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LETTER FROM THE GENERAL SECRETARY

2020 unfortunately began with the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic in China which then spread rapidly around the world, throwing the planet's existence into disarray and bringing with it suffering, death and socio-economic disaster, the consequences of which are difficult to predict today.

Both the effects of the pandemic in the countries where we operate and their political, economic and social contexts are very diverse and they have impacted very differently on our activities.

From the end of December 2019 our offices in Xining, China were closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and only reopened at the end of March 2020. From April until July all activities gradually restarted. The Tibetan staff in Xining were able to self-organise in order to resume their projects in July and, despite many difficulties, managed to complete them as per donors' requests. Unfortunately, the measures taken to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in China have become an excuse to exert greater control over Chinese society as a whole but in particular over Tibetan and other minorities. From the end of 2018 until the end of 2020, the restrictions imposed on non-governmental organisations prevented us from sending expatriate staff and from monitoring projects face-to-face. To overcome these problems, we set up remote administrative and technical monitoring, which allowed us to better target projects and achieve the expected results. Unfortunately, these restrictions precluded us from submitting new projects for 2021.

In Myanmar the pandemic spread later and ASIA immediately organised security procedures for both expatriate and local staff. Activities continued with social distancing and working remotely. As well as carrying out the agricultural activities included in a development project in the Chin region funded by the Italian Agency for development cooperation, ASIA organised the distribution of healthcare materials to prevent contagion.

Mongolia, unfortunately, has been closed since January 2020 to prevent the spread of contagion and has, to date, not reopened its borders. Project activities have been extended pending the deployment of expatriate staff to implement the funded projects.

In Nepal, expatriate and local staff applied strict security procedures and remained on site, managing to carry out, albeit slowly, all activities planned for 2020.

In Italy, the strict measures taken at different times, and in particular social distancing and stopping all face-to-face activities, have greatly changed how people relate to one another and how most people work. The positive and/or negative impact of these changes is difficult to predict, but there is a profound transformation in the way people relate to one another.

Working remotely has transformed the way we operate, and because it has been impossible to send missions and staff on site for more than a year, our interaction with projects, counterparts and beneficiaries has changed.

The type of staff to deploy on projects has changed and the choice of experts has been based mainly on locally available staff. In some countries it was not difficult to find qualified staff, while in others it was almost impossible, and remote technical and administrative supervision did not always allow us to achieve our objectives.

To sum up, 2020 was a difficult year that marked the beginning of a major change in ASIA's work, as well as changing many people's lives

What we can be sure of in this phase of transformation, is that ASIA will remain true to its core mission and will keep on championing a universal ethical approach that nurtures the fundamental human values of empathy, tolerance and compassion. At the same time, we will continue to work on improving the economic, social and health conditions of the Asian populations of the Himalayas.

ASIA's activities will continue to focus on women, children and vulnerable people through projects based on careful needs analysis and on transparent and participatory management.

We face many challenges but we will continue our work and our mission thanks to all those that support and help us on a daily basis, to the local staff in the countries where we operate, to the expatriates, to the ASIA Rome staff, to

our donors and supporters, to our ASIA Germany,
France and America volunteers and to our shareholders.

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WHO WE ARE

ASIA - Associazione per la Solidarietà Internazionale in Asia (Association for International Solidarity in Asia) - was founded in 1988 by the late Chögyal Namkhai Norbu, famous Master of the Dzogchen Teachings with profound knowledge of the ancient history and culture of Tibet.

We are a Non-governmental Organization (NGO) accredited by the Italian Agency for Cooperation and Devlopment (Agenzia Italiana per la Cooperazione e lo Sviluppo (AICS) and we are a Nonprofit Organization, registered in the Onlus - Organizzazione Non Lucrativa di Utilità Sociale - Agency.

ASIA operates in the Asian continent and in particular in China, India, Nepal, Mongolia, Myanmar and Bhutan and over the years has helped over

