



TAPRIZA NGO

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New murals in the school goma about the history of the Tapriza School © Semduk Lama

ACTIVITIES IN DOLPO, NEPAL 2017



Simplest conditions 20 years ago with the young teacher Semduk Lama © M. Kind

20 YEARS TAPRIZA SCHOOL IN NEPAL

From the foundation up to the present

In 1996, I, Marietta Kind, lived in Dolpo for my ethnographic fieldwork and met two very motivated young Nepalese: Semduk Lama, an inquisitive yak-farmer, and Geshe Yungdrung Wangyal, a dedicated monk, who supported me in my research on Bon religion with a lot of humour and substantial knowledge. In our many conversations around the fire we discussed their great wish for the region repeatedly. They dreamed of establishing an own school that in contrast to the existing government school operated properly and incorporated the local Tibetan language, culture, and religion in addition to the Nepali curriculum. Thus, the idea for the Tapriza School was born. Soon we could win over the American Catherine Inman for our project, who was working for the Peace Corps in Dolpo at the time.

Thanks to the relentless effort of our entire team and against all demurrals, we started in 1998 with kindergarten and Class 1. In a building in Sumduwa that belonged to the Shey Phoksumdo Nationalpark, Semduk Lama, Geshe Wangyal, and Mahendra Giri taught 38 children from the region. Since then – hard to believe – twenty years have passed. Every year a new class was added and enriched the school life. In 2002, the school moved into its own building where it is still located today. At that time there were five classes and a kindergarten. In 2003, the Tapriza School received the license for «Lower Secondary School» (class 6–8) and, in 2006, finally for the «Upper Secondary School» (class 9–10). In 2009, the first students graduated with the «School Leaving Certificate». Since then 99 Tapriza students have passed the exam with often outstanding grades.

We supported those students who were eager to continue to class 11 and 12 in Kathmandu and contributed to their further studies. Subsequently, they have become health assistants, engineering draftsmen, teachers, agronomists or well-educated farmers. In 2018, we celebrate

New murals in the Tapriza gomba about the history of the school and local tradition © S. Lama, Y. Koch





The beginning in the first «school building», with which the Nationalpark provided us © M. Kind

the 20 year jubilee of the Tapriza School in Nepal and in Switzerland. In time for the occasion the wall paintings in the multi-purpose building of the school have been completed. They illustrate the origins and the history of the school as well as local history.

From a borrowed hut to an own school grounds: reconstruction 2017

With the number of students the school facilities were also extended. Through the years we added two school and residential buildings, a multi-purpose building, a kindergarten, a dining hall, kitchens and various sanitary facilities to the first single storey building on our own land.

The severe earthquakes in 2015 significantly damaged the side wing of the school building. Elaborate reconstruction work was necessary: After tearing down and rebuilding the collapse-prone tract with the boys' and teachers' bedrooms in 2016, we completed the interior works in 2017. Thanks to a new generator, our carpenters were able to complete the woodwork surprisingly fast and we could provide the children with adequate bedrooms again as early as summer.

Then the second stage of reconstruction began: The damaged entrance tract had to be replaced. We decided to move the new building a few meters back. This will provide us with a bigger playground. Additionally, we can continue to use parts of the old building during reconstruction. Two wings are planned with 16 large rooms and a cellar storage room. Overall, the new building offers more space than the old one. This is important because the number of students is steadily increasing and government intends to extend the secondary level by class 11 and 12 soon. As planned, in 2017 we completed the shell construction of the ground floor of the first wing. It includes six larger and bright rooms.

Picture of the future school building, current construction of the same, pilgrim cave above the school © S. Lama





Pasang Dolma and Gyamtso 1998 and today as a nurse and specialist in solar cell wiring

TAPRIZA PROJECTS

Health projects

Once again we supplied the health posts with medicine and paid the salaries for the health workers Pasang Dolma, Kalsang Nyima, and Tenzin Wangmo. All three professionals are former Tapriza students. Pasang is responsible for the health post Chunubar and the village Ringmo, Kalsang and Tenzin for the villages Pugmo and Renji. Finally, the teachers could be relieved and treatment of pupils transferred to the specialists.

In 2017, we supported Yungdrung Budha's medical studies as well as Phurba Yangzom Budha's and Raju Ukheda's health assistant courses.

In September, the Tibetan doctor Amchi Namsay Lama as well as Geshe Denyi Sedrup and his students from the Tibetan medical clinic in Kathmandu visited the region. They practiced in different villages and treated our students, amas, and teachers in the neighbouring Tibetan medicine clinic. Traditional Tibetan medicine still enjoys a great reputation in Dolpo.

