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Monitoring Report

Chhimbu Primary School

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For PONA Foundation!

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My wife and I visited our small beautiful school in October together with Ulla Laier and her daughter Nanna and friend Jytte Jensen. And also a Danish trekking



group with four young students joined us in Chhimbu. We enjoyed a couple of days in Chhimbu where the students came to school even though it was in the very middle of their holiday of Dashain, the major festival of the year. Now the reconstruction of the school is completed. After the troublesome construction of the office wing and the compound wall was well completed by Pasang Tamang it



has survived a very heavy monsoon rain without any damages. And the School Tree Nursery has been supplied with bushes, flowers and tea seedlings, which just need some time to grow up. The school now stands very fine and impressive on the slope.

The day started when teacher Yasoda Thapa rang the bell and the students gathered in the playground and formed a boy's and a girl's line. Accompanied by drums they performed 10 minutes of morning exercise, before they in military march went into their respective classrooms. Just before the Dashain vacation the new school uniform was distributed to them, so they really did look



unusual clean and fine. The uniforms are a donation from my granddaughters Maja and Johanne, 10 years old. They created and sold a picture book from their last summer holiday for family and friends and donated the income for Chhimbu Progressive Women Group to produce new uniforms for all.



We joined the classrooms to follow the education. We spent half an hour with each teacher to see how they did. The students really are attentive and have a great desire to learn from the teacher's performance. The teachers in my view were doing extra effort as they felt like at examination, so I was quite satisfied. But Ulla wasn't. And of course she is right. Generally the teachers of Solu aren't famous for their high standard and our teachers aren't so much different from the general standard; maybe a little better because they are influenced by us. In Himalayan Project we really want to do something to raise the standard at all the schools which we are dealing with, but until now we haven't found a way to do it. But Ulla and I will work out something in future.

The school had arranged a small festival where we were heavily decorated with flower garlands from students and parents. After distributing back our garlands to all present we enjoyed some small dance programs from the students in the new ceremonial dresses purchased by the school. Ulla, Nanna and Jytte distributed the content of a big sack of second hand clothes brought from Denmark among the students. Also some of the badly dressed grown-up received with great pleasure some





warm items. And finally we were invited for dinner, where Teacher Jangbu had fed up a young cock which now had given his life for our well being.

Next day Ulla and I spent in the school Office to check account and the schools register books. The account was almost

ready for inspection and we could quite fast enter the results in my PC. But it gave rise to some comments from Ulla's side. There doesn't seem to be so much focus on educational materials. It should be more emphasized by teachers to raise the standard of education and students by inventing and introduce better materials for education. There are no committee expenses because there is no activity, and for the moment it will be very difficult to establish an active committee. But we proposed (demanded) the teacher to arrange a Teacher-Parent-Student-Meetings at least twice a year after end of each half year session, where teachers explain about the school and give the parents a statement about their children's educational and behavioral standard. And in the middle of each session to have an Activity Day for Teachers-Parents-Students

