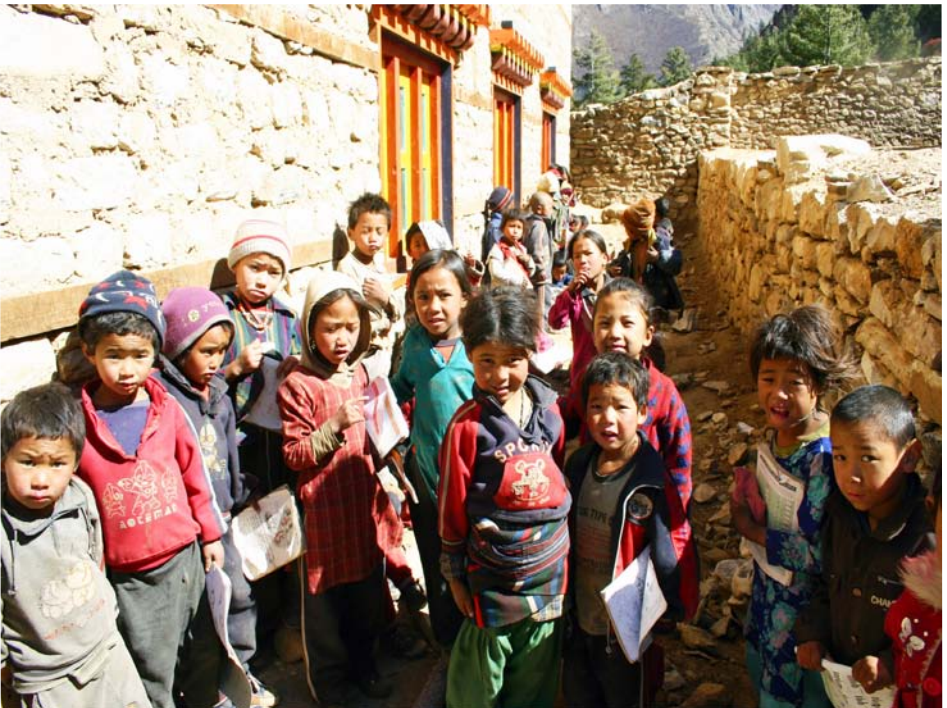




TAPRIZA NGO

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Kindergarden kids and the future of Dolpo

TAPRIZA SCHOOL & PROJECTS IN DOLPO – NEPAL

ACTIVITIES IN DOLPO, NEPAL 2011



The school lessons continue as usual... the students savour reading... but enjoy the exams less.

NEWS FROM THE TAPRIZA SCHOOL, NEPAL

Meanwhile there are 192 children at the Tapriza School (effective 1st May 2012). From this year students from other schools in Dolpo will be given admission from Class 5 onwards. It does not make sense for these schools that are more remote and have less teachers and infrastructure, to upgrade to secondary level. On the other hand, at the Tapriza School the higher classes often only comprise of 5-10 children. Therefore the school committee decided to admit children from other regions of Dolpo at the Tapriza School as long as there is enough space. The government also supports this decision and plans to finance an additional hostel for the students from the other regions. We are delighted to thereby increasingly prevent that the children of Dolpo have to leave the district at a young age to receive a good quality education.

Two new teachers have joined the Tapriza School this year. One of them teaches English and the other science. We hope, they will stay active and satisfied, because it is difficult to find motivated teachers who enjoy working in such a remote region. Especially finding teachers for the science-orientated subjects on secondary level is challenging. Therefore we are thankful for this new addition to our staff. Furthermore, in 2012 our former students will be supporting the Tapriza School as teachers in their summer vacations.

Dinning hall and kitchen building

In the year 2011 the new two-storey kitchen building was completed. After the foundation was already laid in the year before, the structural work was finished in 2011. In the lower storey there is a kitchen for students and teachers respectively as well as a spacious dining hall in which all the children can now eat together. The floor and the lower portion of the walls were concealed with cement to make the cleaning easier. In the top storey there are rooms for food storage and a dining room, offices and bedrooms for the teachers as well as a new solar battery station. Solar panels are installed on the corrugated iron roof. In the year 2012 interiors need to be done, partition walls, fire places (ovens) in the kitchens, cupboards, tables, benches and other furniture are still missing. Further both kitchens still need a chimney. Just in time for the near completion of the new kitchen construction two new cooks were employed at the school.