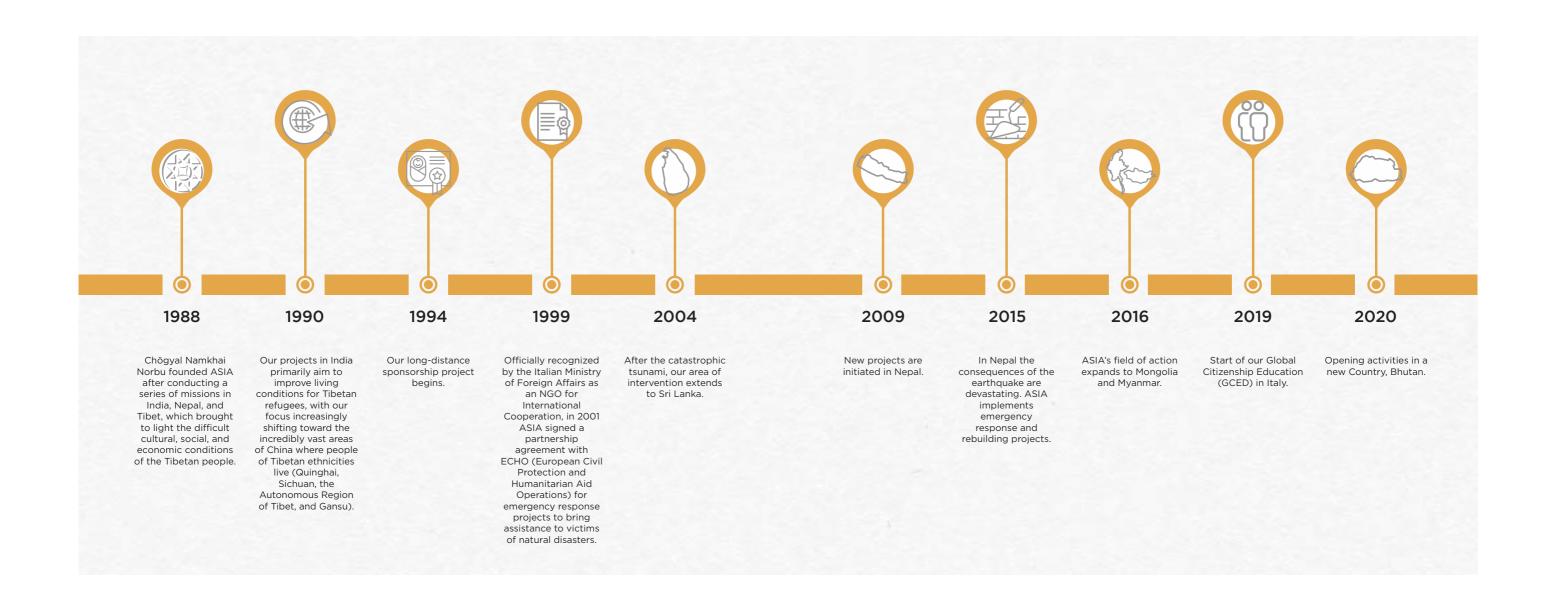
1.400.000 people. As well as acquiring professional know-how and experience in managing development and emergency projects, ASIA and all its staff in Italy and in the world, have absorbed and made their own the values encountered in many of these ancient cultures. Values such as awareness, compassion, altruism, and openness towards different cultures, and direct engagement with local communities, have become an integral part of the work of ASIA. The aim of our Association is not only the war on poverty but also the creation of a culture of peace and tolerance in order to contribute in the creation of a better society that respects the individual and the environment in which we live.







OUR HISTORY





OUR VALUES

ASIA is a humanitarian organization working for the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals in line with the principles of the Universal Declaration and the European Convention on Human Rights, in support of peoples in need of help regardless of race, faith, religion or nationality.

Ours is a non-profit, apolitical, independent organization.

We operate respectful of cultural diversities, taking steps to promote and safeguard the artistic heritage and time-honoured wisdom of local traditions and spreading their knowledge in civil society.

We believe in the active participation of our beneficiaries and involve communities in determining the developmental requirements, drafting, implementation, management and sustanability of projects.

We act respecting natural ecosystems, utilizing materials and technologies with low environmental impact.

We believe in the value of universal education, the inalienable right of every child to gain access to better life conditions and in safeguarding the cultural integrity of peoples.

Valuing quality over quantity we concentrate on a limited number of projects deploying motivated, expert professionals operating respectful of the values of our Association and of the beneficiary populations.

Trasparency and honesty are the cornerstones of ASIA's financial and economic administration. Certification of the accounts, control mechanisms, careful selection of the administrative staff of projects, internal auditing systems and chartered auditors are some of the elements of guarantees for private and public donors sustaining our activities.







MISSION AND VISION

Mission

ASIA works to preserve the identity as well as the historical and cultural heritage of peoples of the Asian continent, with special attention to Tibet and the Himalayan region. ASIA promotes sustainable development that centre on local communities, utilizing their human, cultural and environmental resources.

Vision

ASIA considers the cultural diversity, tradi-

tions, and historical legacy of the peoples on the Asian continent, in particular Tibet and the Himalayan region, as an invaluable resource to safeguard and pass on to new generations through sustainable development and the participation of the local communities.

Specifically, ASIA embraces the values of peace, respect and tolerance, embedded in the cultural and spiritual tradition of Tibet. We believe these values represent the heritage of all humankind.





WHERE WE OPERATE

ASIA works in the Tibetan regions of western China (Tibetan Autonomous Region, Sichuan, Qinghai and Gansu), India, Nepal, Bhutan, Myanmar and Mongolia.





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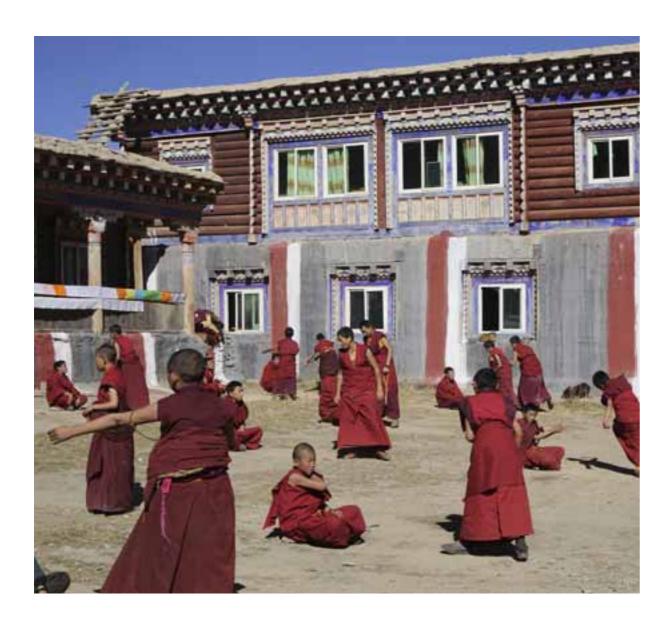
ASIA is a non-governmental organization recognized by the Italian Agency for Cooperation and Development by Decree n° 2016/337/000136/0 del 04/04/2016, with the following qualifications:

- · Carrying out medium and short term programmes in developing countries.
- service volunteers.
- · Local training of citizens of developing countries.
- Information.
- Public Awareness.

