



# TAPRIZA NGO ANNUAL REPORT 2019



School performance in summer. © Tapriza

## ACTIVITIES IN DOLPO, NEPAL 2019



Competitions and presentations at the Tapriza School. © S. Lama

### TAPRIZA SCHOOL, NEWS

#### School operations, competitions and press

Besides the regular lessons, many activities took place at the school. The students performed poems in the presence of a well-known Nepalese poet and numerous journalists. The latter then portrayed the school and the ECO club as a positive example in various Nepalese media. The reports made the school known nationally. In addition to the visits, the school organised various competitions; the pupils performed folk songs, told stories in English and Tibetan, or brought spelling closer to the audience in the form of comedy.

#### Teachers: Advanced training and clothes

At the beginning of the school year we enabled our teachers to participate in an advance training organised and coordinated by the NGO Reed. Specifically designed for schools in the remote region of Dolpo it aimed to produce child-friendly teaching- and organising materials with the scarce material resources and thus to use more cooperative teaching forms rather than frontal teaching. The nine participating teachers returned to the school highly motivated. With their enthusiasm for creative teaching, they also infected others in the team.

And another highlight: This year, all teachers received their own school clothing with the Tapriza logo. They have been wearing it proudly every since.

#### School house construction and scarce wood

Completion of the entrance wing advanced, the workers arrived on time and an application for a timber permit to Shey Phoksumdo National park was also submitted timely. Despite the correct submitted application the National park additionally requested further documentation. They ignored the request and refused permission to use wood until the end of October. The school

New self-made teaching material and highly motivated teachers © S. Lama





Our team in Dolpo: Thank you for your daily work. © S. Lama

had never before faced such obstacles to timber permits. Thanks to the reuse of wood from the old building and the loan of wood by villagers, the outer structure of the building could at least be completed and made suitable for the winter despite these difficulties. After the workers left, the timber permit was granted. The interior will be done in the next year.

**A second hostel in Kathmandu**

In 2019 we opened a second hostel in Kathmandu. There are now more pupils in the tenth grade who come to Kathmandu for winter school. That is why there was no room in the Tapriza hostel this winter for the students who are currently attending the eleventh and twelfth grades at universities and who live in the hostel all year round. It is important for both parents and us to offer them a safe environment in Kathmandu where they can find support during their time in the capital. In addition, we need to increase the amount of rooms available for students in Kathmandu because we have to prepare for the future integration of the eleventh and twelfth grades into the regular school. As soon as these are implemented, we will have to offer the students of those grades the opportunity to come to Kathmandu. This is the only way they are well prepared for their exams, because in Dolpo there can be no classes in winter due to the unheatable school.

From 2020 we will employ one person in Kathmandu for administrative work. Since there is now a great deal of organisational work in the capital and our school management is already working at full capacity, it enables them to delegate some of the work.

Progress on the entrance building, our dream team S. Lama & R. Budha, the large winter school class. © Tapriza





Pasang Dolma with the medicine, members of the local committee © S. Lama

## TAPRIZA PROJECTS

### Health projects

In 2019, the nurse Pasang Dolma continued to work at the Chunuwar health post. Fortunately, the government now covers most of her salary. The health assistant Kalsang Nyima has now started a bachelor degree in “Public Health”, in which we support him with a contribution. After graduating, he plans to work in Dolpo.

Kesang Lhamo took his place. She lives at the school and is particularly responsible for the well-being of the pupils. Once a month, the two alternatively visit the villages Ringmo, Pugmo or Renchi to provide medical care to the local population.

Troublesome is that the government still does not deliver the right amount of medication to the health posts. Those that reach the post are often expired or have a short shelf life. So we bought medicines in Kathmandu and transported them to Dolpo. But that did not solve the problem. Because the government health workers visited the health post and distributed our medicines without speaking with our employees. Therefore we had to organise another delivery.

### Scholarships for higher education

In 2019, thanks to generous donations, we were able to give stipends to two medical students: Nyima Lhazom Baijee is training to become a health assistant and Yungdrung Budha is in the final stages of her medical studies. Further scholarships went to three students who are training to be teachers, to a student of environmental sciences, and to two students who are doing their bachelor degree in social sciences. All are young women. We are pleased that now they have access to higher education and are successful in doing so.

### Improvement of the power supply in Pugmo

The metal posts for the power supply from the Kagmara Micro Hydro Project to Pugmo are set up. They replace the wooden posts which unfortunately could not withstand the weather. Now only the provisional cabling has been converted into a permanent and stable one. In addition, the committee would like to lay a pipe in 2020 so that the flowing water can get into the power plant even in the cold season when the surface water freezes over.

## TAPRIZA SWITZERLAND 2019



Namaste. @ S. Lama

### NGO REPORT

In 2019, the Tapriza NGO had a total of 153 members (including 36 class sponsorships, 60 sponsors) and 348 donors. Of the latter, 44 made donations for specific projects (grants, health). The 21st General Assembly took place on June 18, 2019 in Zürich in presence of 24 members and guests (see minutes). After the General Assembly, the board members Claudia Schmid (BergFrau.org) and Pascal Stern reported with pictures of trips to Dolpo and Mugu for the anniversary year.

### THANK YOU

Thanks very much for your support! Thanks to this, we were able to operate the school in high quality and offer numerous children more opportunities in life through education. Our students are also ecologically minded and on the right track with the Eco Club. The first former students are now starting to study environmental science or forestry. This year the school was portrayed as a positive example across Nepal in various media. We thank you for continuing to support us in enabling the Tapriza School to operate, especially in these difficult times when the effects of the corona crisis cannot yet be assessed.

