



# Chhimbu Primary School

a Skivehus Rotary Klub Project  
in Upper Solu, NEPAL  
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## **Per 30. June 2008 Skivehus Rotary Klub is backing out of 9 years of involvement in Chhimbu Primary School.**

In 1993 Kurt Lomborg on a private trekking tour visited Chhimbu in Solukhumbu District in the north-eastern part of Nepal, and there, high on the Lamjura Ridge, he saw the need of the village for a school. In 1997 he again visited Chhimbu with a friend, and member of Skivehus Rotary Klub, Flemming Worm, and they had prepared a population survey and performed village meetings. They established Himalayan Project with the purpose to establish a



school in Chhimbu. But in 1999 Skivehus Rotary Klub had collected funds and initiated in cooperation with Rotary Club of Kathmandu constructing the school in Chhimbu. In 2000 the school were inaugurated by four members of Skivehus Rotary Klub which since that time have run the school. Until 2004 as a private school, until it was approved by the District Education Office as a preprimary school with a public employed headmaster and support for a peon. Kurt Lomborg has visited the school every year often in company with other members of Skivehus Rotary Klub.

Even the school is only approved as a pre-primary school it is actually working as a primary, which means that we are educating from Nursery Class to Class 5. For the Secondary level, the students have to walk the long way to Sagar-Bakanje Lower



Secondary School. The number of students is 50-55, but is expected to rise a little in the next years. We have now transferred 18 students to the senior school and our first 5 Chhimbu students have now received their Lower Secondary Certificate with good results, and have now moved to Junbesi one day's walk far to complete the Secondary Level.



When the school stood completed in 2000 it cost was 74.269 Kr (15.000 \$). In 2002 the school laid out a School Tree Nursery where the students took care of pine seedlings and tea-cuttings. In 2004 the local municipality donated an extra classroom. And in 2007 Skivehus Rotary Klub did a major reconstruction adding an extra classroom for Nursery Class and extending the Playground to 3 times the original size. And here in the beginning of 2008 we are looking for a sponsor to rebuild the Office Wing and giving the school the last finish.

The budget of running the school has changed and will probably change in near future due to several developments. In 2007 a Nursery Class Teacher was employed, who is 70% public supported in the current school year but probably only 25% in the next school year. But on the other hand we have

substantiated expectations that our school, after the reconstruction, will be approved as a primary school releasing one more public employed teacher.

<b>Budget for School Year 15/4-2007 to 14/4-2008</b>	<b>DKR</b>	<b>US\$</b>
<b>SALARIES:</b>	<b>16.255</b>	<b>3.112</b>
Public Headmaster Bhimsen Bashnet <i>OUR</i> bonus	430	84
<i>Private</i> Teacher Jangbu Sherpa <i>OUR</i> salary	7.500	1.425
<i>Private</i> Teacher Nima Wongchhu Sherpa <i>OUR</i> salary	6.750	1.300
Public Nursery Teacher <i>OUR</i> bonus	1.250	240
Public Peon <i>OUR</i> bonus	325	63
<b>Office expences:</b>	<b>3.200</b>	<b>622</b>
Travel expenses for teachers	1.800	350
Training programs for teachers	500	97
Office stationeries and teachers materials	800	155
School Management Committee	100	20
<b>Student expences:</b>	<b>3.000</b>	<b>576</b>
Students stationeries	1.500	288
School Uniform	1.500	288
<b>Maintenance and acquisitions:</b>	<b>3.065</b>	<b>590</b>
Chhimbu Electricity	115	22
School Tree Nursery	450	87
Repair of building and furniture	1.000	193
Smaller acquisitions	1.500	288
<b>TOTAL 2007-2008 :</b>	<b>25.520</b>	<b>4.900</b>
<b>Budget for School Year 15/4-2008 to 14/4-2009</b> (same as above with following exceptions:)		
Public Teacher Jangbu Sherpa ó public salary	÷ 6.750	÷ 1.300
Public Nursery Teacher <i>OUR</i> bonus	+ 3.350	+ 645
<b>Reduction of Budget:</b>	<b>÷ 3.400</b>	<b>÷ 655</b>
<b>TOTAL 2008-2009 :</b>	<b>22.120</b>	<b>4.245</b>

Premises: 5,20 DKR/US\$ - 12 NRS/1 DKR ó 62,50 NRS/US\$ (which is the approximate rates of 1. January 2008)

Both Skivehus Rotary Klub and Himalayan Project have supported local projects in the village besides of running the school. The Chhimbu Progressive Women Group is established and has been supported especially in their work with sewing school uniforms and knitting students sweaters. Nineteen poor students have been supported by Himalayan Project's scholarship program. Chhimbu Electricity has been repaired. Jobs and income has been created for local craftsmen. A fantastic School Excursion was completed in autumn 2007.

It isn't completely clear in the beginning of 2008 in which extend Skivehus Rotary Klub wants to be attached to Chhimbu Primary School. Probably the precise conditions can be cleared in a negotiation with a new donor.

It is completely clear that Himalayan Project will regard the school as a first priority project and will do any effort to find the funds necessary to sustain the school. But Himalayan Project is in the recent years very much engaged with so many other projects in Upper Solu which could be negatively affected by such a major project as Chhimbu School.

A new donor being interested in supporting Chhimbu School therefore will be hailed as very welcome to take part in any extend they want. From simple support to taking over the responsibility and the daily communications and decision making, though with Himalayan Project looking over the shoulder always and for ever! It can be part support to full support. It can be for a year at a time to many years ahead. It can be anything as long as it will come from the heart, because Chhimbu School is a real heart matter.

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