This qualification enables ASIA to obtain funding for undertaking projects financed by the European Union for the aforesaid qualifica-

ASIA is registered in the Single Register of • Selection, training and utilization of civilian Socially Useful Non-Profit Organizations (ONLUS) - NGO sector - under n. 12076 at the Tuscany Regional Tax Directorate

> ASIA is registered under n° 190 of the Prefecture Register of Legal Persons of Grosseto.



OUR ETHICS

To ensure respect of the principles and values of the activities of our organization, ASIA has adopted a series of codes of conduct and procedures that assure probity, objectivity and impartiality in the achievement of our Association's mission. We have adopted an Ethical Code, an anticorruption Code of conduct and an antifraud policy, a policy against bullying, harrassment and discrimination, a policy for the protection of minors, and a range of technical and administrative procedures to guarantee integrity, trasparency and legality.





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GOVERNANCE

Sovereign body of ASIA is the Members' Assembly, tasked with establishing and delineating the general aims of the Association, approving the budget and final balances of each financial year closing on 31 December of every year. Every 3 years it nominates a Board of Directors, Honorary President, Arbitrators and Audit Committee. The Board of Directors appoints from its members its legal representative for a three years term and is reelectable.

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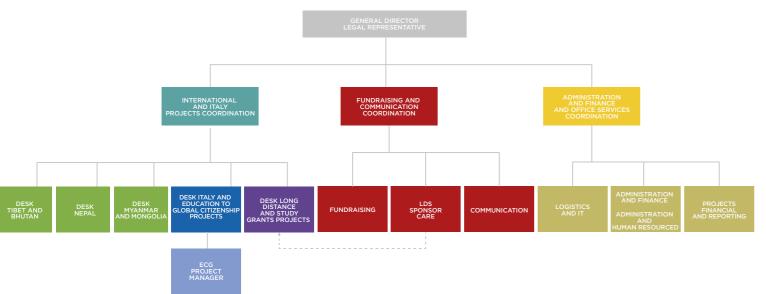
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THE HEAD OFFICE IN ROME

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ASIA operational headquarters in Asia

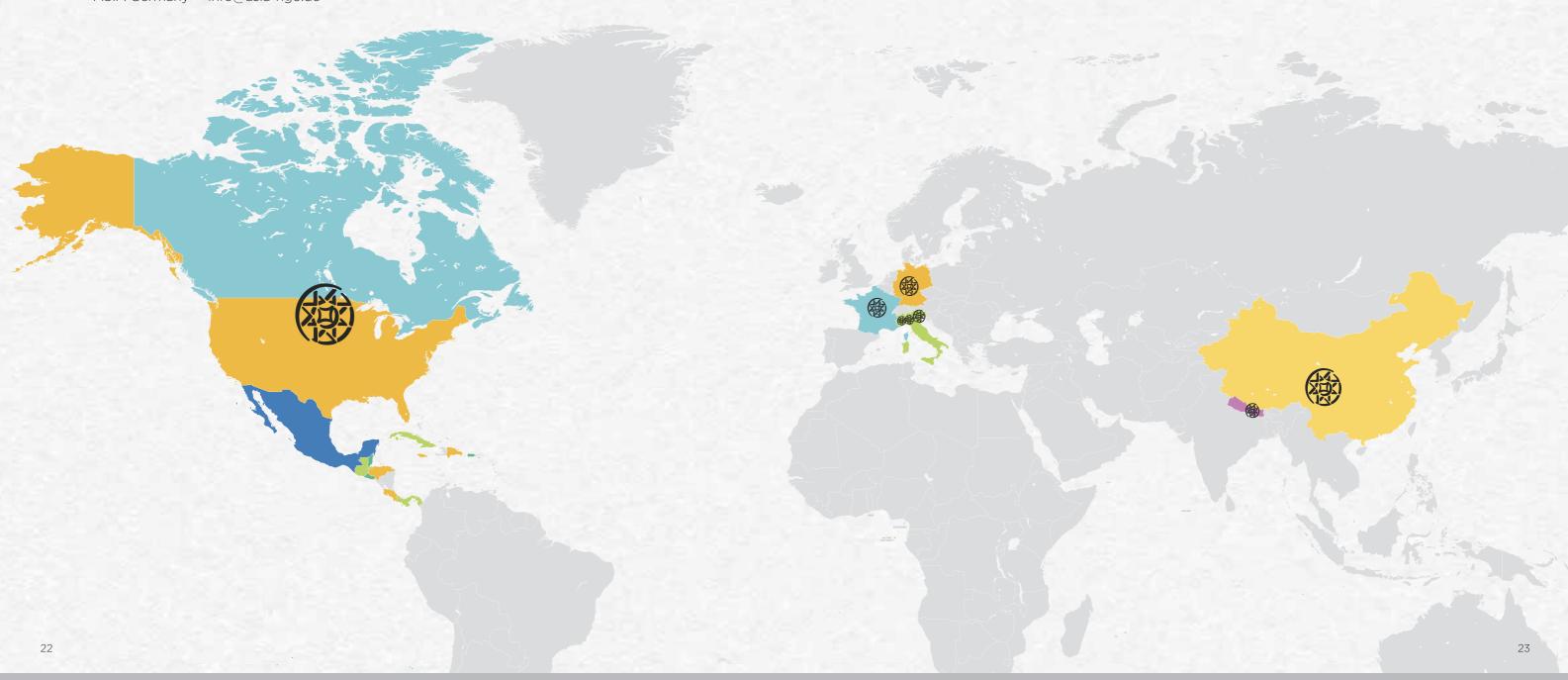
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approvedd, 3 are still under evaluation way:

