

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 Write a small booklet for tourists to Upper Solu about all the small and big things which are there, to attract more tourists to the area to create more income for the local tourism industry.</i>
Main question of interest in the project proposal	<i>Briefly describe the main issue of the proposed study theme Himalayan Project have now for a decade improved the education in Upper Solu, but now our students are leaving their schools just to experience an extreme rate of unemployment. And Upper Solu has so much to offer any tourist from great mountains, and great views, to monasteries like Tubten Chholing or Mani Rimdu at Chhiwong Gompa, or sacret and secret caves, places where nature goods dwell, old houses where people live, people who can give a poem and so much more.</i>
Basis for the project proposal	<i>Why has the project proposal been proposed, for what purpose will the investigation be used The two main issues of this project is first of all to give employment to the local inhabitants, which already have tried to form Local Community Trekking with the support of HP. But secondly to give tourists a much deeper holiday experience than the usual tourist treks.</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 Upper Solu in Solu-khumbu District 1-8 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? HP will be able to give the names and locality of a number of people, who can help in a trek or give information about local sightseeing.</i>

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Any economic contribution in relation to field work?	<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 this project might have publicity interesting points that a sale of articles to newspapers and journals should be possible or even publish a book like "Turen går til ... Upper Solu".</i></p>
REQUIREMENTS TO STUDENT(S)	
Fields of study	<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 mountaineers, adventurers and those working with tourism.</i></p>
Expected contribution from student(s)	<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. We would be happy to have some materials and results which we can utilize in our projects and in homepage and members magazine.</i></p>
Outcome for the student(s)	<p><i>What can the student(s) expect to learn from working with the project proposal?</i></p> <p><i>First of all having a great experience by having insight in great small issues among the most wonderful people in the World. And probably the investigation could turn out to be an economic benefit if the student could succeed in producing interesting stories out of the experiences.</i></p>