

**Protocol of Meetings and Activities of
Snowland Children Foundation (SCF)
with Snowland Children Foundation Nepal Branch (SCFN)**

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New stupa in Timbu

1. General remarks

We dedicated our time to actively start the **next big project, the organic farming concept “Eco-Farm Nepal”**. Despite the fact that it is over-shaded by the failure in succeeding in the Crowdfunding Activity with “Wemakeit” in November 2018, we are trying our very best to get alternative sources of money.

And – without knowing before – there it was: **Tenzin Shitsetsang**, the son of our new Board Member Tendar Shitsetsang, was able to collect 12,000 CHF with his own business “Fightsport Wil” for our project. Thanks to him and to the **“Starsingers” in the Toggenburg region** that were collecting about 7,500 CHF + several additional small private donations, we are already up to 25,000 CHF, without the yet to come next “Benefiz-Day B-B on May 10th” and the 10th Cinewil-event on May 28th!

We were able to sort out all organisational questions according location, responsibilities and what and where to do for implementing our concept. We found a local Nepali company for assisting in all questions of planning and implementing, **NEPAL AGRO LIVE**. As soon as we have decided on the next steps, we are ready to start immediately our concept by now!

The concept outline including budget has been sent the 14th of April to the Swiss Board of the Snowland Children Foundation and the decision should be taken until the 25th of April. However, before deciding finally on this, Lhakpa is getting a 2nd offer on price and services to enable us, to make a better informed choice.

All other smaller scale projects are mentioned in separate points.

2. Organisation SCF-Nepal

The SCF-Nepal is meanwhile organised and will take their headquarters' in Lhakpa's house in Timbu, after finishing the painting and other necessary repair that might still be necessary after the earthquake. Lhakpa, as the SCF Switzerland, has to do the accounting and reporting to the Nepal authorities this year still.



One can see the house on the right picture as seen from above, the future ground of the eco-farm project is on the lower right side within the circle

3. Situation Embalama:

a) Kakani School

As there are meanwhile only some few children left in Embalama, they closed the school for the time being and put the kids in the newly built school in Timbu, built by Caritas Switzerland, see last reports.

However, the rooms will be put into activity by the local health service as a dispensary and medical supply for the residual population in Embalama: The health care service from Timbu will be in Embalama in future around 2 days per week and offer health care in the rooms of the school, until the population returns to Embalama – see below -.

As I had informed in the last protocol, Caritas Switzerland and another organisation have built some completely new houses for the few inhabitants of Embalama and another small community that also belongs to Timbu, some distance away. However, as they have only built houses and no other infrastructure or farming system for surviving, they would like to return to Embalama, if there would be new chances for income.

We are suggesting that the inhabitants of Embalama might participate in all the training on organic farming in Timbu, if we decide to go on with this project as suggested below.

b) Waterpipe-Water-supply

With our water pipe system that we have built in Embalama, there are all conditions for restarting new farming projects. Despite the fact that we have relocated our "Eco-Farm-Project" to Timbu, there are new chances for the population of Embalama:

c) New farming life in Embalama

Urkin Sherpa has started to re-build his house on the ground that we – originally – had thought of for the “Eco-Farm-Project”. The house – built with his small own resources – is almost done and seems to provide an excellent example for all the other inhabitants of Embalama: They have the feeling that they could do the same, now that he gives this wonderful example. They have – thanks to the activities of the Snowland Children Foundation – the first time enough water and a newly built community house – one of the first activities of our organisation in 2016! So, there is the structure for new life in this small community.

So, we discussed and decided that Urkin and interested other farmers might participate in the future training and education of the Timbu people in organic farming etc and apply it also to their village. With this, we can not only build our own organic farming in Timbu, but – at the same time help Embalama’s people to some new village life as well! They will than be able to use the same marketing channels as we are using in and for Timbu. There will be no additional costs by doing this and therefore it seems to be a real “win-win” – situation.



4. Main project: Eco-Farm in Timbu

Lhakpa and I went for some days to Timbu and inspected the structure and all possibilities for the future Greenhouses, the Guesthouse and the Eco-Farm. We had lengthy discussions with the Woman’s Association Leaders, how and when to proceed. Meanwhile, they have started to plant potatoes, onions and garlic on the ground, where we will build the 2 greenhouses.

Measures: 13 x 8 meters and 13 x 6 meters, approximately.



They even installed a small irrigation system on their own initiative!





The ground seen from above, as on the first page, only with close up

We also visited another ground that we could possibly use in future for free. It belongs to Dolma Shitsetsang's brother who lives in Holland and does not need this farmland. Possibly, we could use it for teagardens in future. However, at the moment we are concentrating our efforts on the first part of the project.

And – if we later on would like to use the land as well, we would need another contract with him. Those contracts are only possible for 20 years in Nepal, in contrast to the 99 years contracts in Switzerland.