In 2020 we presented 44 projects, to pu- and 24 were declined. The projects preblic and private donors, of which 17 were sented are subdivided in the following

	Nepal	Myanmar	China	Bhutan	Mongolia	Italy	Overall total
Approvedi	8	3	2	3		1	17
Refused	9	5	3	2	3	2	24
Under evaluation	1	1		1			3
Total projects presented per country	18	9	5	6	3	3	44
% Proposals presented/ total presented	41%	20%	11%	14%	7%	7%	100%
proposals approved/total proposals presented	18%	7%	5%	7%	0%	2%	39%
Amount funded in Euro	411.006	61.802	222.899	72.800	0	69.000	837.507
% funded/total funding obtainedi in 2020	49%	7%	27%	9%	0%	8%	100%

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The main ASIA donors in 2020 are: the Banca Intesa, AICS, the Presidency of the Waldensian Church, the Autonomous Pro- Council of Ministers, the Australian, New vince of Bolzano, the Italian Caritas, the Zealand, German, French and Danish em-CEI, the Almayuda, Nando Peretti, Tides bassy in Beijing, the Italian Buddhist





The number of projects underway in 2020, in Nepal, China, Myanmar, Mongolia and Italy totalled 24, of which 14 concluded during the year.

Important for ASIA is the opening up of Bhutan following an ASIA mission undertaken in February 2020. During the mission we found a very reliable and earnest partner with whom the mission was carried out, 6 projects were pinpointed and presented to 6 donors.

The projects to safeguard the culture, language and spirituality of Tibet, that are the bedrock of ASIA's mission, diminished considerably, on account of both the difficult geo-political context where we are working and because these are now not priority issues for donors.

There follows the projects realized in 2020 subdivided by country and intervention sector.

Sectors/Countries	Tibet	Nepal	Mongolia	Myanmar	Italy	Totali
Education			1			1
Safeguarding heritage, culture and spirituality	2					2
Food security, agriculture and pastoralism	2	4		1		7
Protecting the environment and fighting climate change		2				2
Emergency	1	4		3	1	9
WASH		1				1
GCED					2	2
Totai	5	11	1	4	3	24



The prevalent sectors are agriculture, sustainable development and emergencies caused by the pandemic. Education and safeguarding the cultural heritage of Tibet represent only 8% of the total of projects realized.

In 2020, through our development, emergency and Global Citizenship Education (GCED) projects we reached 44.825 direct beneficiaries and 176.395 indirect beneficiaries divided as marked in the following table.

Beneficiaries/Countries	Tibet	Nepal	Mongolia	Myanmar	Italy	Overall total
Direct						
Students	264	205	550		1365	2384
Teachers	35	30	34		155	254
Doctors/Nurses			20	1099	60	1179
Farmers/nomads		1625	31979	3626		37230
Monks/nuns		2231				2231
Italian civil society					1607	1607
Total direct beneficiaries	299	4091	32583	4725	3187	44885
Indirect						
Total indirect beneficiaries	3610	16693	82505	73587		176395





Through our projects in 2020 we took part in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development contributing to the achievement of the following goals:





PROJECTS UNDERWAY IN 2020



CHINA

In the Tibetan areas in China, ASIA has continued its commitments to guarantee food security to highland nomads, enhancing the local veterinary system, training veterinarians and breeders to improve the health of herds and flocks in order to produce healthier foodstuffs.

Our activities pertaining to some nuns' convents proceeded, where we built 1350 sq. m. of new dormitories and continued training courses in health and hygiene and in dressmaking and tailoring to render the nuns financially self-sufficient. We published 16.800 books on the Longchen Nyinthig spiritual pratices, one of the fundamental texts of the Dzogchen Teaching, which we then distributed among 2000 monks and nuns in Qinghai and Sichuan.

At the school in Dongche we built a museum

where the children can learn about the ancient cultural traditions of the farmers and nomad and see the objects used in everday life by the farmers and pastors, so as not to forget their origins and traditions. In the schools too we also carried out training courses in hygiene.

We supported the development of small micro-enterprises run by young nomads to enable them to remain in the predomionantly pastoral area instead of moving to the large Chinese cities as many of their peers do.

In east Tibet, we carried out consolidation work at the retreat centre at Galenteng struck by a landslide, thereby enabling 23 monks to start a 4-year course of spiritual retreat. Regrettaby owing to the pandemic the situation in Tibet has become increasingly difficult and we think we may have to start preparing an exit-strategy out of the country.