The new kitchen building.

The children play in the shell of the building.

Toilets, new water pipes, well

The toilets and the previous well needed to give way to the expansion of the west wing. Therefore, a new well and new toilets were necessary. Five toilets and a urinal divided by sex have already been built; another urinal is planned. The new toilets offer more privacy and together with the new well and the solar showers they improve the hygiene situation at the school essentially. Nevertheless – the younger children who newly come to the school, first need to be trained in how to use a toilet properly! To also improve the hygiene situation in the homes of the children, we are planning an additional project in 2012 to support the building of toilets in the surrounding villages.

Solar energy

For quite some time the local association Tashi-D and our school manager Semduk Lama have been in contact with the alternative energy program of the government to provide the school and other village projects with solar energy. This year it finally happened. The new solar panels reached the school after a long wait. The electricity is now not only sufficient for light but also to use computer, printer and scanner. Especially for the teachers this makes work a lot easier and enables the copying of teaching material and exam papers without the complicated hand printing procedure.

Winter school in Kathmandu for Class 10

The travels of our winter school students were eventful and full of bad surprises. As the Class 10 students came back from Kathmandu to Dolpo in March, the airline went on strike and the students had to walk 10 days in big haste to reach the national final exams in Dunai. They scarcely managed to reach in time, but still achieved best results in the exams and have now all got admission to their further studies (Class 11 to 12). The next group of Class 10 students that travelled to Kathmandu in November 2011 for the winter school, again could not get any flight tickets. After their walk to the nearest makeshift road, they had a jeep accident. All of them were brought to hospital. As by a miracle, they got away with minor wounds and a large fright. With a small delay they then started with the winter school.



Kalibon Gomba during the inauguration ceremony.

The abbot Geshe Tsuldrim Chogden.

TAPRIZA PROJECTS

Monasteries and monastery schools

An own monastery in Kalibon was a longstanding need of the people and the lifetime dream of our deceased founding partner Geshe Wangyal. After supporting the project for many years, the Monrisursum Kundrakling Kloster in Kalibon was officially inaugurated with a large ceremony in 2011. Lopon Tenzin Namdak installed Geshe Tsuldrim Chogden from Pugmo as abbot and handed over the leadership to him. We are delighted that after long-standing support Kalibon has become a vibrant monastery and will give a small contribution to the interior finishing.

In the village monastery (Namgyal Lhakang) in Pugmo the attic was extended. In 2012 glass window and room partitioning will be added. The reconstruction of Garjing Gomba that was burned down by hunters was more complicated than expected and was therefore postponed to the year 2012. As in past years we also supported the monastery and school in Hurikot

Scholarships

In 2011 our first scholarship holders completed Class 12 successfully. They have now started with bachelor studies in economics as well as environmental and social sciences. Pasang Dolma will finish her qualification as a nurse in 2012. With our financial means we have to concentrate on supporting the basic education up to Class 10 and if possible up to Class 12. Therefore, we would like to facilitate sponsors to directly support the graduates in their further studies. We would be delighted to hear from anyone interested.

Yak project

The new yak project in Dolpo is taking shape. Several groups have been formed and collection systems founded. At present negotiations are being held about the official form of the project (association and statutes) and the regulations. Nonetheless, everyone agreed upon the first step to be taken. A breeding bull was bought who has already visited some alpine pastures to rejuvenate the bloodline. Further activities are planned.

New projects in 2012

The new projects planned for 2012 are: construction of toilets in the villages, contribution to a new micro hydro project in Pugmo, vocational trainings in coordination with F-Skills of Helvetas, and support in the establishment of health-care in Phoksumdo.