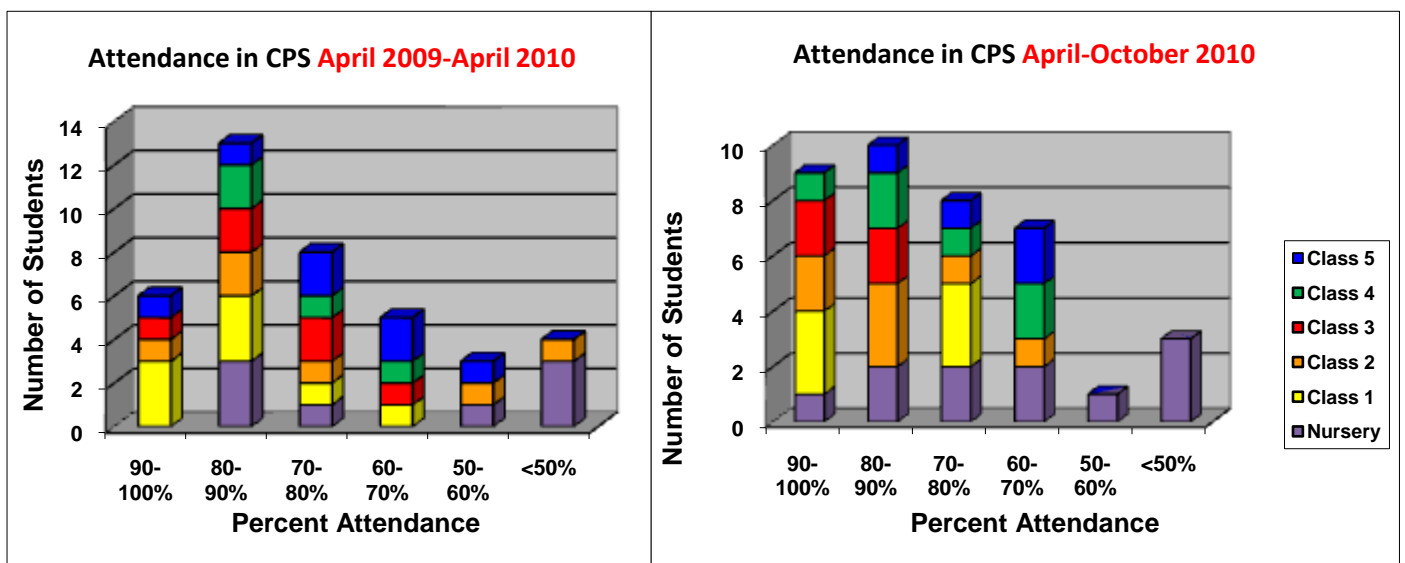


where they for instance could go around in Chhimbu and vicinity to take up litter and make the village clean.

And once a month a Teacher Meeting where students standard are discussed among the teachers, and decisions are taken on what to do about problems which is there. And also to discuss educational issues among themselves. The teachers readily approved these suggestions, so now we just have to see how far they are doing it. Namgayl Jangbu Sherpa will visit the school every 3 months and he will check out on this.

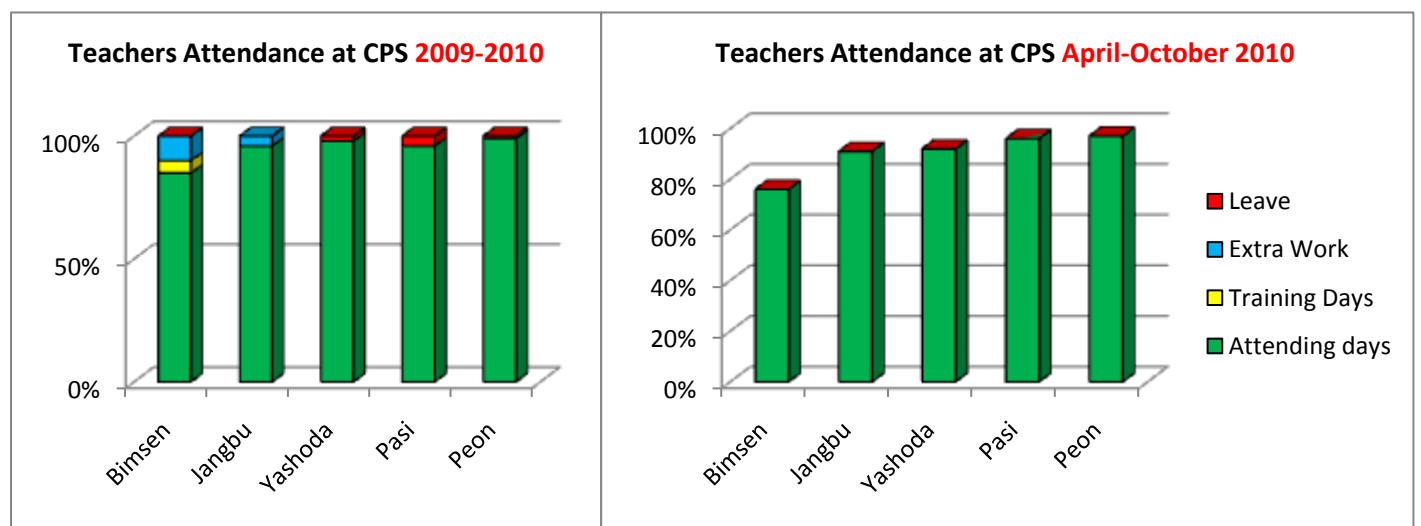
Teacher Training are provided from Himalayan Trust and from DEO, but it doesn't work well for raising the level of education. It will be difficult to find a proper volunteer Danish Teacher Trainer, who can give understandable advices. But we should consider finding a Nepali Trainer, who has a proper knowledge and method to introduce.