TIBET 2020 IN NUMBERS



5 ongoing projects





Education



Food Security, agriculture and pastoralism

Environmental protection and fight to climate change

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



















Who we have helped



Directly 4.091 people

205 students

30 teachers

1625 nomads

2231 monks and nuns

Indirectly 16.693 people

Together with

- Domda district government (Qingshui He)
- · Cyak Animal Husbandry Special Cooperative in Qumarlai County, Tibetan Automous Prefecture of Yushu
- Galengteng Monastery
- Singkhri Nunnery
- Singkhri Monastery
- Dongche Primary Boarding School of Guide County

Amount spent



630.978,77 Euro



A NEW COURSE IN MODERN EDUCATION INTEGRATING NEW DISCIPLINES AND ANCIENT LOCAL TRADITIONS IN A SUITABLE ACADEMIC CONTEXT

WHERE: China - Province of Qinghai, Prefecture of Hainan, Trikà County, Dongche village INTERVENTION SECTORS: Education, Spiritual cultural and artistic heritage, WASH

TOTAL EXPENDITURE: € 102.634,37 **AMOUNT SPENT IN 2020:** € 99.069,65

DONORS: Autnomous Province of Bolzano: contribution allocated € 42.980,00

Waldensian church: € 35.000,00

PROGRESS REPORT: Concluded

START/CONCLUSION: 01/01/2019 - 31/12/2020

DURATION: 24 months

DESCRIPTION: Aim of the project was the creation in the Tibetan school in Dongche of some museum visits to inform the Tibetan children about the ancient nomadic, farming and religious traditions of Tibet and educate them about their own cultural identity.

Furthermore, we wanted to improve the health and hygiene conditions at the school, converting the dry baths to toilets equipped with running water and wash-basins to prevent the spread of oro-fecal diseases.

GENERAL GOAL: Provide guaranteed modern, competitive education respectful of cultural identity in a healthy and appropriate context.

SPECIFIC GOAL: Set up a museum hub on local farming and nomad traditions and organize guided visits and conferences; protection of ancient texts preserved in the school library made available to the local community; children's health and hygiene conditions improved thanks to the new toilet facilities built.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

AO. Preparatory, logistical and co-ordination activities.

A1. Organized the museum tour.

A2. Preserved ancient Tibetan texts.

A3. Improved the health and hygiene conditions for schoolchidren and teachers at Dongche.

A4. Management and monitoring of the project.

A5. Informing public and heightening awareness about the project.

RISULTS EXPECTED: The project has been well developed and co-ordinated right from its start.

R1. The creation of the museum tour was decided upon and completed successfully.

R2. Lessons and conferences about the popular traditions were held.

R3. The book collection and all ancient books printed on paper were given wooden covers.

R4. The books made available to the local community.

R5. A new bathroom with running water was built at the school.

R6. Hygiene instruction lessons given to all school classes.

R7. The project was properly managed throughout all the activities with periodic monitoring carried out.





R8. Information about the aims and results of the project was made known to the people of the Autonomous Province of Bolzano, and an event staged informing about the importance of preserving the cultural identity of the Tibetan people at the same time as facing the challenges of the globalized world.

RISULTS ACHIEVED IN 2020: 84 objects pertaining to agricultural and pastoral life acquired; 46 Tibetan calligraphies made; 28 traditional paintings on Tibetan medicine acquired and currently on display in the new museum.

100% of works scheduled in the museum restoration contract completed: 19 rooms painted and decorated in Tibetan style; new lighting in every room; 18 inner communicating doors opened and rebuilt in Tibetan style; 342 sq. m. of flooring replaced with tiled floor; furniture, shelves, supports for museum objects built and installed in the museum.

100 % of schoolchilden totalling 205 pupils took part in the guided visits to the museum. 50% of the 30 school teachers attended the guided visits and the conferences held at the school. 77% of books catalogued, amounting to 997 of the total 1286 books preserved in their new cloth and wooden cases; library open responding to the requests of the local community.

100% of children at the Dongche school for a total of 205 pupils had avilable for a period of 4 months, twice a week for a total of 192 hours, English language lessons held by a new English teacher.

100% of the improvement works for the toilet facilities were completed with provision of running water and Imhoff tank. A contract was signed with a local firm for the construction of a new building for bath facilities for boys and girls totally 82 sq. m. with running water and Imhoff tank and a sewage disporal system.

98% of students amounting to 202 of 205 total pupils attended a 6 days' hygiene and virus prevention training course. The course was repeated one morning for each of the 6 classes. 30 teachers attended the hygiene course. 100% of teachers (30) attended the hygiene and prevention courses.

BENEFICIARIES REACHED IN 2020:

Direct: 205 students and 30 teachers.

Indirect: 223 families in Dongche valley that avail of the school services for a total of 5105 Ti-

betans.

PARTNERS: Dongche Primary Boarding School di Guide County.



ENHANCING GENDER EQUALITY IN TIBETAN RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS, PROTECTING TIBETAN CULTURE AND RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS

WHERE: China - Province of Qinghai, Prefecture of Hainan, Tongde County, Singkhri village

INTERVENTION SECTORS: Spiritual cultural and artistic heritage

WASH

Training and micro-enterprises **TOTAL AMOUNT:** € 737.940,00

AMOUNT SPENT IN 2020: € 506.785,78

DONORS: DANIDA, Dutch Embassy in Beijing

PROGRESS REPORT: Completed Year Two of the project

START/CONCLUSION: 01/01/2019 - 31/12/2021

DURATION: 3 years

DESCRIPTION: The monastery plays a fundamental role in this territory, because it gives women the opportunity of access to education, to learn in detail about traditional Tibetan culture, to learn a trade, and finally to build better lives for themselves.

Recent years have seen an increase in requests from Tibetan women from remote areas, due to scant economic resourses among families, because in Tibetan society women are disadvantaged in relation to men especially as regards to access to education.

