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# TAPRIZA NGO

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Tapriza's flower children © Mark Furger

TAPRIZA SCHOOL & PROJECTS IN DOLPO – NEPAL

## ACTIVITIES IN DOLPO, NEPAL 2015



Students, S. Lama with Ramakanta Bhushal, SLC exams (a) and trip to Chitwan (b) © S. Lama

### TAPRIZA SCHOOL IN NEPAL, NEWS

#### Changes in teaching staff

Ramakanta Bhushal left the Tapriza School at the end of 2015. The former director of our school, who taught there since the foundation 18 years ago, was granted a transfer to his home place, where he can now live with his family. We regret his departure, respect his request to be closer to home, and wish him all the best.

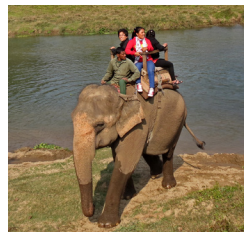
Also other transfers cause us inconvenience. The Nepalese government transfers our teachers arbitrarily, some of them after they have only just taken up their work at the Tapriza School. Additionally, it is becoming more difficult to employ private teachers, because many of them are looking for jobs with higher salaries or a government position.

#### School trip to Chitwan

On the way to Kathmandu the winter students made a trip to the Chitwan National Park in the south of Nepal. The safari was an unforgettable experience for the Dolpo. They boated on the river, saw wild animals, rode on elephants in the breeding centre and got a glimpse of the local Tharu culture. The winter school in Kathmandu remains a success. Thanks to the serious preparations all of the thirteen students passed their exams in first division, surpassed all expectations and broke all previous records. We congratulate the teachers and students wholeheartedly!

#### Tragic accidents in Dolpo

Sadly tragic news reached us from Dolpo. Two students from Class 9 were killed in accidents. Dawa Gyaltzen slipped in the snow while searching for his family's yaks and fell to his death. Sona Devi Budha, the niece of our school manager, was on her way to the school





Sona Devi Budha © R.C. Budha; before & after leveling (a); eating outside & temporary dining (b) © S. Lama

with her family in March 2016, when she was hit by a falling rock and pushed off the path. She could only be retrieved dead. We are shaken and send our condolences to the families.

**Reconstruction of the damaged building**

After the devastating earthquake the Tapriza School received donations of Fr. 100'000.- for the reconstruction of the damaged schoolhouse wing and Fr. 41'044.- for emergency aid and long-term rebuilding.

For the time being the boys who used to sleep in that building are staying in the dining room. The students eat in a temporary structure made of wood and corrugated iron sheet. The lessons are held in the multipurpose building, commonly called the Gompa. The school also bought tents and tarpaulin sheets. They can be used in case of a future earthquake and also during the impending construction work. Lack of skilled labour force in Dolpo and new building regulations regarding earthquake security impeded the rebuilding of the schoolhouse wing. Due to this slow process until now only work for which no professionals or government approvals were required, has been completed. For example the ground for the foundation of the new building was excavated. The land was carried off and levelled. At the same time the workers levelled the land beyond the vegetable garden and the school expanding the compound. Moreover the wood for the new building has been cut and stored at the school to dry.

After long drawn-out clarifications it looks like we can reconstruct the replacement building with two storeys again – however additionally with a concrete foundation and reinforced pillars. These new requirements will probably generate higher building and transportation costs. Currently the final plans are being prepared. As soon as we receive the building permission from the local government and find the suitable specialists, we will pull down and rebuild the west wing.





Making of the murals in the prayer wheel house in Pugmo © S. Lama

## TAPRIZA PROJECTS

### Cultural heritage: Prayer wheel in Pugmo and monasteries

The prayer wheel in Pugmo was built by Gekhö Rinchen Gyaltzen in 1978. The communities Ringmo, Rikhe, Renchi and Saldang in Upper Dolpo contributed to the construction with donations. In 2012 the renovation began by request of the local population with the financial help of the Peter Werth Foundation. The Tapriza NGO also contributed to the completion of the prayer wheel house in 2015. Artists from Mustang and Humla painted the inner walls with five protective deities: Lama Tsopa in the background, Yidam Namsum on the right, Matri und Datsok Rinchen Dolma on the left and Gyaltzen Tashi in the forefront.

Further, the Tapriza NGO supported the Yungdrung Droduling Gompa in Hurikot just as in the previous years. Additionally, we sponsored the Sipchok Gompa in Do-Tarap and the Samling Gompa close to Bijer with plastic sheets. Sadly, we just received the news that the former burnt down in spring 2016. We plan to support the reconstruction.