While checking the school resisters we found that the attendance of the school



among the students have now become better than last year, when we gave parents and teachers attention on the wrong development among the students.

Also the teachers attendance was checked and we found that there is too much absence especially by the headmaster Bhimsen. He himself explain that it is due to compulsory meetings with DEO in Salleri and with compulsory headmaster training. But we also know that he sometimes is busy with his private business, and especially



on market days in Kenja, he is leaving school quite early. But now they know that we are aware. We decided in spite of that fact to give back the extra bonus, which I withdrew last year, because of this absence. But to achieve a higher level of activity in school-parent cooperation it would be a bad signal to hold back this bonus.

We could conclude that Chhimbu School is running well, or at least as well as we can expect in the Nepali school system. We will observe the activity level during the next school year and keep the teachers to their promise of having more meetings for the betterment of especially the weak students. And we really should do something for the training of teachers. It must be a point of discussion between Ulla and me. And actually we should also spread this training to other schools in the area.

On behalf of Chhimbu Primary School I feel very grateful towards PONA for your great contribution, which makes it possible for us to run this small, beautiful and very necessary school on the slopes of Lamjura Danda. Thank You!!!

An economic review:

18-08-2008: Donation of PONA:	50.000,00 kr	
03-10-2008: Transfer for Chhimbu		9.023,67 kr
29-04-2009: Transfer for Chhimbu		10.000 kr
12-10-2009: Transfer for Chhimbu		6.424,55 kr
05-01-2010: Donation from PONA	25.723,50 kr	
23-04-2010: Transfer for Chhimbu		12.000,00 kr
17-05-2010: Donation from PONA	29.159,50 kr	
16-06-2010: Transfer for Chhimbu		14.000,00 kr
17-12-2010: Transfer for Chhimbu		17.000,00 kr
TOTAL	104.883,00 kr	68.448,25 kr