This has created numerous difficulties, leading to overcrowding in the monastery accommodation with consequent worsening in health and hygiene conditions. Furthermore, all types of training in crafts and types of activities that might offer prospects of economically independent ways of life are absent.

Aim of the project is to improve living, health and hygiene conditions of the nuns at Singkhri Nunnery offering training courses on health and hygiene, extending and making good the monastery infrastructures. Then, to improve the cultural level and economic conditions of the nuns thanks to training courses in dressmaking and publishing and distributing Tibetan texts.

GENERAL GOAL: Achieving gender parity of rights for women and men in religious institutions in remote Tibetan areas where women are discriminatied against.

SPECIFIC GOAL: Improve economic, cultural, health and hygiene and living conditions of 600 nuns at Singkhri college.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

A1. Construction of a two-storey building with 60 rooms each 18 sq. m. for a total of 1080 sq. m.

A2. Furnish the new dormitories with furniture and equipment.

A3. Organize a basic health and hygiene training course for 50 nuns as trainers and two basic health and hygiene training courses for the rest.

A4. 550 nuns trained in hygiene all equipped with hygiene kits.

A5. Three training courses for 20 nuns furnished with all the necessary equipment.

A6. Collected, digitalized and published religious texts in 2100 series of 8 volumes, then distributed among nuns and monks of Singkhri and other religious institutions in the Tibetan areas of China.





RESULTS EXPECTED:

R1. Improvement of the living conditions of nuns and diminished risk of spreading infectious diseases though enhancement of infrastructures of the college.

R2. Improved health and hygiene conditions of 600 nuns through the health and hygiene education courses.

R3. Enhanced nuns' economic conditions through dressmaking training courses for 20 nuns.

R4. Improve the educational and cultural conditions of the nuns through the publication and distribution of Tibetan texts in Singkhri college and other colleges in the Tibetan regions of China.

RESULTS ACHIEVED IN 2020:

One dormitory built, completely and comfortably furnished for 120 nuns. All the nuns benefit from lower overcrowding in all the dormitories, with less risk of epidemics. 50 trainers trained about the problems of basic health and hygiene and women's issues; during the first and second years of the project 550 nuns were given specific health and hygiene training. 600 hygiene kits were distributed. 600 nuns acquired precise knowledge about the importance of hygiene and of best practices through training sessions and provision of hygiene kits.

20 nuns trained in traditional monastic tailoring.

20 sets (instruments, equipment and raw materials) distributed to 20 nuns to produce clothes for nuns, monks and laypeople in nearby villages. The economic conditions of 20 nuns improved by an average 8000 yuan per year for each nun by the end of project.

2100 series of 8 volumes each, for a total of 16.800 books printed and distributed to 2100 nuns and monks in the minority regions of China. The cultural and spiritual knowledge of the beneficiares reached thereby increased considerably.

BENEFICIARIES REACHED IN 2020:

Direct: 600 nuns at Singkhri college.

PARTNERS: The nuns at Singkhri and Singkhri monastery.



EMERGENCY INTERVENTION TO SAFEGUARD THE SPIRITUAL RETREAT CENTRE OF GALENTENG FROM THE EFFECTS OF THE LANDSLIDE THAT STRUCK IT

WHERE: China - Village of Galenteng, Khorlondo district, Derge County, Prefecture of Gan-

ze, province of Sichuan

INTERVENTION SECTOR: Artistic, cultural and spiritual heritage

TOTAL AMOUNT: € 81.246,35

AMOUNT SPENT IN 2020: € 4.716,96

DONORS: Tides Foundation; Fondazione Piano Terra; ASIA Germany, ASIA

PROGRESS REPORT: Concluded

START/CONCLUSION: 30 March 2020/31 December 2020

DURATION: 6 months

DESCRIPTION: At Galenteng, a small nomad village in Derge, there is on the most impor-

tant sacred sites of the entire region.

Since 1993 ASIA has undertaken an integrated development programme for thia area in Derge County, in order to safeguard the cultural and spiritual identity preserved by the monastery, and to inform people throughout the rest of the world about it.

In 2020 we were engaged in safeguarding the ground underlaying thr retreat centre due to

a landslide that struck the whole area.

GENERAL GOAL: Preserve and transmit to future generations the spiritual and e contemplative tradition of the village of Galenteng.

SPECIFIC GOAL: Consolidate and protect the meditation centre at Galenteng struck last summer by a rockslide.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

A1. Set up a project committee; nominate representatives and select staff to carry out the work.

A2. Carry out work for the consolidation of the temple and rooms; monitor activities.

RESULTS EXPECTED:

R1. A project committee with representatives of the college, of the monastery and of ASIA, set up and running.

R2. Temple and rooms of the meditation centre consolidated and made safe and protected against future rockslides and landslips.

RESULTS ACHIEVED IN 2020:

The committee was established with representatives of the village, the monastery and ASIA. Local carpenters were called to set work costs and draft drawings, and the village folk were asked to help the monastery by providing handymen and help transport materials available locally.

Work started in July and completed before the rainy season forecast in August. Around the temple were built seven reinforced concrete columns one metre in diameter driven 10 metres deep in the ground; a foundation curb to link all the columns and consolidate and bind the temple foundations for a length of 24 metres and width of 18 metres. Consolidation in





reinforced concrete was laid down for an overall area of 252 sq. m. For the rooms of the retreat centre, 4 pillars were built with a diameter of one metre driven 10 metres into the ground and connected with three reinforced cement girders. Then two more pillars were put in place and a reinforced cement wall but ressing the existing foundations. All the zone was then levelled off and drainages laid to keep water away from the foundations. The damaged parts of the existing walls were rebuilt and painted.