Further education and scholarships

In addition to the scholarships in health care, we awarded a scholarship to Suchan Budha in this year. She studies environmental sciences and plans to complete her master thesis on «The Potential of Ecotourism in Dolpo». Furthermore, we contributed to trainings for our former students as trekking guides, cooks, carpenters, and engineering draftspersons.

Foundation «Tapriza Deutschland e.V.»

Since 2017, Tapriza Deutschland e.V. supports the Tapriza School. Elisabeth (Noll) and Daniel Brinckmann newly founded this NGO. According to the statutes, the purpose of the association is «to promote education, public education and vocational trainings as well as the public

Health professionals Kesang and Kalsang (l, r) and Amchi Namsay Lama (m) at work © S. Lama





The 33rd and 34th spiritual leaders of the Bon religion, in 1997 he blessed the Tapriza School.

health services and public health care in Nepal, in particular in the Dolpo region. The purpose of the statutes is in particular realized by the provision of funds by e.g. acquisition of donations, the raising of public funds or foundation funds. These are then allocated to the Verein Tapriza, Zürich/Switzerland, for the realisation of the above-mentioned tax-privileged purposes. Alternatively, the association can fulfil its purpose directly by providing financial support for the development, expansion and operation of the Tapriza School in Dolpo/Nepal and the Tibetan medicine clinic near the school.»

People residing in Germany can now donate to the Tapriza school via Tapriza Deutschland e.V.. The donations are tax-exempted if the complete address is provided for the transfer. The German donation account is:

Recipient: Tapriza Deutschland e.V.

IBAN: DE78 5209 0000 0000 1132 04, BIC: GEN0DE51KS1

New spiritual Bon leader

Of great importance to the people of Phoksumdo and the worldwide followers of Bon religious was the death and election of their spiritual master. On September 14, 2017, the spiritual leader of the Bon religion, His Holiness the 33rd Menri Trizin Rinpoche Lungtok Tenpai Nyima died at the age of 90. After his death in the Menri monastery in India, it is reported, his body remained in the meditation position (Thugdam) for five days. After extensive death rituals with prayers from all over the world – our students also prayed for him – his body was burned.

In December, the traditional election process for the new spiritual leader of Bon religion began. In Solan, the Indian headquarters of the Yungdrung Bon religion, the principle teacher Menri Lopon Trinle Nyima Rinpoche (from Dolpo) and Khenpo Tenpa Yungdrung, the abbot of the Triten Norbutse monastery in Kathmandu, wrote down all the candidates' names on papers, which were then each kneaded into Tsampa dough and placed in the temple in large glass vases. With prayers they called on the guardian deities and asked for a wise choice. By shaking the vases, the two Tsampa balls were chosen for the final round.

On January 1, 2018, the last vase was shaken in front of the sacred image of the founder of the religion, Tonpa Shenrab Miwoche. The Tsampa ball that came out contained the name of the 34th spiritual leader, Geshe Dawa Dhargye from Sharkhog in Amdo (East Tibet), who will now be enthroned.

NGO ACCOUNTS 2017 (1.1.-31.12.17) & BUDGET 2018

Income	2017	Budget 2018
Member contributions	12'633.27	12'000
Class sponsorships	20'037.21	20'000
Scholarship funds	2'450.00	1'500
Donations regular	9'790.47	10'000
Donations extraordinary (incl. hostel, reconstruction)	43'310.00	20'000
Donations health projects	5260.00	10'000
Donations ‹Tapriza Deutschland e.V.›	3'452.29	2'000
Donations reconstruction and earthquake aid	41'550.00	40'000
Proceeds presentations, Dolpo- and Nepalproducts, books	2'657.60	1'000
Capital gain	8.24	20
TOTAL INCOME	141'149.08	116'520
Costs		
Transfers to the Tapriza School Nepal	43'990.33	49'500
TASHI D various projects	4'408.07	5'000
Transfers health projects	15'948.79	14'000
Transfers reconstruction Tapriza and earthquake aid	75'466.14	81'000
Transfers donations ‹Tapriza Deutschland e.V.›	3'452.29	2'000
Nepal school material from CH, anniversary visit S.Lama	1'311.20	1'500
TOTAL COSTS NEPAL	144'576.82	153'000
Office material	540.50	600
Office rent, infrastructure, homepage hosting	2'927.56	2'900
Administrativer costs (office and book keeping)	7'646.25	8'000
Reimbursement publicity and fundraising	1'800.00	1'500
Mailing expenses	1'163.90	1'000
Telecommunication and internet connection	716.70	800
Brochures, photos, printed matters, shop purchase	2'173.70	2'000
General assembly and events	688.10	2'000
Capital expenditures	650.60	650
TOTAL COSTS SWITZERLAND	18'307.31	19'450
TOTAL COSTS SWITZERLAND/NEPAL	162'884.13	172'450
Operating results	-21'735.05	-55'930



