

## Activity report 2018



We can look back on another work-intensive year and thanks to your support, we were able to add many more "stones" to the large Nepal mosaic. 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 website: [www.pronepal.org](http://www.pronepal.org)

Now to the projects:

- In Saimarang, school meals were again financed for 20 needy schoolchildren.
- Mrs Ida Tratter's goat project: 12 goats for 6 women.
- The drinking water pipeline in Tipchok, co-financed by Mr Schnitzer and the South Tyrolean Mountain guides, was completed, giving 1,650 people access to clean drinking water.
- Thanks to the participation of the local population, all 175 households now have their own connection.
- The furnishings for the assembly hall in Tipchok were financed, namely 80 chairs, 24 tables, 8 leather chairs and 1 blackboard.
- In July, the exterior work on the school in Buwase, a project by Buddhi Maya Sherpa, was also completed.
- In August, a second flat was rented for the home for the deaf in Kathmandu, significantly improving the space available.
- The construction of the meeting and prayer room in the Buddhist monastery Sangey Chhyoling Gumpa in Saimarang was completed in autumn.
- In June, the organisation received approval from the Autonomous Province to finance the first construction lot for the construction of a deep well in Sanga. After a lengthy planning phase, construction began in December.
- Cooperation with three children's homes in Kathmandu, where the 60 sponsored children supported by the association and the sponsors are housed.

The following campaigns were organised to collect donations: 16 flea markets and a Christmas market were held in Meran. In summer, Mrs Elisabeth Illmer sold hats knitted by her at the Flaggerschartenhütte and donated the proceeds of €500 to the association. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all donors and the hard-working helpers at the flea markets.

In autumn, several members of the association, including two from the Executive Board, went on a trip to Nepal. A special highlight was the inauguration of the drinking water pipeline in Tipchok on 27 November. With glorious sunshine and many people from and local dignitaries in attendance, it was an impressive celebration.

In addition to numerous meetings with project partners and visits to homes with the presentation of gifts, there was also a meeting with Mrs Bhattarai, an experienced manager of the ACP. This is an association, which primarily provides women with an income through the production and marketing of handicraft items. Our partner organisation SEO is currently looking into a collaboration with ACP to promote its own women's group. Around 100 pairs of glasses, mainly sunglasses, were donated to the organisation. These were distributed during the stay in Nepal with the support of our partners.

In June, a Board member took part in the ceremonial hoisting of the Nepalese flag at the Peace Bell monument in Rovereto, which was also attended by the Nepalese ambassador in Rome.

In addition, the 2nd sponsor meeting was held in June, to which all sponsors of the 60 sponsored children were invited.

In autumn, several information meetings were held on the innovations in the third sector. As these also affect our association, the Chairman took part in the events. Furthermore, some board members are active in the awareness-raising working group of the umbrella organisation for social affairs, and our Vice President also took part in an exchange of ideas with the Monsalvat for Asia association.

Four Board meetings were held as well as the Annual General Meeting in April.

The association's traditional autumn excursion took place again in October. The destination chosen was the Val di Non Valley, with a visit to the exemplarily restored Renaissance castle Castel Valer in Tassullo. In addition, a desk calendar with marvellous Nepalese motifs was once again designed and sold at various events.

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