



TAPRIZA NGO

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Lunch time with Dhalbhat at the Tapriza School © Marietta Kind

ACTIVITIES IN DOLPO, NEPAL 2016



Every-day life at school © M. Kind

TAPRIZA SCHOOL IN NEPAL, NEWS

Teachers' salaries ad new gratification

At the Tapriza School there are two different types of employees: The Nepali government employs ten of the teachers, while Tapriza NGO Switzerland cofinances five teachers, three cooks and three school mothers. In the past years, Nepal increased the teachers' salaries regularly and by large amounts. Moreover, the government pays its employees a retirement plan, a pension fund or a onetime leaving gratification in the case of dismissal, clothes, additional bonus for employment in remote regions and further extras. We try to match our salaries to the government salaries, but unfortunately, we cannot keep up with the increases. At present, we offer our teachers an old-age and survivors' insurance, but no pension fund or leaving gratification. To bridge the gap, in 2016 we introduced a new gratification in the style of the Nepalese government salary system. This is an important incentive to bring good teachers into remote Dolpo and also keep them at the Tapriza School. Despite this, it is still difficult to find teachers for the higher grades.

Successful reconstruction after the earthquake: End of stage 1

The first stage of the reconstruction was mostly implemented. The architectural style of the new two-story building uses the qualities of the highly stable traditional architecture and complements it with modern elements for earthquake safety. The costs for the building turned out higher than calculated, because skilled workers were more expensive due to high demands in the entire country. Measures for earthquake safety also influenced the price. The stones were worked very precisely, whole tree trunks were used for wall reinforcement instead of single planks, additional supports were built in and cement was used. The replacement building now consists of six spacious classrooms and five bedrooms. Windows and doors are still missing and the interior work still needs to be completed. Completion will be effected in 2017 after the elections and the Yartsa-Gumbu-season.

In addition, the oldest part of the school, the single-story entrance area, has to be torn down and newly constructed in further stages. Since the earth quake two years ago, this part of the building has been provisionally reinforced three times. The danger persists that it will collapse during the coming rain season or a next earth quake. We will seek extra financing for this work.



Reconstruction right wing: Reinforced corners with worked stones, building shell with wooden supports, exams in front of the new building © S. Lama, M. Kind

New: Telephone and internet at the school

Since November 2015 there have not been any telephone providers in Dolpo anymore. Also, the satellite telephone at the medical camp in Chunuwar was out of order for some time. After long negotiations and the settling of open bills, technicians newly installed the satellite telephone. Since then the school administration and the teachers have internet access. Moreover, now there is a telephone booth behind the multipurpose building where school pupils, village inhabitants and trekkers can make phone calls for a fee. The internet simplifies communication between the school and authorities in Dunai and Kathmandu and the Tapriza Verein Switzerland considerably. At the same time, telephone and internet also generate a lot of disturbance; contact with new media has to be learned. A second line is absolutely necessary.

Visits of the Swiss Tapriza Teams in Nepal

In autumn 2016, our president Marietta Kind Furger, management board members Urs Furger and Franziska Dörig as well as Lou Dörig and Lili Furger visited the school and the projects of the Tapriza Verein. At the general meeting on the 30th of June 2017 we will report on the current situation at the school and show a film by Lou Dörig as well as many recent photos. In addition, Claudia Schmid, Hans Marty and Serena Hartman trekked through Dolpo as representatives of our health projects in autumn (see Newsletter 2017). That way we could survey the school and the projects optimally, exchange information with all involved on site and plan the next steps.

Ama at work, thanks for the Swiss NGO, Vice-President F. Dörig & President M. Kind © M.Kind, U.Furger





The murals by Treton Sonam Drukta Lama illustrating the biographies of the masters of the Treton line © M. Kind

TAPRIZA PROJECTS

Tapriza Gompa: Mural artwork

Thanks to our vice-schoolmanager Ram Chandra, we could win talented painters from Jha (Byansi) in Dolpo for the mural artwork in the multipurpose building. The leading master – his skills are sought after in Kathmandu, China and overseas – was Namdak Lama, head lama of the Suboche Monastery in Jha. Together with two assistants he completed the drawings of Tapriza and Tonpa Shenrab Mibo, the founder of the Bön tradition. At the same time, Treton Sonam Drukta Lama from Pugmo worked on the biographical paintings of the life of Treton Tsewang Tsultrim and Treton Namkha Gyaltsen. For the first time, he created visual representations of the biographies of these important local dignitaries? As a further step depictions of local myths and, in addition, of the history of the Tapriza school are planned on another wall of the multipurpose building. We are especially pleased that the renowned artist Tenzin Norbu has agreed to contribute a mural painting narrating local history.

