

Activity Report 2019



The following report provides information on the activities of the Pro Nepal association in the past year. For detailed information on individual activities with pictures, please refer to our website: www.pronepal.org

Firstly to our projects in Nepal:

- In Saimarang, school meals were again financed for 20 needy schoolchildren.
- The drinking water pipeline in Tipchock, which supplies all 175 households in the village with their own connection, was completed at in 2018, but the outstanding balance was transferred, and the accounts were settled with the Province.
- In early summer, all children/young people at the home for the deaf in Kathmandu underwent a hearing test. The result was positive for most of them, and they were given a hearing aid and appropriate training. Their quality of life has improved significantly since then.
- After the construction work for the school in Buwase in Solu Khumbu (a project by Buddhi Maya Sherpa) was completed, the association also financed part of the facilities and purchased school materials and uniforms for around 50 schoolchildren.
- The largest project to date is the construction of the deep well in Sanga. Work on the first construction lot was largely completed in last year. The association received a commitment from the Office for External Relations and Volunteering (formerly the Cabinet Office) to provide financial support for the second construction lot.
- Last autumn saw the start of the new knitting project, which will provide 20 women and their families with an income.
- Cooperation with the homes in Kathmandu was also a focus of the association's work last year. Following irregularities at the home management of Aishworya, this home has reorganised itself and cancelled its support from our association. Cooperation with the Sahayogi Samai home and the home for the deaf is working very well.

To raise funds, 13 flea markets and a Christmas market were held in Merano. Several members organised fundraisers in favour of the association on various occasions. Some companies and private individuals made a large donation to the association.

The highlight of the association's year was certainly the celebration of its 15th anniversary on 21 September in Tscherms. There were several planning meetings of the organisation committee, for example with the technicians on site. Other association members and friends met several times to prepare momos for the festival, invitations and flyers were designed and distributed, the media were informed and much more contributed to the success of the festival.

The Raiffeisenkasse and the Volksbank donated to the association, while the Sparkasse Foundation provided the association with a grant of €1,500. This covered the expenses for the two guests of honour, Mr Prachanda and Mrs Jaya. Ernst Preyer also visited an old people's home with them to obtain information for a possible future project.

Four Board meetings were held during the year, as well as the Annual General Meeting in April. Three Board members attended a two-day workshop on "Exit Racism - racism-critical thinking" at Bozen/Bolzano. There were also several meetings of the core group of the Global Learning Network, in which some Board members took part.

A desk calendar with beautiful Nepalese motifs was also designed and sold at various events.

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The Chairman: Riccardo Ruffini