ACTIVITIES IN SWITZERLAND 2011



As transport animals and suppliers of wool, people in Dolpo rely on yaks for their livelihood.

TAPRIZA NGO SWITZERLAND

In the year 2011 the Tapriza NGO had 173 members (of which 46 were sponsors of a class and 42 benefactor members) and 148 donors of which 3 contributed to the scholarship fund. The 13th general assembly was held on the 24th of June 2011 in Zürich and was attended by 20 members eligible to vote and guests (cf. minutes).

EXTRAORDINARY CONTRIBUTIONS – THANK YOU!

On different occasions four people collected for us. We would like to thank everyone for the dedication. Furthermore, the yak farmers Sonja Mathis and Rosula Blanc contributed with their extraordinary yak caravan from the Valais to the Mediterranean Sea! We thank everyone who supported them kilometre after kilometre, pass after pass and in this way also supported our project in Dolpo! Sonja Mathis will talk about their journey and show photographs at our general assembly this year (29th of June 2012, open for public, cf. invitation letter).

CHF	10'000	R. und R. Schlageter-Hoffmann Stiftung
CHF	9'800	Aline Andrea Rutz Stiftung (Winter school/hostel)
CHF	6'300	Yak Projekt (S. Mathis & R. Blanc, www.yaks.ch , www.yakshuloche.ch)
CHF	2'200	Jean Winkler
CHF	2'050	Ursula Rutz (donation and marriage collection)
CHF	2'000	Hansjörg Quaderer
CHF	1'700	Johanna Müller-Sidler (collection)
CHF	1'500	Soroptimist Club Zurich (scholarships)
CHF	1'000	Hamasil Stiftung, R. Koch, U. Leuppi, M. Schindler, B. & A. Seleski, St. Wolfensberger-Gerber, E. & St. Leutengger-Sonnenholzer



The children listen to the singing competition at the school with enthusiasm.



Tapriza general assembly 2011, our president Marietta Kind with Tapriza Thanka in the background.

NGO ACCOUNTS 2011 (1.1.-31.12.11) & BUDGET 2012

Income	2010	2011	Budget 2012
Contributions of members	8'725.00	9'290.00	9'000
Contributions of class sponsors	17'453.00	17'646.30	17'000
Scholarship fund	7'970.00	2'484.57	300
Donations regular	7'566.00	11'319.88	4'000
Donations extraordinary	18'648.05	38'315.00	38'000
Donations for projects (Yakproject)	0	6'300.00	1'000
Sales revenue (lectures, postcards, CDs)	22.00	410.00	200
Capital gain	160.38	142.65	100
TOTAL INCOME	60'544.43	85'908.40	69'600
Costs			
Office material, equipment & computer	611.50	853.25	800
Office rent, infrastructure & homepage	2'765.15	3'389.00	3'000
Administrative costs	5'757.35	5'750.65	6'000
Mailing expenses	934.66	1'122.41	1'200
Telecommunication	261.60	132.29	200
Brochures, photos, CDs, printed matters	2'133.30	1'091.05	1'200
General assembly, events	228.45	739.00	600
Capital expenditures	969.98	442.10	500
TOTAL COSTS SWITZERLAND	13'661.99	13'519.75	13'500
Transfers to the Tapriza School Nepal	69'855.34	71'412.03	*30'000
Nepal, office and school materail from CH	962.30	164.30	900
TASHI D various projects	7'030.02	5'878.63	5'000
Scholarships to former Tapriza students	12'043.28	4'338.43	4'500
Bank charges for transfers to Nepal	175.57	261.00	300
Telecommunication with Nepal	128.05	245.41	300
TOTAL COSTS NEPAL	90'194.56	82'299.80	41'000
TOTAL COSTS SWITZERLAND/NEPAL	103'856.55	95'819.55	54'500
Operating results	-43'312.12	-9'911.15	15'100