Cultural heritage: prayer wheel house in Ringmo, Chörten in Pugmo, Shipchok monastery
In Rigmo Tapriza NGO helped finance the construction of the prayer wheel house by the monastery at the Phoksumdo lake. The mural art work inside will be finished the coming year. In Pugmo we supported the village inhabitants in renovating the Soga Chörten (sacred shrine, Stupa) at the entrance to the village. The next project planned is the restoration of the Shibchi Obar Chörten at the main entrance. The shrine was originally built by Treton Namkha Gyaltsen – whose life is now depicted in a wall painting at the Tapriza School – about 350 years ago.

Graduated health assistants, medical camps and Amchi clinic

Three of our alumnis graduated as health assistants in 2016. They are now licensed and authorized to prescribe medicine. Back in Dolpo the three motivated assistants already held a workshop lasting several days. At the medical camp in Pugmo they spent the first day passing on their knowledge on fevers, scabies, chicken pox, measles, acne and dental hygiene. The next day they informed about pneumonia and dysentery, which are common diseases in Dolpo. On the third day, they talked to the village inhabitants about sexually transmitted diseases and birth control with a lot of humor and empathy. One of the assistants, Kalsang Lama, worked at the medical camp in Chunuwar during the winter. We are planning to employ him and Tenzin Wangmo there part time to take some of the workload from the nurse Pasang Dolma. This year again, we allocated scholarships for future health assistants. We also supported Yung-



The new health assistants: blood pressure measurement, workshop at the health post, village meeting © M. Kind

drug Magli from Ringmo with a contribution towards her medical degree. Since the death of the Amchi (doctor for Tibetan medicine) Geshe Shenrab Nyima, the Amchi clinic in Chunuwar has only been staffed irregularly. A couple from Ringmo occasionally filled in and offered treatment with Tibetan medicine. At the moment, we are looking for a more durable solution.

Graduates of the eleventh and twelfth grade

In Nepal, up until now the eleventh and twelfth grade was not taught at regular schools, but in colleges for higher education. For a few years now, we have been supporting our former pupils at this level. 2016 we awarded twenty-four scholarships to former students. Today, most stipendiaries study in Kathmandu, two former pupils in Nepalgunj and one in Jumla. In Kathmandu, most stipendiaries live in the winter hostel of the Tapriza School where they can find community and security in the surroundings unfamiliar to them. In the colleges, the former students are preparing for various degrees in science, education, management, agriculture or health care. However, the Nepali government is planning on changing the present system and running primary schools to grade twelve. If this change enters into force as announced, we will try to extend Tapriza School by these aforesaid two final years. But we will have to prepare for further financial and logistic challenges.

Vice-school manager Ram Chandra with wife and daughter, Tapriza students in Kathmandu © M. Kind



NGO ACCOUNTS 2016 (1.1.-31.12.16) & BUDGET 2016

Income	2016	Budget 2017
Member contributions	12'630.42	12'000
Class sponsorships	22'772.33	20'000
Scholarship funds	1'480.00	1'500
Donations regular	15'861.91	10'000
Donations extraordinary (incl. hostel, reconstruction)	35'184.45	45'000
Donations div. projects (cultural heritage, yaks, murals)	1'150.00	1'000
Donations health projects	11'160.00	12'000
Donation earthquake aid / reconstruction Tapriza school	1'500.00	0
Sales revenue, shop Dolpo and Nepal products, books	1'793.00	500
Capital gain	20.28	50
TOTAL INCOME	103'552.39	102'050
Costs		
Transfers to the Tapriza School Nepal	55'090.13	47'000
TASHI D various projects	12'198.74	4'000
Transfers health projects	10'872.62	16'000
Transfers reconstruction Tapriza and earthquake aid	30'391.85	70'000
Nepal, office and school material from Switzerland	834.55	600
TOTAL COSTS NEPAL	109'387.89	137'600
Office material	505.35	600
Office rent, infrastructure, homepage hosting	2'689.31	2'800
Administrative costs (office and book keeping)	7'815.45	8'000
Reimbursement publicity and fundraising	1'200.00	1'800
Mailing expenses	1'249.40	1'500
Telecommunication and internet connection	807.75	800
Brochures, photos, printed matters (new thank-you-cards)	2'962.25	1'900
General assembly and events	713.85	800
Capital expenditures	868.75	900
TOTAL COSTS SWITZERLAND	18'812.11	19'100
TOTAL COSTS SWITZERLAND/NEPAL	128'200.00	156'700
Operating results	-24'647.61	-54'650



