



TAPRIZA NGO

ANNUAL REPORT 2022



Focused on exams in the sun. © Tapriza

TAPRIZA SCHOOL & PROJECTS IN DOLPO – NEPAL

ACTIVITIES IN DOLPO, NEPAL 2022

TAPRIZA SCHOOL

The school team

In 2022, 15 teachers worked at the school together with three cooks and two school mothers (Amas).

ECO campaign and film award

Awareness of environmental protection should also grow in Shey Phoksumdo National park, where the school is located. In June, the employees of the Shey Phoksumdo National Park carried out a biodiversity conservation program at the school. In August, the school's own Eco-Club received a visit from the director of the National Park. He came together with representatives of the WWF Nepal. They discussed their current activities with the Eco-Club members. Among other things, the students of the ninth and tenth grades, together with three teachers, cleared the area on the shores of Lake Phoksumdo and along the paths from garbage. They recorded their activities in



Teachers collecting wood. © Tapriza

a short video entitled “Role of Youth in Wild life and Environment Conservation.” The video was awarded at the National Youth Forum in Nepal. We are proud of the ecological commitment of our students.

Storm damage

As already described in the last newsletter, there was heavy, uninterrupted rainfall in autumn 2022, which caused landslides in the region, destroyed paths and also led to the collapse of the retaining wall of a platform in the school courtyard. Luckily nobody was injured. The renovation work will take place this spring.



Reconstruction of the collapsed walls. © Tapriza

Advanced training teaching methods

In the 2022 school year, the teachers received further training organised by the management directly at the school. For this purpose, a pair of experts from the Social Awareness Centre from Kathmandu

came to Phoksumdo. In a very practice-orientated way, they presented numerous creative design options for school lessons. The teachers' room was transformed into a creative workshop. The teachers immediately implemented newly acquired ideas. This resulted in a wide range of new school material for active, researching, and discovering lessons. The teachers tried out many learning games themselves so they could put themselves in the position of the learners, make own experiences, and receive feedback for the lessons. In short: They played, learned, and laughed a lot. The participating teachers were enthusiastic and are now looking forward to testing the developed tools as well as the learning and movement games in class. A continuation is desirable to deepen what has been learned and to be able to exchange experiences made during the implementation in the classroom.

Gender awareness program

Another training took place in April. The aim was to raise awareness in the area of gender discrimination, child labour, and child marriage. A focus was laid on how to avoid behaviour that enabled such actions.



Teachers training. © Tapriza



Amchi Yungdrung teaches botany and collects medical plants with the students. © Tapriza

OTHER TAPRIZA PROJECTS

Tibetan medicine at the school and at the Amchi Clinic Chunubar

The Tibetan doctor Amchi Yungdrung Choekhortsang has just started working in the Amchi Clinic next to the school. He graduated from Sorig Bumshi school in Kathmandu and practiced with Amchis in

Boudha, Kathmandu. As he is from Upper Dolpo and has a good reputation as an Amchi, the people in Phoksumdo already know and trust him. In his first year in Dolpo he already had done over 900 treatments!

However, the appointment required a joint strategy. In February 2022, intensive talks were necessary with the executive committee of the Amchi Clinic in Dolpo, the Amchi School in Kathmandu, and the abbot of the monastery. The talks were conducted by the Tashi-D board of the school in Kathmandu, where they were supported by the Tapriza NGO president Marietta Kind. She had travelled to Kathmandu privately for the first time since the



Tashi-D NGO and Parent Council Meeting. © Tapriza



Amchi Training Centre Kathmandu. © M. Kind

Covid-19 pandemic outbreak. The Tapriza NGO supported the work of the Amchi by financing the Tibetan medicine purchased in Kathmandu and by providing him with accommodation in the former house of the health post. Immediately after being appointed, Amchi Yungdrung cleaned up the orphaned Amchi Clinic and equipped it with many medical plants that he had picked himself. The students of the Tapriza School helped with the collection. In return, they received instructions in herbal medicine. They learnt which plants can be used to stop bleeding or which ones help against



Girls room, Kathmandu hostel. © M. Kind



With Khenpo Tenpa Yungdrung Rinpoche, the Abbot of the Triten Norbutse Monastery. © S. Lama

diarrhoea. In addition, the students received the first basics in producing medicine from the medical plants collected.

Winter school and students in Kathmandu

The hostel in Kathmandu was well occupied this year with the tenth year students. In Kathmandu, they receive additional tuition each winter because the school year in Dolpo is shortened due to the cold winter. In Kathmandu, the youth can supplement the missing subject matter. The final exams take place in spring. During the rest of the year, the Tapriza el-



Winter students on the hostel roof. © M. Kind



Climbing trip with former students. © M. Kind

event and twelfth year students live in the hostel. Marietta Kind brought climbing equipment donated from the climbing gym Griffig in Uster so that they can do some sport in the urban environment of Kathmandu. In one of the newly built climbing halls in the capital, she taught the group of interested former students how to use the equipment safely.



A film team interviews one of our first school graduates about his experiences. © M. Kind

First Tapriza alumni meeting

In addition to the negotiations, Marietta Kind also came to take part in the first meeting of the former Tapriza school students as well as in the celebrations for the Tibetan New Year.

In February 2022, after a long Covid-19 enforced break, the need for social exchange increased. Since many alumni from Dolpo came to Kathmandu on the occasion of the New Year celebrations, committed youth organised a large Tapriza alumni meeting. Along with the current school team, Marietta Kind had the honour of being part of their reunion. On foot or by scooter, the alumni arrived in the rented premises in the countryside with a view of the Kathmandu valley. After greetings and speeches, some former students talked about their careers, their difficulties and successes. They gave tips to the students that had newly arrived in Kathmandu and thanked the management, the teachers, and the sponsors for the continuous support. A film team which is accompanying the school for a longer period of time, conducted interviews with employees and alumni. There are now nurses, care workers, teachers, farmers, traders, hotel and tourism specialists, trekking guides, solar power specialists, bridge builders, social workers, and environmental scientists among them. We are curious to see what will become of those who are still in their schooling and wish them all the best for the future.