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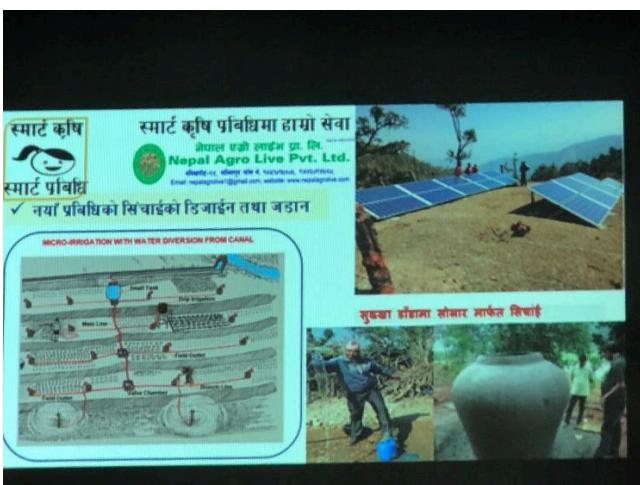
Back in Kathmandu, Lhakpa and myself visited the Nepal Agro Live company that Lhakpa had selected during an exhibition on organic farming in Kathmandu. We were well received and had an introductory presentation that unfortunately was in Nepali only. However, I have gotten meanwhile the COMPANY PROFILE and one case study with UN NEPAL on a SAHAS project with the REPORT ON HEALTHY GARDEN HEALTHY HOME that includes more or less our needs.





Even if the **CEO Rajan Gaire** does not speak very well English, they have an office manager, Asha Chhetri, who speaks and writes perfect English. They have 6 highly qualified permanent staff and another 6 part-time collaborators, equally well educated.

Even if they were founded only 2 years ago, they have already quite a good record in projects that they can refer to. Their COMPANY VISIONS STATEMENT is absolutely the same as our vision. Creating jobs within the country and especially countryside to avoid youngsters to go abroad.



After the presentation and discussion we agreed that RAJAN and Lhakpa are driving out again to Timbu for one day to visit the site and enable Rajan to write a proposal that we thereafter can discuss. He reminded us that we are already quite late in the year for implementing the whole concept before the rainy season that starts in JULY.

I must appreciate this very speedy action that did impress me. We have gotten the proposal only few days later, that I have sent today already to the BOARD OF THE SWISS FOUNDATION abd to LHAKPA LAMA as president of the Nepali Foundation.

With some questions that I have sent already through and might be further questions that might arise during the discussion with the board of the foundation and Lhakpa, we should be able to decide until the **25th of April, if we take this offer or not.**

They also offer all materials that might be needed as machines for mini-farming, irrigations systems, organic fertilizer etc-pp



Costs involved

Around 14,000 \$,

everything included, for 2 greenhouses, transportation, 3 x training, seeds, organic fertiliser and accompanying the project from beginning to harvest and even post-harvest.

Womans Association: - see also last protocol –



The Helambu Woman's Association is informed about the project and discussed it in details with Rajan during his visit in Timbu. All 35 members agree to participate.

Next steps.

- 1. Sign a contract between SNWOLAND CHILDRE FOUNDATION NEPAL and the HELAMBU WOMAN'S ASSOCIATION ON THE LAND AND ACTIVITIES ,**
- 2. Sign a contract between SNOWLAND CHILDREN FOUNDATION NEPAL, that will be the main partner and NEPAL AGRO LIFE.**
- 3. Guarantee from SNOWLAND CHILDREN FOUNDATION SWITZERLAND to SNOWLAND CHILDREN FOUNDATION NEPAL on the costs for 2 greenhouses, the guesthouse as bottle-house design and the repair, painting and other small costs for the SCFN headquarter in Timbu and the Helambu Woman's Association Community House – ca 30,000 \$**

Material for woman's Association

The women have forwarded to Lhakpa already a list of material that they would need before hand for their organisation. This list will be forwarded to Bianca with the costs attached. We agreed already last time that we will pay for those items – in general material for their community house –

Working with volunteers: Guesthouse - see also last protocol -

On the other side of the river, there is a piece of land that belongs to Lhakpa and that he wants to give to the project for building the guest house here, made from bottle and mud – see last protocol for details.

Bianca proposes to build a similar structure – plan as the guesthouse in ITI Selakui that offers 4 rooms for 1-2 persons, 1 common room and eating place and one small kitchen. Bianca tries to get the plan structure from India. If this is not possible, we could ask somebody in Switzerland – Delphine Amman – to make a raw drawing from the pictures provided by Bianca.

TIMING

We should first do the green houses and organic farming organisation and thereafter start with the guesthouse after the rainy season, earliest in September of this year.

COSTS

The costs are not that much as the bottles can be collected without money, the mud can be digged out from nearby and the main costs are doors and windows from wood and the manpower for the construction.

15,000 \$ should be enough for the construction ...



This is the bridge crossing from the future greenhouses to the site of the future guesthouse. The tree can also be used for the doors and windows.



In the background the new Secondary School and on the right side the bottles that can be found everywhere... The big beer bottles have the ideal size for the walls.

4. Other activities:

a) **Letter Friendship between KIDs from Bichelsee-Balteswil and Timbu (English teacher Tika):**

Bianca has given the letters from Bichelsee-Balteswil to Lhakpa, who in return has to pass them on to Tika, the English teacher.

We agreed that the Swiss site is the responsibility of the SCF and the Nepali site is the responsibility of the SCFN.

b) **"Nurpuqan study support"**

The 2nd payment of 1,000 \$ was passed over and signed off to and by Lhakpa Lama, who will forward this money to the school for the 2nd year in 2019.

Daniela Albus gave the money to Bianca-Maria on behalf of the "**Pastoralraum Tannzapfenland**" 2019.

Lhakpa will coordinate the support and forward a report and pictures to Bianca and the SCF Switzerland as to the record of "**Pastoralraum Tannzapfenland**"

15th of April, Bichelsee, Switzerland

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