The college was inagurated with thousands present including important Lamas and Masters of the area; 23 monks started a 4-year retreat in October.

BENEFICIARIES REACHED IN 2020:

Direct: 23 practicioners on retreat, the head teacher and his assistant.

Indirect: 108 monks of the study college, two abbots at the college and the nomad population

of the village of Galenteng numbering about 3.000 people.

PARTNERS: Monastery of Galenteng



ENSURING FOOD SECURITY AND ECONOMIC SELF-SUFFICIENCY AMONG THE POOREST NOMAD COMMUNITIES EMARGINED BY CHINESE GOVERNMENT POLICIES IN THE DOMDA DISTRICT

WHERE: China - Qinghai Province, Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture of Yushu, Tringdu county, Domda district

INTERVENTION SECTOR: Environmental protection and fight to climate changes, Food security, agricolture and pastoralism, Training and micro-enterprise

TOTAL AMOUNT: € 376.684,00

AMOUNT SPENT IN 2020: € 35.955,75

DONORS: UBI (Italian Buddhist Union), Nando and Elsa Peretti Foundation, Autonomous

Province of Bolzano, ASIA

PROGRESS REPORT: Underway

START/CONCLUSION: 01/01/2020 - 31/12/2021

DURATION: 24 months

DESCRIPTION: Poverty, climate change and Chinese government policies disrespectful of the life and traditions of Tibetan nomads interact in the pastoral areas, giving rise to a vicious circle that constitutes the main limit to the development of the local economy and to the sustainability of existing pastoral models. The beneficiaries of the intervention are 300 families of shepherds from Xiang of Domda (Qingshui He) who will be selected by the staff of ASIA in collaboration with the local government. The activities of reconstitution of flocks, improvement of rented seasonal community pastures, training and distribution of veterinary tools are directly addressed to them.

GENERAL GOAL: The food security and resilience of the Domda xiang pastoral systems in Tringdu County are ensured and improved.

SPECIFIC GOAL: The achievement of economic and food self-sufficiency of nomadic families and the increase of the resilience of local farming through the increase of the sheep population, the supply of veterinary equipment, the offer of training courses on the prevention and treatment of flock diseases and the improvement of the management of grassland pastures in Domda xiang in Tringdu County.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

A1.1 Selection of animals to buy, genealogical characterization and identification of the best origins.

A1.2 Distribution of heads of cattle (700 sheep and 37 rams) to the beneficiaries of the 7 selected villages.

A2.1 Rent and cultivation of 25 hectares of abandoned pastures to be managed by the beneficiaries of the distribution of the animals.

A2.2 Distribution of 75 tons of hay to ensure the safety of the animals distributed by the project.

A3.1 Training courses for 150 nomads on how to manage pastures and mowing techniques for forage.

A3.2 Training on the use of seasonal pastures promoted by the project and in line with Tibetan tradition (150 nomads).

A4.1 Training courses for 40 veterinarians and nomads on the use of mobile pens for vaccinations, on the correct method of vaccinating, on the main pathologies of sheep, on methods of genetic improvement of flocks.

A.4.2 Supply to the seven selected villages of 2 mobile fences, 2 vans for the transport of veterinary equipment and 40 veterinary kits to the participants in the training courses.

RESULTS EXPECTED:

R1: The number of flocks increased with 700 new sheep and 37 rams in the villages of Domda by inserting cattle with greater adaptability to the effects of climate change destined to increase heterozygosity and resistance to disease.

R2: The forage reserves have been increased with the rental and cultivation of 25 hectares of abandoned pastures, making them available and usable by the poorest local communities and the distribution of 75 tons of forage.

R3: Transferred a grassland management model effective in reducing the risk through seasonal use of site-specific pastures (traditional Tibetan approach) and introduction of permanent grassland meadows with high adaptability, moving and silage emergencies.

R4: Developed a knowledge base useful for increasing the resilience of herds and flocks, through training courses and the supply of suitable veterinary equipment.

RESULTS ACHIEVED IN 2020:

Unfortunately, from the start of the project, due to the restrictions, first related to COVID and then to the political situation in China, the project has been experiencing quite a few delays. The activities and results obtained so far are the following:

Identified 60 very poor nomadic families to whom purchased sheep will be distributed. About 12 sheep will be given per family.

Identified and measured 25 hectares of land to be cultivated for the production of forage to create fodder reserves for the winter periods.

40 para veterinarians trained for 3 days, on the main sheep diseases and on the treatments and controls to be performed.

40 kits of medicines and equipment distributed to participants in the training course for veterinarians. Market analysis carried out for the purchase of mobile pens for vaccinations and periodic checks of flocks.

Purchased two vans to transport veterinary equipment during visits to flocks and to transport dairy products.

Market analysis carried out on sheep farmers in the area.

BENEFICIARIES REACHED IN 2020:

Direct: 300 nomadic families selected in the 7 villages of the Domda xiang for a total of 1,500 people directly involved in the action.

Indirect: 8.588 Tibetans of Domda xiang...

PARTNERS: Domda District Government (Qingshui He)



HIGH QUALITY MOUNTAIN PRODUCTS: AN ADDED VALUE RESOURCE TO SUPPORT THE TIBETAN CO-OPERATIVES AND TO PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

WHERE: China - Autonomous Tibetan Prefecture of Yushu, province of Qinghai **INTERVENTION SECTOR:** Protecting the environment and fighting climate change.