Chhumbu Primary School

Account / Budget

BUDGET		ACCOUNT					Salari BANK		KTM BANK		DEO Saleri			
<i>Particulars</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expense</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Particulars</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expense</i>	<i>sum</i>	<i>In</i>	<i>Out</i>	<i>In</i>	<i>Out</i>	<i>In</i>	<i>Out</i>	
Budget 15.10.09-15.04.10			Account 15.10.09-15.04.10											
Available bank amount	12.444				2.560			9.151		3.292			23.938	
Available cash amount	2.560		09.06.09	Income from DEO									100.000	
Expected arrival from HP May 2009	137.500		13.06.09	New Income from HPDK	138.000			138.321	138.000					
Expected arrival from HP December 2009	160.000		28.04.10	New Income from HPDK				152.048						
			24.05.10	withdrawal	153.000				153.000					
			26.09.09	Income from DEO									100.000	
Paid by Papa Kurt on 29.11.09	60.000		29.11.09	Paid IN by Papa Kurt for Dille Wife	60.000									
			03.03.10	Income from DEO									88.000	
			02.04.10	Income from Donation	2.000		353.000							
Bhimsen salary 16.07.09-15.04.10			18.09.09	Bhimsen salary 16.07.09 - 15.11.09									45.200	
Bhimsen allowance			18.09.09	Bhimsen festival allowance									11.300	
			03.09.09	Bhimsen salary 16.11.09 - 15.03.10									45.200	
			07.03.10	Bhimsen salary 16.03.10 - 15.07.10									45.200	
			18.09.09	Yasoda salary 16.07.09 - 15.11.09									33.120	
			18.09.09	Yasoda festival allowance									8.280	
			03.09.09	Yasoda salary 16.11.09 - 15.03.10									33.120	
			07.03.10	Yasoda salary 15.03.09 - 15.07.10									33.120	
			07.03.10	Yasoda raised salary 16.07.09-15.07.10									33.840	
			07.03.10	Yasoda festival allowance -,-									2.820	
Jangbu Salary 15.07.09-15.04.10	105.300		15.11.09	Jangbu Salary 16.07.09 - 15.10.09		35.100								
Jangbu festival allowance	11.700		15.11.09	Festival allowance		11.700								
			28.05.10	Jangbu salary 16.10.09-15.04.10		70.200								
Pasi extra salary 15.07.09-15.04.10	45.000		15.11.09	Pasi Extra Salary 16.07.09 - 15.10.09		17.100								
Pasi Sherpa Festival allowance	5.000		15.11.09	Pasi Festival allowance		5.700								
			06.01.10	Pasi Extra Salary 16.10.09 - 15.01.10		17.100								
			18.09.09	Pasi Salary 16.07.09 - 15.11.09									7.200	
			18.09.09	Pasi festival allowance									1.800	
			28.05.10	Pasi extra salary 15.01.10-15.04.10		17.100								
			03.09.09	Pasi salary 16.11.09 - 15.03.10									7.200	
			07.03.10	Pasi salary 16.03.10 - 15.07.10									7.200	
Peon Extra salary 15.04.09-15.04.10	8.400		15.11.09	Peon Extra Salary 6 months		4.200								
Peon festival allowance	700		15.11.09	Peon Festival allowance		700								
			06.01.10	Peon Extra salary 16.10.09 - 15.01.10		2.100								
			18.09.09	Peon Salary 16.07.09 - 15.11.09									3.200	
			18.09.09	Peon festival allowance									800	
			03.09.09	Peon salary 16.11.09 - 15.03.10									3.200	
			07.03.10	Peon salary 16.03.10 - 15.07.10									3.200	
				Peon extra salary 15.01.10-15.04.10		2.100	183.100							
Student stationaries		9.000	30.12.09	big copy for students - 6 dozen		900								
			30.12.09	Small copy for students - 12 dozen		1.200								
			30.12.09	Pencils for students - 12 dozen		840								
			10.05.10	Copy large 12 dozen		1.800								
			10.05.10	English copy large 12 dozen		1.920								
			10.05.10	Pencil 12 dozen		840								
extra english books for 2009-2010		15.000	31.07.09	Govt. Books 2009/10									8.452	
			18.09.09	Carbon, pen & plain paper			7.500						340	
Office stationaries		2.000	30.12.09	Pens		100								
			10.05.10	chalk		360								

Chhumbu Primary School

Account / Budget

<u>BUDGET</u>			<u>ACCOUNT</u>				<u>Saleri BANK</u>		<u>KTM BANK</u>		<u>DEO Saleri</u>		
Particulars	Income	Expense	Date	Particulars	Income	Expense	sum	In	Out	In	Out	In	Out
			10.05.10	calendar & Paper		200							
			25.04.10	Beeds collection expenses		350	1.010						
Committee expenses		2.000											
Travel expenses to Salleri		4.800	06.01.10	Jangbu 2 times to Salleri		1.600							
			06.01.10	Bhimsen 2 times to Salleri		1.600							
			07.09.09	Auditor expenses									2.000
			03.10.09	examination expenses									675
			28.05.10	Jangbu to Salleri		800	4.000						
Sewing student uniform		7.500	25.12.09	Sewing uniform 40 sets x 150 Rs		6.000							
Nursery Work		15.000	08.05.10	Nursery Work (Plants)		2.000							
Jangbu tinn bill		15.870	30.12.09	Tin bill of Jangbu's		15.870							
Dille Wife payment for loan		60.000	29.11.09	Paid OUT for Dille Wife to repay loan		60.000							
Dille Wife payment for loss		45.000	22.04.10	Given to Delle's wife (29. May 010)		45.000							
Maintenance work		20.000	29.05.10	Electricity charge		210	129.080						
Total:	372.504	372.270		Total:	355.560	324.690		299.520	291.000	3.292	0	311.938	336.467
Expected balance:	234			Balance:	30.870			8.520		3.292		-24.529	
Budget 15.04.10-15.10.10			Account 15.04.10-15.10.10										
Available bank amount	11.813				30.870			8.520		3.292		-24.529	
Available cash amount	30.870												
Expected arrival from HP June 2010	165.130		02.06.10	Income from HP DK				151.921					
			10.07.10	withdrawal from bank	135.000				135.000				
			30.06.10	income from DEO								73.000	
Bhimsen salary 16.07.09-15.04.10													
Bhimsen allowance													
Jangbu Salary 15.04.10-15.10.10	70.200		14.07.10	Jangbu salary 15.04.10 - 16.07.10		35.100							
Jangbu festival allowance	11.700		06.10.10	Jangbu salary 16.07.10 - 16.10.10		35.100							
			06.10.10	festival allowance		11.700							
Pasi extra salary 15.04.10-15.10.10	34.200		14.07.10	Pasi extra salary 15.04.10 - 16.07.10		17.100							
Pasi Sherpa Festival allowance	5.700		06.10.10	Pasi extra salary 15.07.10 - 16.10.10		17.100							
			06.10.10	pasi festival allowance		5.700							
Peon Extra salary 15.04.10-15.10.10	4.200		14.07.10	Peon extra saley 15.04.10 - 16.07.10		2.100							
Peon festival allowance	700		06.10.10	Peon extra sallary 15.07.10 - 16.10.10		2.100							
			06.10.10	Peon festival allowance		700	126.700						
Student stationaries		10.000	21.06.10	large copy for children 12 dozen		1.800							
			21.06.10	small copy for students 12 dez		1.200							
			21.06.10	pencils 12 dozen		840							
			29.09.10	folk song tapes 2 pcs		150							
			29.09.10	pencils 12 dozen		840							
			29.09.10	large copy 6 dozen		900							
extra english books for 2010-2011	15.000		06.02.10	extra english books for children		4.695							
			21.05.10	go vernment books			10.425						
Office stationaries		3.000	02.09.10	electricity chrg 3 months		90							
			18.04.10	scholarship for girls									3.380
			17.04.10	result expenses for 09/10									1.730
			17.04.10	result expenses for 09/10									3.240
			16.05.10	marker, white paper registrer etc									850
			11.06.10	marker, carbon, chokoklate			90						1.220
Committee expenses		2.000											
Travel expenses to Salleri		5.600	14.07.10	travel expenses to Jangbu 2 times		1.600							