### Extraordinary donations (in CHF)

50'000	Ernst Göhner Stiftung (school, health, power line, various projects)
13'835	Aline Andrea Rutz Stiftung (Kathmandu hostel, Class 11 and 12)
10'000	Fondation Nicole Niquille (health projects)
7'450	Röckl Sporthandschuhe (material donation, gloves for children)
3'270	Ecole d'Humanité Hasliberg (donation from the soup days)
2'000	E. & S. Leutenegger Sonnenholzner, M. Bütler
1'600	S. Hartmann (scholarships and health)
1'500	M. Angehrn, K. Weiss & S. Droz, C. & B. Plichta
1'100	Dr. iur. N.U. Vögeli
1'000	Dr. U. Rutz, D. Wegener, several anonymous donors

## NGO ACCOUNTS 2019 (1.1.-31.12.19) & BUDGET 2020

<b>Income</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>Budget 2020</b>
Member contributions	12'742.79	10'000
Class sponsorship	19'369.55	20'000
Donations regular (incl. scholarships and projects)	17'355.00	11'000
Donations extraordinary (incl. hostel)	74'865.00	18'000
Donations health projects	14'645.54	5'000
Proceeds presentations, Dolpo- and Nepal products, books	57.10	0
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>139'034.98</b>	<b>64'000</b>
<b>Costs</b>		
Transfers to the Tapriza School Nepal	50'227.82	55'000
Transfers TASHI D various projects	8'159.56	13'000
Transfers health projects	8'203.53	12'000
Transfers reconstruction and expansion Tapriza	79'200.23	23'000
<b>TOTAL COSTS NEPAL</b>	<b>145'791.14</b>	<b>103'000</b>
Office material, new computer and programs	212.75	2'500
Office rent, infrastructure, homepage hosting	2'658.88	2'800
Administrative costs (office and book keeping)	7'799.85	8'000
Publicity and fundraising	1'800.00	1'800
Mailing expenses	1'256.00	1'300
Telecommunication and internet connection	645.10	700
Brochures, photos, printed matters, shop purchase	1'188.05	1'200
General assembly and events	759.95	300
Capital expenditures	728.85	800
<b>TOTAL COSTS SWITZERLAND</b>	<b>17'049.43</b>	<b>19'400</b>
<b>TOTAL COSTS SWITZERLAND/NEPAL</b>	<b>162'840.57</b>	<b>122'400</b>
<b>Operating results</b>	<b>-23'805.59</b>	<b>-58'400</b>



**BALANCE PER 31. DECEMBER 2019**

<b>Assets</b>	<b>2019</b>
Cash office	2'057.60
Post cheque account	50'523.75
Bank and credit card balance	114'736.63
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>167'317.98</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
NGO capital	191'123.57
Operating results	-23'805.59
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>167'317.98</b>

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

<b>Expenditures school</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>Budget 2020</b>
Salaries and staff reserve	95'297	99'901
Food and kitchen	34'179	37'467
Books and school material	6'463	2'836
School uniforms, blankets, jackets	489	889
Hygiene and medicine	1'110	924
Energy, solar panels, batteries	0	311
Cultural programs, environment classes, sports	6'603	4'383
Advanced teachers education	2'205	2'889
Travels (Dunai, Kathmandu)	1'296	1'671
Transportation costs (porters, animals)	4'743	4'778
Transportation costs Kathmandu	1'502	711
Guests (NGO-meeting, official visits, parents, trekkers)	1'503	1'111
Kathmandu office and room rent, maintenance	3'638	4'489
Communication in Nepal and with CH/USA (phone, email, post)	997	1'102
NGO audit Nepal, other expenditures, emergency reserve	1'960	1'951
Winter school in Kathmandu	9'976	14'485
Scholarships for Class 11 and 12	8'000	9'600
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES SCHOOL</b>	<b>179'961</b>	<b>189'498</b>
<b>Expenditures building and infrastructure</b>		
New furnitures, class room interior fittings, maintenance	1'762	1'751
New toilets, incl. repair of the existing toilets	712	1'444
New drinking water facilities, incl. pipes	197	3'849
Playground and leveling of the site	1'965	4'120
Reconstruction school building: boys dormitory	14'820	0
Reconstruction school building: Entrance building	47'897	11'129
<b>TOTAL BUILDING</b>	<b>67'353</b>	<b>22'293</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES TAPRIZA SCHOOL</b>	<b>247'314</b>	<b>211'791</b>

## INCOME SCHOOL IN NEPAL IN US \$

<b>Income</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>Budget 2020</b>
Teacher salaries from the Nepali government	54'155	53'331
Parent contributions, local donations, local sales, telephone	31'046	34'125
Contributions from education department, district, municipality	8'132	4'310
Municipality contribution to winter school,	3'849	12'200
<b>TOTAL INCOME SCHOOL</b>	<b>97'182</b>	<b>103'966</b>
Contribution «Tapriza NGO» Switzerland	50'338	53'496
Contribution «Friends of Dolpa» and «Himalayan Currents Inc»	20'775	20'889
Contribution «Tapriza Verein» Switzerland for school reconstruction	78'101	22'293
<b>TOTAL INCOME FROM ABROAD</b>	<b>149'214</b>	<b>96'678</b>
Bank balance and cash office Nepal, January, 1st	12'065	11'146
<b>TOTAL INCOME and BALANCE</b>	<b>258'461</b>	<b>211'790</b>

## THANK YOU FROM THE TAPRIZA SCHOOL!

