

Activity report 2017



Another busy, intensive year lies behind us and thanks to your loyalty and support, we have once again succeeded in realising numerous projects for the benefit of the Nepalese people. The following review provides information about the activities of the Pro Nepal association in the past year. For detailed information on individual campaigns with corresponding pictures, please refer to our newly designed and updated website: www.pronepal.org

During a visit to Nepal at the end of February/beginning of March, board member Ernst Preyer visited numerous projects together with the Schnitzer family. At the same time, he also prepared and supervised the project visits by Governor Arno Kompatscher and his delegation.

Now to the projects:

- The drinking water pipeline in Tipchok was largely completed.
- In March, three classrooms at the school in Tipchok were handed over to the school community.
- The drinking water pipeline in Jamune was completed in February and invoiced.
- The school in Buwase (Sindupalchok district) was completed apart from the fencing around the school grounds, which is still missing.
- The participation in the construction of the gumpa in Saimarang, namely the construction of a prayer hall, which also serves as a multi-purpose hall for the village population, was promised and a first part has already been implemented.
- In addition, funding was again provided for the canteen costs for 20 needy pupils at the school in Saimarang.
- For Sanga, where the association realised its first drinking water project years ago, a deep well is now being financed with the support of the provincial government. As the population of Sanga has increased in recent years and the water supply has decreased because of the earthquake in 2015, our association was contacted in spring with a view to financing a deep well and a day equalisation basin. In the summer, a cost estimate was submitted to, which totalled 122,000 euros. The Cabinet Office has promised funding spread over two financial years. In the months that followed, Ernst Preyer requested and processed the necessary documents and submitted the project application for the 1st construction lot to the office on time.

In September, several Board members visited Nepal and the various projects on site. They also paid a visit to the four homes with the 60 children now sponsored by the association. They returned from the beautiful country with satisfaction at what had been achieved, numerous suggestions for new projects and unforgettable impressions.

In November, another Board member travelled to Nepal and, together with Nepalese partner Buddhi Maya Sherpa, visited the primary school in Buwase, which was destroyed by the earthquake and then rebuilt.

A visit was also made to the village of Jamune to check whether the drinking water system completed in the spring was functioning properly.

In addition, four clowns from the Trento association "Cuore per un sorriso", organised by ProNepal, entertained the children of two orphanages with their performances.

In the summer, our association submitted a project to the "Coltiviamo i vostri progetti" campaign organised by Supermercati Poli, but it was not included in the shortlist.

The following campaigns were organised to raise funds:

- The Association of Mountain and Ski Guides presented our association with a donation of €7,000 at its general meeting at which was collected as part of the "Come along and do something good" campaign at.
- In summer, Mrs Elisabeth Illmer sold hats knitted by her at the Flaggerschartenhütte and donated the proceeds of € 700 to the association.
- Mr Siegfried Schnitzer donated the €500 raised from a film presentation at Pustertal to the association.
- Last year, Pro Nepal held nine flea markets in Merano and a Christmas market.

Furthermore, members of the Board of Directors presented our association at the Autonomy Day at Landhaus 1 in September and took part in the Development Cooperation Days at the EURAC in Bolzano/Bozen in October. In addition, several interviews were given in various media.

Four Board meetings were held, as well as the Annual General Meeting with new elections in April. The association's traditional autumn excursion took place again in November, this time in the Eisack Valley, combined with a visit to Trostburg Castle.

In late autumn, the website was also completely redesigned and adapted for use with various end devices such as tablets and smartphones. In addition, a desk calendar was once again designed and sold at on various occasions.

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