BALANCE PER 31. DECEMBER 2016

Assets	2016
Cash office	1'266.35
Post cheque account	24'615.40
Bank and credit card balance	122'149.43
TOTAL ASSETS	148'031.18
Liabilities	
NGO capital	172'678.79
Operating results	-24'647.61
TOTAL LIABILITIES	148'031.18

IN US \$ EXPENDITURES SCHOOL IN NEPAL

Expenditures school	2016	Budget 2017
Salaries	89'036	104'394
Food	39'527	43'157
Books	2'834	3'333
School uniforms, blankets, jackets	0	1'250
Hygiene and medicine	1'097	1'309
Energy, solar panels, batteries	1'047	377
Cultural programs, environment classes, sports	1'425	3'054
Advanced teachers education	256	2'431
Travels (Dunai, Kathmandu)	1'904	2'049
Transportation costs (porters, animals)	6'454	7'647
Transportation costs Kathmandu	816	1'005
Guests (NGO-meeting, official visits, parents, trekkers)	1'227	711
Kathmandu office and room rent, maintenance	3'347	3'240
Communication in Nepal and with CH/USA (phone, email, post)	1'467	1'730
NGO audit Nepal, other expenditures	823	828
Winterschool in Kathmandu	9'643	8'730
Scholarships for Class 11 and 12	0	7'830
TOTAL EXPENDITURES SCHOOL	160'903	193'075
Expenditures building and infrastructure		
School house maintenance	147	196
New furniture and class room interior fittings	2'812	1'765
Completion of the kitchen with stove, vent and hot water	0	1'862
New sanitation facilities, drinking water	3'449	343
Ground leveling	0	2'941
Murals, furniture 'Taprizha Gompa' (= multipurpose building)	6'455	7'843
Reconstruction school building: stage 2 (first estimate)	52'490	77'779
TOTAL EXPENDITURES BUILDING	65'353	92'729
TOTAL EXPENDITURES TAPRIZA SCHOOL	226'256	285'804

INCOME SCHOOL IN NEPAL IN US \$

Income	2016	Budget 2017
Teacher salaries from the Nepali government	37'268	48'841
Parent contributions, local donations, sales, telephone	36'969	43'289
Contributions from education department, district, VDC	10'452	16'667
Donations from parents for the winter school	853	931
Donations from the local population to the school reconstruction	0	2'353
TOTAL INCOME SCHOOL	85'542	112'081
Contribution «Tapriza NGO» Switzerland	56'000	42'851
Contribution «Friends of Dolpa» and «Werth Foundation»	22'978	23'902
Contribution «Tapriza NGO» Switzerland for school reconstruction	30'684	73'529
TOTAL INCOME FROM ABROAD	109'662	140'282
Bank balance and cash office in Nepal 1. Jan 2017	2'104	33'443
Reserve murals in the «Tapriza Gompa»	7'123	0
TOTAL INCOME AND BALANCE	204'431	285'806

REPORT TAPRIZA SWITZERLAND 2016

In the year 2016, Tapriza NGO had 190 members (thereof 51 class sponsorships, 49 sponsor members) and 327 donors, of which 48 donated to special projects (scholarships, health projects, yaks). The 18th general assembly took place in Zürich on the 17th June 2016 in the presence of 34 members eligible to vote and guests (cf. minutes). In the autumn, we ran a shop with products from Dolpo in the indoor climbing center Griffig.

Extraordinary contributions – Thank you!

We are very thankful for the numerous contributions and donations, which enable the operation of the school and the additional projects (for instance the health care project) in the first place.

10'000 CHF	Em2n Architekten (Mathias Müller und Daniel Niggli)
8'400 CHF	Aline Andrea Rutz Stiftung (Kathmandu hostel)
7'000 CHF	Brigitte Friess-Erdelt (health projects)
6'103 CHF	Legat Verena Ritter
4'000 CHF	Innovation Process Technology
2'000 CHF	Elisabeth Buhofer
1'928 CHF	Evangelisch-Reformierte Kirchgemeinde Balgrist (collection)
1'633 CHF	Turn- und Sportverein Jona, Brenda Guerrero (collection volleyball tournament)
1'500 CHF je	Markus Angehrn, Serena Hartmann (health project), Karin Weiss & Serge Droz, Caprez Ingenieure AG
1'400 CHF	William Andrew Low Ardloch (scholarships)
1'082 CHF	Rotary Hilfswerk Oberstdorf e.V.
1'072 CHF	Starbucks Coffee Deutschland (donation mediated by Brenda Guerrero)
1'000 CHF je	Eva&Stephan Leutenegger Sonnenholzner, Dr. Ursula Rutz, Soroptimist International Club Zürich, Dominique Wegener