

**Mahadevi Aktuell 2/2020**

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Dear members and supporters,

here is a concise special edition of Mahadevi News to inform you about the effects of the Corona pandemic on Nepal and on our schools.

Nepal has been under the lockdown for three weeks, with the government acting quickly and extending measures until April 27. According to John Hopkins University (as of April 19) there are 31 infected persons, no dead (<https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html>). Day labourers without savings are getting into vital economic troubles, and this concerns 15 families of the Mahadevi Centre in Patan. **Our board has decided to help with 150 \$ for each of them** so that they can buy noodles, oil and other food.

We already got Mr Anupendra's thank-you note:

*„Thank you for your decision to help the 15 needy women of MWEC. This is very kind and generous of you. Mr. Reinhold has informed me already. The money is already on the way. The government has extended the lockdown duration again, for the third time, till April 27.*

*This is very difficult but very necessary too. Some infected people are seen in Kathmandu too just now and they are under the treatment in Patan hospital. This means, Kathmandu people might face more terrible situation in the future. If so, the future seems very difficult. Perhaps nothing will happen. 50-50.*

*Let's be positive.*

*We will use your help in a very effective way to help the women.*

*Perhaps we can help more women in the future. I will update you with all the developments here regularly.*

*Once again - thank you for your generous support. **Happy New Year from Nepal... 2077.***

The situation in the schools of the two mountain villages is more friendly, according to Mr Robin Chamlin. Most of the families are farmers and have some savings.

Immigration is not possible any more, and tourists cannot leave. Future is uncertain. Nobody knows when the schools can be opened again.

We hope the virus does not spread so far, and we think of our partners and the women of our schools in Nepal. May they stay unaffected and healthy.

Dear members, we expect you to support our financial help.

All the best to you, stay healthy.

On behalf of our board

Detlef Gründel

P.S.: Reinhold, Florian & Detlef have initiated a collection of money to support Robin and his team. Donators will be informed separately. Those who wish to contribute to the fundraising should contact Detlef directly.