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Particulars	Income	Expense	Date	Particulars	Income	Expense	sum	In	Out	In	Out	In	Out
			14.07.10	travel expenses to Bhimsen		800							
			21.06.10	nail cutter and telephone expenses		340							
			29.09.10	phone expensen		150	2.890						
Sewing student uniform		5.700											
Nursery Work		8.000	29.09.10	teaplants for nursery		500							
Maintenance work		20.000	29.09.10	nursery class playing stage 5 pcs		15.000							
			07.10.10	clothes for dancing uniforms		3.790							
			07.10.10	dancing uniform sewing charge		800							
			17.04.10	whiteboard for classes									20.250
			17.04.10	transportration whiteboard			20.090						2.550
Total:	207.813	196.000		Total:	165.870	160.195		160.441	135.000	3.292	0	48.471	33.220
Expected balance:	11.813			Balance:	5.675			25.441		3.292		15.251	
Budget 15.10.10-15.04.11			Account 15.10.10-15.04.11						25.441		3.292		15.251
Available bank amount	28.734												
Available cash amount	5.675												
Expected arrival from HP December 2010	200.000												
Bhimsen extra salary 16.07.10-15.04.11		3.600											
Bhimsen allowance		400											
Bhimsen extra salary 16.10.10-15.04.11		1.200											
Yasoda extra salary 16.10.10-15.04.11		1.200											
Jangbu Salary 15.10.10-15.04.11		70.200											
Jangbu raised salary 16.10.10-15.04.11		1.200											
Pasi extra salary 15.10.10-15.04.11		36.000											
Pasi Sherpa raised 16.10.10-15.04.11		1.200											
Peon Extra salary 16.10.10-15.04.11		6.000											
Peon raised salary 16.04.10-15.10.10		1.800											
Peon festival allowance		300											
Bonus for teachers for 2010 (Ulla)		5.000											
Student stationaries		10.000											
extra english books for 2010-2011		10.000											
Office stationaries		5.000											
Committee expenses		0											
Travel expenses to Salleri /1000 each time		4.800											
Sewing student uniform		0											
Nursery Work		8.000											
Maintenance work		25.000											
Nursery class mattresses and carpet		20.000											
Total:	234.409	210.900		Total:	0	0		25.441	0	3.292	0	15.251	0
Expected balance:	23.509			Balance:	0			25.441		3.292		15.251	