BALANCE PER DEZEMBER 31, 2017

Assets	2017
Cash office	1'411.15
Post cheque account	44'940.20
Bank and credit card balance	79'944.78
TOTAL ASSETS	126'296.13
Liabilities	
NGO capital	148'031.18
Operating results	-21'735.05
TOTAL LIABILITIES	126'296.13

IN US \$ EXPENDITURES SCHOOL IN NEPAL

Expenditures school	2017	Budget 2018
Salaries and reserve assets gratificationen	96'882	92'331
Food and kitchen	42'444	41'587
Books	3'850	4'275
School uniforms, blankets, jackets	0	1'103
Hygiene and medicine	888	1'020
Energy, solar panels, batteries	230	373
Cultural programs, environment classes, sports	2'449	3'632
Advanced teachers education	44	2'157
Travels (Dunai, Kathmandu)	1'888	2'078
Transportation costs (porters, animals)	8'807	7'598
Transportation costs Kathmandu	84	686
Guests (NGO-meeting, official visits, parents, trekkers)	1'117	995
Kathmandu office and room rent, maintenance	3'196	3'201
Communication in Nepal and with CH/USA (phone, email, post)	1'833	1'917
NGO audit Nepal, other expenditures	1'214	1'235
Winterschool in Kathmandu	7'860	8'686
Scholarships for Class 11 and 12	7'698	9'118
TOTAL EXPENDITURES SCHOOL	180'484	181'992
Expenditures building and infrastructure		
School house maintenance	40	196
New furniture and class room interior fittings	819	882
Completion of the kitchen (stove, vent), sanitary facilities	213	392
Expansion of the school grounds	0	13'235
murals, furniture «Taprizza Gompa» (= multi-purpose building)	8'091	0
Reconstruction school building: boys dormitory	4'510	1'657
Reconstruction school building: Entrance building	76'999	64'706
TOTAL BUILDING	90'672	81'068
TOTAL EXPENDITURES TAPRIZA SCHOOL	271'156	263'060

INCOME SCHOOL IN NEPAL IN US \$

Income	2017	Budget 2018
Teacher salaries from the Nepali government	50'185	51'473
Parent contributions, local donations, local sales, telephone	36'258	39'211
Contributions from education department, district, VDC	9'651	12'745
Donations from parents for the winter school	1'436	1'819
Donations from the local population to the school reconstruction	1'171	302
TOTAL INCOME SCHOOL	98'701	105'550
Contribution «Tapriza NGO» Switzerland	43'548	49'373
Contribution «Friends of Dolpa» and «Werth Foundation»	23'577	18'000
Contribution «Tapriza NGO» Switzerland for school reconstruction	75'950	81'068
Contribution «Tapriza Deutschland e.V.»	3'452	2'000
TOTAL INCOME FROM ABROAD	146'527	150'441
Bank balance and cash office in Nepal Jan 1, 2017 and 2018	32'879	7'070
TOTAL INCOME AND BALANCE	278'107	263'061

REPORT TAPRIZA SWITZERLAND 2017

The Tapriza NGO counts a total of 190 members in 2017 (including 46 class sponsorships, 56 benefactors) and 331 donors, of which 39 donated for specific projects (scholarships, health). The 19th General Assembly took place in Zürich on June 30, 2017, in the presence of 45 members entitled to vote and guests (see Minutes). We showed the documentary by Lou Dörig about the Tapriza School with interviews with current and former students and their parents (see homepage, Tapriza.org / Gallery / Films).

Extraordinary donations – Thank you

We sincerely thank you for the many contributions and collections that make our school operation and the important additional projects (such as the health project) possible in the first place.

40'000 CHF	2 Stiftungen anonym (reconstruction and expansion of the school)
20'000 CHF	1 Stiftung anonym (school)
9'000 CHF	Aline Andrea Rutz Stiftung (Kathmandu hostel)
5'000 CHF	Evangelisch-Reformierte Kirchgemeinde Balgrist (school)
4'482 CHF	Noll Brinckman birthday collection
4'000 CHF	Innovation Process Technology
2'520 CHF	Dora und Hanspeter Winkler-Gerber (reconstruction, donation, class sponsorship)
2'000 CHF	Elisabeth Buhofer
1'500 CHF je	M. Angehrn, S. Hartmann (school, scholarship Yungdrung B.), K. Weiss & S. Droz
1'400 CHF	William Andrew Low Ardloch (scholarships)
1'340 CHF	Dr. Hans & Christine Marty (collection health projects)
1'000 CHF je	Y. Koch (scholarship Suchan Budha), E. & S. Leutenegger Sonnenholzner, Dr. U. Rutz, A. & B. Seleski, C. Schmid (collection), D. Wegener