Ex-students talk about their experiences and give tips to the newcomers. © T. Lama

With warm regards and big thanks to all the supporters who made their education possible – the Taprizia alumni



Our former Taprizia students at the first alumni meeting in February 2022 in Kathmandu. © Taprizia



Nyamme Sherab Gyaltzen's birthday, celebrated by guests from Phoksumdo in Kathmandu. © Tapriza

Losar, consecration of new geshes and the birthday of a master

For the first time since the pandemic, the Tibetan community in Nepal was able to celebrate New Year in February 2022. The festivities were followed by a birthday celebration of the great master of the Bon

tradition, Nyamme Sherab Gyaltzen. Many people travelled from Dolpo to Kathmandu especially for this occasion. Third, the new Bon geshes were consecrated. Geshe is the designation of an academic title in Tibetan Buddhism and Bon religion.



Semduk Lama, M. Kind and Geshe Lodroe Choklek.



Blessings from the new geshes. © M. Kind

TAPRIZA SWITZERLAND

NGO REPORT

General assembly 2022

The general meeting took place in May with 34 people in the Quartiertreff Hirslanden. The 31 voters approved all the agenda items unanimously. Afterwards, the NGO president Marietta Kind reported on her short but very eventful trip to Nepal. In 2022, the NGO had a total of 184 members (including 40 sponsorships) and 169 donors.

Fundraising training continued

In 2022, the Tapriza team continued an advanced training in the field of fundraising that was sponsored by a foundation.



Board:

Dr. Marietta Kind Furger (president),
 Franziska Dörig (vice president),
 Alexandra Rozkosny, Claudia Schmid,
 Christiane Vögeli, Pascal Stern, René
 Brunner, Urs Furger.

Executive board: Dr. Jenny Bentley

Book keeping: Cornelia Klemme

NGO ACCOUNTS 2022 (1.1.-31.12.22) AND BUDGET 2023, CHF

INCOME / DONATIONS	Account 2022	Budget 2023
Memberships and class sponsorships	36'690	32'000
Donations private	15'810	12'000
Donations foundations and organisations	37'330	10'000
Donations health projects	3'600	5'000
Donations fundraising, public relations and events	2'846	1'000
Donations Tapriza Deutschland	4'029	3'000
Total Income / donations	100'305	63'000

COSTS

Project costs Nepal	95'689	87'000
Project costs school Nepal, scholarships	75'014	48'000
Project costs school building and infrastructure	0	17'000
Costs health projects	15'457	14'000
Cost various projects	1'189	5'000
Project costs Tapriza Deutschland	4'029	3'000
General costs Switzerland	18'465	20'000
Personnel costs	8'165	8'000
Administration and infrastructure	3'379	4'000
Print, postage, fundraising	6'202	7'000
Capital expenditures	719	1'000
Total Costs	114'154	107'000
OPERATING COSTS	-13'849	-44'000

BALANCE PER 31. DECEMBER 2022

ASSETS	2022
Cash office	3'344
Post cheque account	70'500
Bank account	80'430
Total Assets	154'274

LIABILITIES	
NGO capital	168'123
Operating results	-13'849
Total Liabilities	154'274



Tapriza board and helpers (f.l.) back: Urs Furger, Cornelia Klemme, Christiane Vögeli, Marietta Kind, René Brunner, Claudia Schmid, Sabina Lichtensteiger, Pascal Stern; front: Lili Furger, Franziska Dörig, Alexandra Rozkosny, Nadja Crola and Alain Lichtensteiger. © Tapriza Verein

Tapriza School Nepal operational costs 2022: CHF 162'586

In 2022, the Tapriza NGO covers 39% of the total costs of the school in Nepal, local sources came up for 55%, while other partner organisations contributed 6% of the required funds. The total costs comprise 52% personnel costs, 37% school and boarding cost as well as 11% infrastructure maintenance and building.

Extraordinary contributions (in CHF)

10'000	Donations foundations anonymous
10'000	Siblings S., M., H., & G. König
8'920	Aline Andrea Rutz Stiftung (Winter school and hostel)
7'430	Donations in memory of André Kind
4'030	Tapriza Deutschland (for the school)
3'600	FEM Female Empowerment (ten class sponsorships)
1'500	K. Weiss & S. Droz, M. Angehrn
1'100	Donations birthday H.P. Fiechter
1'000	U. & M. Furger-Kind (scholarships)
1'000	U. Heikkilä, C. Klemme, E. & St. Leutenegger Sonnenholzner, D. Meier, C. & B. Plichta, U. Rutz, D. Wegener and anonymous donors

THE TAPRIZA NGO IN BRIEF

The Tapriza NGO has been supporting the Tapriza School in the remote district of Dolpo in north-western Nepal since 1998. In addition, it is engaged in local projects for health, preservation of cultural heritage, and the improvement of infrastructure. Since the beginning, our partner organisation TASHI-D, based in Dolpo, is run by locals and parents and has been responsible for the implementation of all our projects. The school is recognised and supported by the government.

Help to promote education and culture. Create future opportunities in one of the world's most remote areas. We have been making sure that your donation reaches where it is most needed since 25 years.

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Rare aerial photograph of the school. © Tapriza 2023



The little ones often prefer to write on the floor. © Tapriza