

Danish Development Research Network

Study proposal for the DDRN Development Science Shop	
PROPOSING INSTITUTION	
Organisation/Company	<i>Himalayan Project (HP) & Himalayan Project Nepal (HIPRON)- www.nepalhelp.dk</i>
Brief description of the organisation	<i>Activities, target group, vision etc. Broad development activities touching all fields where a need and ability show up, in the mountain region of Upper Solu, Solu-khumbu District, Nepal. Until now mainly in educational field, but now also in health and in personal empowerment and employment.</i>
STUDY THEME(S)	
Title	<i>Provide a title that evokes an immediate interest and at the same is adequate for the proposal Follow and describe the initial stages of a Woman Empowerment Project (WEP) in the backward Bakanje VDC (VDC: local authority)</i>
Main question of interest in the project proposal	<i>Briefly describe the main issue of the proposed study theme In order to utilize the upgraded health facilities in the VDC and in order to give employment and income to the women HP and HIPRON will run a Pilot-WEP in autumn 2010, which shall give us sufficient knowledge to run a second and continuous WEP-program in 2011-2012 and probably followed by a third program, which shall extend to a wider area. The projects will be monitored internally by our own staff, but external and independent eyes will be magnificent.</i>
Basis for the project proposal	<i>Why has the project proposal been proposed, for what purpose will the investigation be used In order to keep our targets in focus we will need review and monitoring of the progress of the processes.</i>
Locality	<i>Will parts of the investigation take place outside Denmark, i.e. in relation to field work? The whole project will take place in Nepal, in minor extend in Kathmandu, but most of the process takes place in Bakanje VDC in Solu-khumbu District 1-4 days walk from public transport.</i>
Empirical data for the project proposal	<i>Is the gathering of empirical data part of the project proposal and in that case what sort of data is expected to be collected? Or does the empirical data already exist and in that case which sort of data is it? The national statistics and surveys are limited and rather defective. HP did in 2005 collect extensive survey data from the area, which have never been processed but is entered in SPSS-database.</i>

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<p>Any economic contribution in relation to field work?</p>	<p><i>This is by no means a requirement, but if the organisation is expecting the student(s) to conduct field work abroad, it might be considered to compensate economically e.g. if the work includes expenses to interpreters.</i></p> <p><i>All members of HP working with our projects work voluntarily and on own expenses. This is possible because of a very low price level in Nepal in accommodation, food and salaries. But periodic special needs can be negotiated with HP.</i></p>
<p>REQUIREMENTS TO STUDENT(S)</p>	
<p>Fields of study</p>	<p><i>To which fields of study is the project proposal relevant?</i></p> <p><i>Any intelligent and sincere student can benefit and contribute.</i></p>
<p>Expected contribution from student(s)</p>	<p><i>What is(are) the student(s) expected to contribute with?</i></p> <p><i>We have no specific requirements, but the student can define own survey, analysis and way of working. We would be happy to have some materials and suggestions with which we can adjust our program.</i></p>
<p>Outcome for the student(s)</p>	<p><i>What can the student(s) expect to learn from working with the project proposal?</i></p> <p><i>First of all experience the hardship of life of the most wonderful people in the World. But also learning by analyzing a development process from a young and inexperienced organization which is learning by doing with heart first and brain second. There will be basis for materials for a thesis or graduate work.</i></p>