*1\$ - Exchange Rate 0.935 CHF

BALANCE PER 31ST OF DECEMBER 2011

Assets	2010	2011
Cash office	28.65	425.75
Postal cheque account	14'491.45	18'272.56
Bank balance	31'598.99	15'787.63
Withholding tax balance	41.31	41.31
TOTAL ASSETS	46'160.40	34'527.25
Liabilities		
Accrued Expense	1'722.00	0.00
NGO capital	87'750.52	44'438.40
Operating results	-43'312.12	-9'911.15
TOTAL LIABILITIES	46'160.40	34'527.25

IN US \$ EXPENDITURES SCHOOL IN NEPAL

Expenditures School	2011	Budget 2012
Salaries	72'086	83'658
Food	39'574	37'592
Books	3'270	3'105
School uniforms, blankets, jackets	850	816
Hygiene and medicine	766	776
Energy, solar panels, batteries	367	1'013
Cultural programs, environment classes, sports	1'978	1'895
Advanced teacher education	114	1'118
Kitchen	0	112
Travels (Dunai, Kathmandu)	1'357	1'540
Transportation costs (porters, animals)	6'862	6'842
Transportation costs Kathmandu	205	520
Guests (NGO-meetings, official visitors, parents, trekkers)	635	763
Kathmandu room rent, food, maintenance,	4'096	3'533
Communication with CH/USA (phone, mail, photos, films)	806	934
NGO audit Nepal and other expenditures	1'549	592
Reserve für emergencies and exchange rate changes	453	454
Winter school in Kathmandu for senior secondary students	6'835	7'097
TOTAL SCHULBETRIEB	141'803	152'360
Expenditures Building and Infrastructure		
Schoolhouse: Maintenance and drinking water	972	527
New sanitary facilities	5'051	289
New kitchen building with dining rooms and teacher rooms	34'318	5'079
Furniture and interior construction library, kitchen, dining rooms	1'530	947
TOTAL BUILDING	41'871	6'842
TOTAL EXPENSES TAPRIZA SCHOOL	183'674	159'202

INCOME SCHOOL IN NEPAL IN US \$

Income	2011	Budget 2012
Contributions parents (including school dress)	34'729	34'473
Teacher salaries from the Nepali government	32'166	40'249
Donations/ collections from local organisations and visitors	2'691	1'381
Contributions education department, bufferzone committee	7'435	4'868
Contributions VDC and official for building and school material	5'080	2'237
Contributions for school graduation costs	100	257
Contributions of the parents for the winter school	0	237
TOTAL INCOME TAPRIZA SCHOOL	82'201	83'702
Contribution 'Tapriza NGO' Switzerland	77'000	31'000
Contribution 'Friends of Dolpa' und 'AHF', USA	31'454	35'000
TOTAL INCOME FROM ABROAD	108'454	66'000
Bank balance and cash office in Nepal, beginning of the year	2'990	9'557
TOTAL INCOME AND BALANCE	193'645	159'259

DOLPO NGO MEETING AND FIRST DECISIONS

In February 2011 we organised a meeting of representatives from international associations that are involved in education and health projects in Dolpo. The aim of this meeting was to exchange ideas and problems, discuss corporation possibilities and utilize synergies. In regard to education we dealt with the question, how to prevent children leaving for Kathmandu at a young age for education. This was especially important for schools whose students are taught in Kathmandu from Class 6 onwards. As a long-term goal it was decided to provide schooling up to Class 10 in Dolpo, both for financial reasons and concerns of early disconnection from their homeland. Dolpo Tulku, a young reincarnate lama from Dolpo, offered to support a Dolpo hostel in Kathmandu so that those who are getting their education in Kathmandu can live together. After consulting with the school and parent committee it was decided that the participation of the Tapriza School in a common hostel is not possible at present, because our students are taught in Dolpo until Class 10 and we have a more cost-effective solution for the further studies. However, we can now provide admission to children of the others schools from Class 6 onwards. With regard to the improvement of the health situation in Dolpo the primary goal is to connect the various NGOs optimally and preferably include the newly trained nurses from Dolpo in the process.

We thank all for their participation!

Marietta Kind, Jenny Bentley & Tapriza Team

