

## Activity report 2014

The following is a brief review of the activities of the NGO ProNepal in the past year 2014. For detailed information on single activities with corresponding pictures, please refer to our website: [www.pronepal.org](http://www.pronepal.org)

The first of a total of six board meetings took place at the beginning of February in Lana. The focus was on planning upcoming projects; this year's activities centred on the planning, organisation and implementation of the 10th anniversary of the association.

At the association's next event in Vöran, the film 'Out of the Darkness' by Stefano Levi was shown. This was followed by a series of activities to raise funds in favour of the association:

- several flea markets in Meran/Merano
- Flower pot market in Bressanone/Brixen in April 2014
- Participation in the Hesamandl festival in Graun near Kurtatsch on 21 June 2014
- Film screening ('Out of the Darkness') in Mühlbach
- Film screening ('Tsering Life in the Alps and the Himalayas') in Vöran
- Morning pint in Vahrn
- Two-day Advent market in Merano/Meran
- Christmas market in Sand in Taufers

The annual general meeting took place in Lana on 10 April 2014. On this occasion the planning of the 10th anniversary celebration was tackled. An organising committee was formed, which met regularly from then on and took care of everything suitable for this venue, fixing the programme, contacting musicians and dancers, contacting musicians and artists, caring about public relations, shopping and much more. The Annual General Meeting was held in Lana on 10 April 2014. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved once again for their tireless commitment in favour of our association.

On 29 May, the European Academy in Bozen/Bolzano hosted a new event as part of the World Congress on High Altitude Medicine, at which our association participated and once more showed the film 'Out of the Darkness' by Stefano Levi.

In January, an application was submitted to the Office of Cabinet Affairs of the Autonomous Province of South Tyrol for funding for the project 'Drinking water for the school centre and the village of Jamune, including public sanitary facilities'.

In the spring we received the notification that the advisory board had awarded our organisation 27,849 euros. This corresponds to 60.06% of the estimated total costs of 45,949 euros for the project.

Vice President Helene Egger Matscher dedicated her holiday in Nepal in May to project visits. She visited the nunnery in Thamo (Solu Khumbu), the school centre in Jamune and the orphanages. In January, Mrs Gertraud Heiss also visited the 'Street Kitchen' project the 'street kitchens' project on behalf of the organisation.

In August 2014, Ernst Preyer was in Nepal with his family and was primarily committed with the implementation of the project in Jamune. Together they visited children and presented them with small gifts. Mr and Mrs Preyer also visited another orphanage in Kathmandu, the Sahay Kathmandu, the Sahayogi, which will also be supported by our organisation from now on.

In October, association member Nadia Giuliani visited Nepal and worked as a volunteer at the Aishworya Children's Home in Kathmandu. At a meeting on 27 October, she reported on her work with the children of the home. She was subsequently co-opted onto the Board and will in future be primarily responsible for the association's public relations work.

Also in the summer, the Days of Sustainability were held at Maretsch Castle in Bozen/Bolzano, to which our association was invited and represented by some of our members and board members.

The highlight of the association's activities in 2014 was undoubtedly the celebration 10th anniversary of the association on 13 September 2014 in Tschermers near Meran. Thanks to the excellent preparation by the organising committee, the help of dozens of volunteers and the support of the municipality of the all-day festival with its rich supporting programme was a successful event that we and the many visitors will remember proudly for a long time to come. The net proceeds of over 6,000 euros are also impressive.

Part of the net proceeds will be earmarked to the projects of the well-known Nepalese mountain guide Buddhi Maya Sherpa, who was also present at the festival and aroused much interest with her multivision show about Nepal.

The festive atmosphere prompted several visitors to sign up for a sponsorship or membership of our association. Thus, the number of sponsorships arranged by the association has risen to over 40. Entertainment was provided at the club's anniversary party in mid-November, we once again organised the traditional Törggelen families of Nepalese adoptive children, this time in Völs am Schlern.

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