

Mahadevi Aktuell 3/2020

June 30th

Dear members, friends and supporters,

I have already reported on the situation in Nepal in March and April, as well as on our planned financial aid for families connected with the Mahadevi School. As a result we received many donations with the explicit reference "**Family Help**". In the [attachment](#) you can see the proof of how the money was used. A further installment to help families in need due to Corona will be decided by the board in mid-July.

The board would like to thank not only the sponsors, but also Beena, Sita and Anupendra, who despite the difficult circumstances took over the distribution of the relief supplies with great personal commitment.

The number of infected people has increased rapidly, and it is suspected that the virus was introduced across the Indian border. The lockdown still exists but is slowly loosened (e.g. car traffic, longer opening hours of stores). The current status as of 07.10.20 according to Johns Hopkins University: more than 94,000 infections, 578 deaths (<https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html>).

In Mr Anupendra' recent report he says:

*"Actually because of this virus, **life is really terrible here** and the women or the husbands have no work. So they are in real pain. Some women are forced to leave the rented house because they haven't been able to pay the rent. So if possible, we can help some women with the rent too, in the next round. Also their kids: they haven't bought the new books for their kids and after this crisis, they are unable to buy the books for their kids either. The schools have not started, but if they have books, at least they can study at home. If you desire, we can help some families in this area."*

Unfortunate news from Germany:

The Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development has announced that it will withdraw from official development cooperation. The decision is based on the so-called reform concept "**BMZ 2030**". In total, **cooperation with 25 countries is to be terminated**, including nine of the Least Developed Countries, **to which Nepal also belongs**. Even though the withdrawal "only" affects direct state cooperation, the decision has far-reaching consequences that also affect us as NGO. The criteria according to which the countries were selected have not yet been disclosed, but can only be gathered from media reports. According to these reports, the countries of exit were apparently sorted out according to three categories:

1. countries that have developed so well that support is no longer necessary
2. countries that have made no progress in the areas of fighting corruption, good governance and respect for human rights
3. countries where other donors are already active in large numbers and with large sums of money.

Nepal does not fit into any of these categories!

At the same time, the exit shifts the entire responsibility of development cooperation to NGOs and political foundations.

(See our [news release 07/20](#).)

There is also good news: **The women's school has moved to the new building in Nakhipot.** Probably the schools in Nepal will open again in two weeks.

Mr. Anupendra writes about this at the end of June:

"Finally today we invited the women into the new house of MWEC, new location in Nakhipot, and distributed the final round relief materials and cash for vegetables. The women have thanked you a lot for this great help. Now all have received rice, dal, vegetable oil, noodles, biscuits and cash for vegetables. Their happiness has no boundary. It was an amazing gift for them. We also distributed the masks. Bina did this shopping on the lock down period. I must thank you and also all the board members for this generous help for the women of MWEC. Some women are new and they want to start the Nepali lessons soon. The shifting work is complete and very soon we will fix the class rooms. Most probably after 15 days , we can start the lessons. The lock down is still on and I hope this will end soon after two weeks."

The women of our schools in the mountain villages have not asked Mr. Robin Chamlin for support.

Let us hope that the schools will soon be able to work again and that **life can be lived again, there, but also here and everywhere in the world.**

Best wishes and remain connected to us.

On behalf of the board
Detlef Gründel

Photos showing the **relief action** we financed for pupils & their families heavily affected by **Corona**:



Our school moves to its new building in Nakhipot:



Addendum, 04.08.20:

Mr. Anupendra is very pleased (and we with him) that a day laborer, who worked for several months on the new building in Nakiphot, showed interest in the women's school and registered. She was also supported with money and food. Now we hope that classes can be resumed soon.

