
Scholarship fund	2'240.00	1'000
Donations regular	7'365.00	7'000
Donations extraordinary	45'077.55	15'000
Donations for the yak project	1'445.00	400
Donations for the micro hydro project	11'013.80	15'000
Donations for health projects	5'500.00	3'000
Sales revenue (lectures, postcards, CDs)	1'741.60	500
Capital gain	93.47	100
TOTAL INCOME	99'401.31	70'000
Costs		
Office material	269.10	500
Office rent, infrastructure and internet	2'291.80	2'400
Administrative costs (office and book keeping)	5'100.00	7'000
Staff insurances (AHV, UVG) and legal liability insurance	673.70	700
Reimbursement publicity and fundraising	0	1'500
Mailing expenses	996.83	1'000
Telecommunication	105.53	350
Brochures, photos, CDs, printed matters	2'454.35	1'400
General assembly and events	662.25	500
Capital expenditures	615.22	600
TOTAL COSTS SWITZERLAND	13'168.78	15'950
Transfers to the Tapriza school Nepal	29'077.37	36'000
Nepal, office and school materail from CH	158.40	200
Scholarships for Tapriza graduates	4'212.50	7'000
TASHI D various projects	2'415.00	4'500
Contributions for the micro hydro project	11'013.80	15'000
Contributions for health projects (2011: 5'500 transf.)	0	7'000
Contributions for the yak project (incl. entries from 2011)	1'445.00	4'000
Bank charges for transfers to Nepal	121.00	300
Telecommunication with Nepal	56.10	300
TOTAL COSTS NEPAL	48'499.17	74'300
TOTAL COSTS SWITZERLAND/NEPAL	61'667.95	90'250
Operating results	37'733.36	-20'250

BALANCE PER 31ST DECEMBER 2012

Assets	2011	2012
Cash office	425.75	2'304.80
Postal cheque account	18'272.56	18'869.73
Bank balance	15'787.63	51'085.08
Withholding tax balance	41.31	0.00
TOTAL ASSETS	34'527.25	72'259.61
Liabilities		
NGO capital	44'438.40	34'527.25
Operating results	-9'911.15	37'732.36
TOTAL LIABILITIES	34'527.25	72'259.61

IN US \$ EXPENDITURES SCHOOL IN NEPAL

Expenditures School	2012	Budget 2013
Salaries	78'024	79'162
Food	35'976	39'788
Books	3'006	3'141
School uniforms, blankets, jackets	641	1'765
Hygiene and medicine	676	659
Energy, solar panels, batteries	1'177	735
Cultural programs, environment classes, sports	1'803	2'235
Advanced teacher education	759	1'000
Kitchen	176	129
Travels (Dunai, Kathmandu)	2'021	2'219
Transportation costs (porters, animals)	5'642	6'588
Transportation costs Kathmandu	880	1'588
Guests (NGO-meetings, official visitors, parents, trekkers)	593	694
Kathmandu room rent, maintenance,	3'730	3'633
Communication with CH/USA (phone, mail, photos, films)	678	753
NGO audit Nepal and other expenditures	869	800
Winter school in Kathmandu for senior secondary students	5'248	7'305
TOTAL EXPENDITURES SCHOOL	141'899	152'194
Expenditures Building and Infrastructure		
Schoolhouse maintenance	280	282
School wall, land bordering, ground leveling	5035	4'118
Room partitioning and furniture in new building & library	1'700	4'365
New sanitary facilities & drinking water	0	6'706
TOTAL BUILDING	7'015	15'471
TOTAL EXPENDITURES TAPRIZA SCHOOL	148'914	167'665



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INCOME SCHOOL IN NEPAL IN US \$

Income	2012	Budget 2013
Contributions parents	33'304	37'162
Teacher salaries from the Nepali government	37'724	35'987
Donations from local and foreign visitors	2'159	2'294
Contributions from educational department, district, VDC	12'167	13'176
Income from sales (local blankets, books)	427	294
Donations of parents to the winter school	247	471
TOTAL INCOME TAPRIZA SCHOOL	86'028	89'384
Contribution «Tapriza NGO» Switzerland	31'007	36'804
Contribution «Friends of Dolpa» and «AHF», USA	34'954	30'000
TOTAL INCOME FROM ABROAD	65'961	66'804
Bank balance and cash office in Nepal, beginning of the year	8'958	11'477
TOTAL INCOME AND BALANCE	160'947	167'665

