

Activity report 2021

The year 2021 was again dominated by the pandemic and our ProNepal association had to face new tasks. Apart from the usual delays for Nepal, there were again interruptions in the implementation of the projects due to the high number of seriously ill Covid patients.

In spring, the hospitals were completely overloaded within a very short time and there was a lack of free beds, staff, medication and, above all, oxygen everywhere. The Nepalese government once again imposed a strict lockdown. Together with our partner organisation SEO, relief measures were quickly planned and implemented.

Due to the financial losses in the tourism sector and much less remittances from migrant workers, the pandemic also had a negative impact on the economic situation of the country. For this reason, additional aid campaigns were required to provide some relief for the many people in need.

The following review provides information on the activities of the organisation ProNepal in 2021. For detailed information on individual campaigns with corresponding pictures, please refer to our website: www.pronepal.org

The following aid measures were implemented with the help of our partners:

- Distribution of food parcels and hot meals for several hundred families.
- Delivery of two intensive care beds for the hospital in Banepa, oxygen concentrators, medicines, and various care materials.
- Delivery of tents, mats, blankets and mosquito nets to 100 flood victims in Melamchi.
- Support for the residents of the Pran Nath old people's home Briddhashram with blankets and mosquito nets.
- Equipping the Real Dream home for the blind with mosquito nets mosquito nets and food.
- Equipping the staff of the isolation centre in Dhungharka with protective equipment and cooking utensils.

In cooperation with the Chay Ya organisation from Vorarlberg/Austria sanitary facilities as well as food and medicine for people in need were delivered in remote parts of the country.

We also donated funds to Buddhi Maya Sherpa in addition to these coronavirus aid measures. Numerous sponsored children were supported by the association or their sponsors, children and young people who are accommodated in two homes. The deep well project in Sanga was completed and is awaiting its official inauguration.

The 2nd edition of the knitting began in the autumn.

The following campaigns were organised to collect donations: a total of 11 flea markets and an Advent market were held in Merano/Meran and Bolzano/Bozen; the sale of the table calendar designed by Margit Köfler. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all donors and hard-working helpers.

Five Board meetings were held, as well as the Annual General Meeting with new elections in May. Over the course of the year, several Board members took part in meetings, campaigns and courses organised by the South Tyrolean Network for Sustainability.

The Neue Südtiroler Tageszeitung newspaper published two articles about the ProNepal association's aid projects.

The association's traditional autumn excursion took place again in October.

This time it took the participants to St. Hippolyt. Afterwards a video produced by Margit Köfler was shown at the Hofstätterhof in in memory of Helene Egger.

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