### Kagmara micro hydro project: maintenance and performance

Three men from Pugmo and one man from Ringmo went to Kathmandu to receive training in maintaining the micro hydro power project. They are now in charge of the upkeep and can fix minor malfunctions by themselves. In 2015 the government also assessed the performance again. The experts measured 20 kilowatt instead of the estimated 15. The committee and the local population are very satisfied. However, some few components need to be upgraded so that the entire capacity of the micro hydro project can be utilised.

### Health projects: health posts, education and Tibetan medicine

The Tapriza NGO supported the health post in Chunuwar with medicine and equipment. We financed a nurse who is in charge of the health posts in Phoksumdo. Additionally, we supported five students in the health sector with scholarships. Three of the students are in their final year.

Besides a successful dental camp (see Newsletter 2015) the local NGO Tashi-D organised the visit of the renowned Tibetan doctor Namsay Lama with our support. The doctor is originally from Pugmo and today teaches and practices at the Triten Norbutse Bon monastery in Kathmandu. Namsay Lama travelled from Suligad – over Renchi, Pugmo, Chunuwar, Rigmo and Rikhe – to Dunai and treated over 200 people. He mainly diagnosed high blood pres-





The amchi is informing and treating (o) © S. Lama / First marriages and children (u) © N.G. Lama

sure, lung diseases and gastro-intestinal diseases. The many treatments he performed make clear that impartial of religion the local population have deep trust in the Tibetan medicine. The demand for further visits of renowned Tibetan doctors is large, while at the same time the support of local experts in Tibetan medicine is necessary.

**Our first Tapriza graduates today**

The Tapriza School has grown in the recent years – and with it the students. The first class to graduate is going its own way, but the students still keep contact with their previous school and the Tapriza NGO. As an example, Nyima Gyaltzen Lama was employed in the Tapriza office in Kathmandu. He is married to his former classmate Sangmu Rokaya Baijee. Both just turned proud parents to a daughter. Since spring Nyima Gyaltzen is working in the school in Lubra in the Kali Gandaki valley.

Pasang Dolma works as a nurse in Dolpo – financed by the Tapriza NGO. She is married to Khamsum Lama, also a student of the same class. Khamsum repeatedly helped out at the Tapriza School and currently teaches in Mukot, a valley south east of Phoksumdo. The couple also just had a baby recently. Pasang Dolma has returned back to her work as a nurse after her maternity leave. Hopefully both former students who are now gaining the necessary professional experience, will in future also teach at the Tapriza School. We would definitely be happy about talented young teachers from our own midst!



## NGO ACCOUNTS 2015 (1.1.-31.12.15) & BUDGET 2016

Income	2015	Budget 2016
Member contributions	18'670.00	19'000
Class sponsorships	18'715.44	18'000
Scholarship funds	9'710.00	1'500
Donations regular	21'170.37	8'500
Donations extraordinary (incl. for winter school and hostel)	22'021.25	20'000
Donations murals and furniture in the «Tapriza school gompa»	12'000.00	5'000
Donations div. projects (culture conservation, yak...)	250.00	800
Donations health projects	17'873.17	8'000
Donations reconstruction Tapriza school building	100'000.00	0
Donations earthquake aid	41'043.72	0
Sales revenue (lectures, books, postcards, CDs)	1'067.30	500
Capital gain	23.67	50
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>262'544.92</b>	<b>81'350</b>
<b>Costs</b>		
Transfers to the Tapriza School Nepal	47'705.62	40'000
Scholarships to Tapriza graudates (some health sector)	7'200.00	12'000
TASHI D various projects	500.00	6'000
Transfers to the micro hydro project/ trainings	3'000.00	3'000
Transfers to the health projects	10'200.00	14'000
Transfers «Tapriza school gompa»	12'000.00	5'000
Transfers reconstruction Tapriza and earthquake aid	78'780.31	61'000
Nepal, office and school material from Switzerland	0	600
Bank charges for transfers to Nepal	29.00	100
<b>TOTAL COSTS NEPAL</b>	<b>159'414.93</b>	<b>141'700</b>
Office material	350.40	800
Office rent, infrastructure, homepage hosting	2'667.13	2'800
Administrative costs (office and book keeping)	7'872.15	8'000
Reimbursement publicity and fundraising	1'800.00	1'200
mailing expenses	1'513.99	1'600
Telecommunication and internet connection	780.20	780
Brochures, photos, printed matters (new thank you cards)	831.30	1'500
General assembly and events	517.75	800
Capital expenditures	726.07	750
<b>TOTAL COSTS SWITZERLAND</b>	<b>17'058.99</b>	<b>18'230</b>
<b>TOTAL COSTS SWITZERLAND/NEPAL</b>	<b>176'473.92</b>	<b>159'930</b>
Operating results	86'071.00	-78'580

