

Visit Report – Shree Buddha Secondary School

Overview

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Purpose of visit

The Shree Buddha Secondary School is educating ICT (Information and Communication Technology) for students from class 6 to 8. So far, no computers were available for teaching. The school has been supported with 20 computers (notebooks), one projector, some teaching material and sports equipment. Teachers were trained in advance (<https://www.menschen-im-dialog.de/2018/08/22/lehrkräfte-in-nepal-beschreiten-digitalen-wandel/>) and during the visit, including Saturdays. During the visit, different purposes were fulfilled:

- Wiring and installation of the computers
- Mounting of the projector
- Delivery of teaching materials
- Teachers coaching / training (technical and methodical)
- Take pictures for project report(s)
- Ensure teachers ability to train students in ICT (Information & Communication Technology)

Environment / Preparation

Teachers	15
Students	400
Students per class	Maximum of 36 (18 computers, shared by two students)

The rough preparation of the computer room was already done by vice principal Rajan Sapkota (wiring, separating a big room into two smaller rooms). Furnitures were delivered in advance by the “Asian Architecture Friendship” group, who have planned and constructed the school buildings some years ago. The computer teacher Laxman Gurung was already trained from June to August 2018 by the Info-Tech Computer Institute (Regd.No.:25883) in Gorkha Bazar, sponsored by Menschen im Dialog e.V.

Requirements

Classes were too big and needed to be separated to ensure efficient ICT training. As ICT class is obligatory for classes 6-8, these three classes, existing of ~140 students, were split into four classes for ICT. With 18 computers, 36 students per class can be educated:

- 18 Computers were installed for permanent use
- 1 Computer is used as a spare device
- 1 Computer is used for the teacher / projector

Teachers' motivation / ability

Teachers were highly interested and motivated. Teachers English skills were not very good, so it was very important having a local translator available, speaking English, Nepali and Gurung which is the local language in this area. Teachers were willing to spend their free Saturday for intensive coaching, so that we were able to enable them educating ICT classes.

Project cost

Description	NPR	EUR
3x HP Laptop (sponsored)		0,00 €
12x Fujitsu Laptop (sponsored)		0,00 €
5x Lenovo Laptop (sponsored)		0,00 €
6x Fujitsu Power-Supply		134,67 €
2x external Hard-Disk for backup and recovery		103,41 €
Shipping cost for Laptops in Germany		9,49 €
Shipping cost for Laptops from Germany to Nepal*		0,00 €
Windows 10 licenses (partly sponsored)		10,31 €
Office 2013/2016 licenses		99,38 €
Keyboard Sticker		59,41 €
Projector		180,49 €
VGA cable		7,85 €
PVC banner		20,98 €
Multi-Plug / Cables	₹ 3.200,00	24,63 €
20x Computer mouse "No-Name"	₹ 4.000,00	30,79 €
10x Computer mouse "Lenovo" (spare)	₹ 3.000,00	23,09 €
20x Mousepad	₹ 1.000,00	7,70 €
10x Plastic bag (protect computers from dirt / dust)	₹ 1.000,00	7,70 €
Computer cleaning material	₹ 800,00	6,16 €
Printouts / training material for teachers + lamination	₹ 3.000,00	23,09 €
2x Volleyball	₹ 2.600,00	20,02 €
1x Football	₹ 1.500,00	11,55 €
1x Ball-Pump	₹ 300,00	2,31 €
2x Badminton-Set	₹ 1.400,00	10,78 €
1x Badminton-ball (5 piece)	₹ 1.000,00	7,70 €
1x Volleyball-Net	₹ 1.400,00	10,78 €
School-Office Materials and Tools	₹ 1.300,00	10,01 €
Salary for porters and project-coordinator	₹ 90.000,00	692,84 €
Insurance for porters and project-coordinator	₹ 6.813,90	52,45 €
Jeep for local notebook transportation KTM to Sothi Kola	₹ 20.000,00	153,96 €
Donation	-₹ 4.272,13	-32,89 €
Travel expense "Menschen im Dialog e.V."***		0,00 €
SUM		1.688,67 €

Average exchange-rate EUR / NPR = 129,90

* Transported via hand-luggage by partners and friends of "Menschen im Dialog e.V."

**All travel expenses are paid by the members of "Menschen im Dialog e.V." themselves

***Notebook computers worth. approx. 4.300 EUR

Further information and follow up

We have met another NGO in Philim (Plymouth Nepal Partnership) which planned to bring additional Computers to the school. This was organized with the Nepalese Organization “Open Learning Exchange – Nepal”. They brought 30 Desktop and 35 Laptop Computers, which are mainly usable for e-Learning in major subjects like math, English or science (Linux based computers, no Windows / Office installed). This organization installed the e-Learning software on our devices as well, so that these can be used for both, e-Learning and ICT.

Some teachers from UK were teaching English classes during and after our visit in Philim. We exchanged our contact data and they wrote us an e-Mail that the ICT classes are held regularly and are going very well.

We visited the local health post in Philim. The buildings are quite good and well equipped. 40-50 people are visiting the health post each day for treatment. We talked to the local staff (1 Health Assistant, 3 Health Worker, 2 Nurses, 2 Office Workers, 1 Lab Technician) about existing bottlenecks. According to them, the rooms are too small. For example, there is no space for people who must wait, instead, they must wait outside the building which is difficult during bad weather conditions. Further, according to the laboratory specialist, a Semi-Auto-Analyzer would be helpful to examine kidney and liver. A huge problem is of a cultural nature. The lowering of the uterus can be treated in the health post to a certain degree, but people hide this taboo issue of women. Education and training for women is therefore urgently needed.

In addition, we had to find out that the builders of the school buildings won an architecture prize, but the rooms are extremely cold, and the pupils are partly exposed to draughts. They are freezing a lot due to missing warm clothes.