

# Danish Development Research Network

## Study proposal for the DDRN Development Science Shop

### PROPOSING INSTITUTION

Organisation/Company	<i>Himalayan Project (HP) &amp; Himalayan Project Nepal (HIPRON)- <a href="http://www.nepalhelp.dk">www.nepalhelp.dk</a></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 Complete a Population Survey from 2005 which visited households in 4 VDC's in Upper Solu, Solukhumbu District, Nepal (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 optimize our development work in Upper Solu and in order to seek new frames for our project work, Himalayan Project in 2005 ran a survey where 769 households were visited, which represented 80% of all households. But the students who should have worked with the data's never even opened the database. Now 5 years have passed, but most of the questions are still relevant.</i>
Basis for the project proposal	<i>Why has the project proposal been proposed, for what purpose will the investigation be used Himalayan Project have spent a lot of money on collecting the data's and the result of the data processing can be utilized on our decisions on our project work, although the purpose of questioning should be adjusted.</i>
Locality	<i>Will parts of the investigation take place outside Denmark, i.e. in relation to field work? The whole project could basically be performed in Denmark solely, but in order to understand the background of the questions or to extend the data's a visit to Upper Solu can be recommended, which will include a couple of weeks walk far away from public transport. Secondary data's can be found in the local District as well as in Kathmandu.</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's primary data's were collected in 2005 and were entered in <b>SPSS-database</b>, so they are ready for use for anyone who have some knowledge about that program.</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. So basically the student shall work on own expenses, but can on the other hand expect theoretical support without cost by the involved actors in HP; also the students who in 2005 should have completed the project</i></p>
<p><b>REQUIREMENTS TO STUDENT(S)</b></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, but probably the work will be most relevant for students of social sciences.</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 analysis, utilization and way of working with the existing database. We would be happy to have some materials and suggestions with which we can adjust our program, but we would be even more happy if we could have some influence on process of analysis.</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 learn about and experience the hardship of life of the most wonderful people in the World. But also learning about work in a development organization which is young and inexperienced, learning by doing with heart first and brain secondly. And also have personal experience and training by working with a complete database and the SPSS- program. There will be basis for materials for a thesis or graduate work.</i></p>