**BALANCE PER 31. DECEMBER 2015**

<b>Assets</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
Cash office	290.00	3'315.50
Post cheque account	21'100.79	24'361.60
Bank and credit card balance	65'217.00	159'001.69
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>86'607.79</b>	<b>186'678.79</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
NGO capital	77'983.97	86'607.79
Operating results	8'623.82	86'071.00
Deferred credits to income	0	14'000.00
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>86'607.79</b>	<b>186'678.79</b>

**IN US \$ EXPENDITURES SCHOOL IN NEPAL**

<b>Expenditures school</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>Budget 2016</b>
Salaries	78'632	78'666
Food	39'549	40'063
Books	3'075	3'757
School uniforms, blankets, jackets	390	1'097
Hygiene and medicine	851	985
Energy, solar panels, batteries	58	1'277
Cultural programs, environment classes, sports	2'596	3'078
Advanced teachers education	508	2'282
Kitchen	110	291
Travels (Dunai, Kathmandu)	1'761	1'932
Tranportation costs (porters, animals)	5'106	6'092
Transportation costs Kathmandu	574	1'311
Guests (NGO-meetings, official visitors, parents, trekkers)	1'107	898
Kathmandu room rent, office, maintenance	3'584	3'631
Communication in Nepal and with CH/USA (phone, email, post)	681	859
NGO audit Nepal, other expenditures	555	927
Winter school in Kathmandu	7'472	8'755
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES SCHOOL</b>	<b>146'609</b>	<b>155'901</b>

**Expenditures building and infrastructure**

School house maintenance	182	3'214
New furniture and class room interior fittings	355	5'243
Completion of the kitchen with stove, vent and hot water	1'221	1'650
New sanitation facilities, drinking water	0	5'097
Ground levelling	2'244	4'854
«Tapriza Gompa» murals and furniture (= multipurpose building)	4'820	14'188
Reconstruction school building: provisional dining, levelling, wood	11'153	67'961
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES BUILDING</b>	<b>19'975</b>	<b>102'207</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES TAPRIZA SCHOOL</b>	<b>166'584</b>	<b>258'108</b>

## INCOME SCHOOL IN NEPAL IN US \$

Income	2015	Budget 2016
Teacher salaries from the Nepali government	39'371	38'607
Parent contrubtions, local donations and local sales	38'662	37'846
Contributions from educational department, district, VDC	6'703	17'767
Donations of parents to the winter school	668	694
Donations of the local population to the school reconstruction	0	2'330
<b>TOTAL INCOME SCHOOL</b>	<b>85'404</b>	<b>97'244</b>
Contribution «Tapriza NGO» Switzerland	47'012	30'861
Constribution «Friends of Dolpa» & «Werth Foundation»	19'999	23'003
Contribution «Tapriza NGO» Switzerland for school reconstruction	40'000	67'961
<b>TOTAL INCOME FROM ABROAD</b>	<b>107'011</b>	<b>121'825</b>
Bank balance and cash office in Nepal, beginning of the year	6'459	39'042
<b>TOTAL INCOME AND BALANCE</b>	<b>198'874</b>	<b>258'111</b>

## REPORT TAPRIZA SWITZERLAND 2015

In the year 2015 the Tapriza NGO had 192 members (among them 50 class sponsorships and 46 sponsor members) and 308 donors, of which 63 donated for specific projects (scholarships, health, yak project). A further part donated explicitly for the reconstruction after the earthquake. The 17th General Assembly was held on the 19th of June 2015 in Zürich. A total of 38 members eligible to vote and guests attended (see minutes).

### Extraordinary contributions – Thank you!

We cordially thank for all the regular contributions and collections that enable the every-day running of the school. In this year we especially would like to mention the donations for the reconstruction after the earthquake. We are overwhelmed by the generosity and wholeheartedly thank everyone, also those who cannot be named here due to the shortage of space.

67'000 CHF	Rotary Illnau-Effretikon (reconstruction school building, health scholarships)
30'000 CHF	Ueli Schlageter Stiftung (reconstruction school building)
12'000 CHF	Yvonne Koch-Stettler (wall paintings multipurpose building)
11'600 CHF	Aline Andrea Rutz Stiftung (reconstruction, Kathmandu hostel)
10'000 CHF	Johanna Esche Stiftung (reconstruction school building)
10'000 CHF	Notfallkreis Grauholz (health projects)
5'000 CHF	Serena Hartmann (earthquake)
4'016 CHF	Evangelisch-Reformierte Kirchgemeinde Balgrist (market)
4'000 CHF	Gebhard und Emma Sprenger
3'100 CHF	André Kind (birthday collection)
2'805 CHF	Soroptimist International Club Zürich (health, scholarships, earthquake)
2'500 CHF	Christoph Dürst, Caprez Ingenieure (earthquake)
2'451 CHF	Marjan Rens Stichting (earthquake)