

## Activity report 2015



2015 will certainly be a milestone in the history of the association. The two severe earthquakes in April and May, which were felt far beyond Nepal's borders, caused devastating damage and around 9,000 deaths in the country. This brought about new challenges for our organisation.

The buildings financed or co-financed by the association withstood the earthquakes, but one orphanage, in which several of our sponsored children live, was damaged by the earthquake. The association took on the great task of alleviating the endless suffering suffered by the Nepali people in the areas affected by the earthquake by various interventions.

The following is a review of the activities of the ProNepal association in 2015. For detailed information on single activities linked to pictures we refer to our website: [www.pronepal.org](http://www.pronepal.org)

The annual general meeting took place in Lana on 17 April 2015. On this occasion the activity plan for the current year was presented and discussed. Due to the earthquake, this new priority prevailed, and the association had to reorient itself. This took place in a series of board meetings. The first emergency meeting was held in Bolzano/Bozen on 30 April, followed by others on 13 May and 23 June.

This was followed by a series of fundraising activities in favour of the earthquake victims:

- various charity concerts, e.g., by the Lana and Meran/o music schools, the secondary school for agriculture in Ora/Auer and the Tramin/Termenno music band together with the Egetmann Association
- Collections of donations at birthday and other celebrations
- Collections of donations at various schools
- Fundraising at the travelling lecture by Alice Sikkens in Sarnonico
- Further fundraising campaigns in Sarnonico
- Soup Sunday at the Flaggerscharten mountain hut
- Film evening by Mr Schnitzer in Lana
- Public premiere of the film 'Everest' in Karthaus/Schnals
- 7 flea markets and a two-day Advent market in Merano/Meran
- Collection of donations by the Salewa company, Bolzano/Bozen

as well as numerous other events in which donations were collected for our association. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those involved once again for their tireless commitment in favour of our association.

A total of € 130,000 in donations was received over the course of the year, including € 12,000 for sponsorships. It should be emphasised here that several sponsorships were arranged during the year.

And how did the organisation spend the donations collected?

- 10,000 euro went as emergency aid to the partner association SEO, to the orphanages of Phugmoche and to Buddhi Maya Sherpa.
- 20,000 euro was donated for the construction of shelters for 156 families affected by the earthquake in the Kavre district.
- Construction of three school classes in Tipchok
- Construction of the Tipchok drinking water pipeline
- Construction of a natural history laboratory in Saimarang (instead of the originally planned drinking water pipeline)

- Further support for children's homes

An application for funding for the emergency accommodation was submitted to the Cabinet Office on 16 July, as well as for the project 'Tipchok drinking water pipeline' project. During the year, there were numerous meetings with other organisations/individuals providing development aid in Nepal, with particular emphasis on the coordination table organised on 09 June in Bolzano/Bozen by Ms Spergser from the Office for Cabinet Affairs.

As the Board has decided to inform the many donors about the use of the funds, Christine and Ernst have taken on this task by sending out reports and posting the latest developments on the developments on the association's website and on social media. Ernst Preyer, who is responsible for projects on the Executive Board, spent his holidays in Nepal in August and presented a detailed report to the Board at its meeting on 11 September on his numerous project visits. He visited the children's homes Aishworya and Sahayogi children's homes and the SEO association, he visited the Kavre district with several shelters built by the association with the help of SEO corrugated iron the village of Tipchok and finally visited the village of Jamune. He was also involved in the project 'collaboration between the professional fire brigade in Bolzano/Bozen and the fire brigade in Kathmandu' and visited the numerous sponsored children, to whom he presented gifts from their godparents.

As there were disagreements in the cooperation with the coordination centre in Jamune, at the Executive Board meeting on 11 November were decided to discontinue the project 'Drinking water for the school centre and village of Jamune village including public sanitary facilities', which had already been partially funded by the Office for a postponement.

2500 handmade Christmas cards were ordered for the TecnoAlpin company in Phugmoche were commissioned in Phugmoche and brought to Bolzano/Bozen.

In mid-October, the traditional autumn meeting was held again with the families of with the families of adopted Nepalese children at the Regole di Malosco on the Nonsberg.

A film team from RAI South Tyrol was also present, filming our association for the television programme 'Vereine vereinen' and conducted various interviews. They also took part in other activities organised by the association, wreath-making and handicrafts for the Advent market, the film team was also present and gained an impression of the diverse activities of our members and volunteers. In autumn, our member Margit Köfler created a desk calendar with photos from Nepal on the theme of 'Encounters', as well as beautiful cards, which were sent out together with 500 donation receipts in December.

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