Food safety. Agriculture and pastoralism. Training courses and micro-enterprises

TOTAL AMOUNT: € 37.134.00

AMOUNT SPENT IN 2020: € 20.406,38

DONORS:

German and French Embassies in Beijing for a total amount of €22.200,00. Contribution

from ASIA/CYAK € 1.4912,00 Euro
PROGRESS REPORT: Concluded

START/CONCLUSION: April 2019 to October 2020

DURATION: 18 months

DESCRIZIONE: The project aimed to buttress the co-operative system, focussing on the CYAK co-operative as test-case of great potential, such that it might serve as model for the development of a network of large scale livestock cooperatives.

The aim was to support Tibetans in starting up a livestock business, answering modern expectations of families but without weighing too heavily on resources, especially on grassland, so as not to alter the ecosystem and annual production. The cooperatives and the collective use of the land were among the strongest strategies to achieve this need.

GENERAL GOAL: Make the traditional model of utilization of pastures a viable economic model congruent with modern life-styles, enduring environmental sustainability and the dignity of the local pastoral communities. This will give the younger generations of Tibetans opportunities to maintain their culture and identity based on nomad animal husbandry, without giving up education and other services available.

SPECIFIC GOAL: The CYAK cooperative business plan is viable as a highly repeatable pilot project for other Tibetan cooperatives engaged in animal husbandry, thereby providing an integrated service to Tibetan rural areas.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

A1. Setting up a workroom for drying the mushrooms and medicinal herbs and organization of a training course in the use of equipment and health and hygiene regulations concerning dried products for human consumption.

A2. Preparation of a shop with related installations to promote the products for visiting tourists and purchase of the necessary materials for packaging and sale of the dried products.

A3. Developing an e-ecommerce and promotional material business strategy for the publicity launch through local Chinese sites.





A4. Carrying out a detailed analysis of the potential capabilities of local pastures and their seasonal use.

RESULTS EXPECTED:

R1. Two new products, dried mushrooms and dried medicinal herbs, prepared and launched onto the market by direct sales and by e-commerce.

R2. An environmental study carried out giving clear indications on suitable management models for pastures in order to develop a business plan for the local cooperatives.

RESULTS ACHIEVED IN 2020: The project was concluded successfully, achieving all the predicted results:

- a study to identify the medicinal herbs found in the pastures by the cooperative and their marketing;
- chosen the best equipment for drying and packaging the herbs;
- purchased and installed the equipment in the cooperative premises;
- delivered a 10-day training course for 6 employees of the cooperative on the use and maintenance of the laboratory drying equipment;
- constructed a room for displaying products for sale;
- purchased equipment, furniture and computers for the show room of the cooperative;
- purchased materials for packaging after having printed labels for the sundry products with the logo of the cooperative;
- developed an e-commerce strategy to launch the products of the cooperative on internet;
- arranged a digital platform with products for sale;
- carried out publicity launch for the cooperative;
- carried out a study on the sustainable use of the pastures of the cooperative by a participatory analysis with the nomads of the cooperative;
- discerned tha best ways of sustainable use of the pastures and shared the results with local nomads.

BENEFICIARIES REACHED IN 2020:

Direct: 25 members of the cooperative and family members for a total of 125 nomads.

Indirect: 20.000 nomads of Qumarlai County.

PARTNERS: Cyak Animal Husbandry Special Cooperative in Qumarlai County, Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture of Yushu.

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MYANMAR

In Myanmar, during 2020, ASIA carried out 3 emergency interventions in Chin region, in the districts of Mindat and Kanpetlet, providing medical supplies and necessary instruments to local hospitals and health centres in remote areas to fight the spread of COVID-19.

Meanwhile we also carried out the first year activities of the project funded by AICS. In particular, we selected the 3 best coffee varieties found in Myanmar, set up 12 project nurseries in 12 villages of the townships of

Mindat and Kanpetlet and offered training courses in nursery management and maintenance. We also delivered 14.600 coffee seedlings and 1000 saplings of Grevillea robusta to 12 leader farmers (1 per village of the first year), to be added to the total number of seedlings produced by the project. The 245.000 seedlings planted the first year are currently monitored by ASIA staff and by the village Committees prior to distribution in year 2 of the project.



MYANMAR 2020 IN NUMBERS



4 ongoing projects

Intervention sectors:



Emergency



Food security, agriculture and pastoralism

Sustainable Development Goals















Who we have helped



Directly 4.725 people





Indirectly 73.587 people

Together with

- K'Cho Land Development Association COLDA
- Progetto Continenti Onlus

Amount spent



263.999,47 Euro



PREPARATIONS FOR THE COVID 19 EMERGENCY IN THE STATE OF CHIN

WHERE: Myanmar - South Chin State, Distict: Mindat

INTERVENTION SECTOR: Emergency

TOTAL AMOUNT: € 21.490,00

AMOUNT SPENT IN 2020: € 8.721,19

DONOR: ASIA

PROGRESS REPORT: Concluded

START/CONCLUSION: April 2020 - July 2020

DURATION: 3 months

DESCRIPTION: Myanmar, after underestimating for a long time the possible consequences of the Covid pandemc in the Country, probably also to allay problems tied to political reactions, started acting in March 2020 to avoid irreparable spread of the contagion, above all in the areas where the population is already very vulnerable.

Basic health assistance is still more deficient in rural areas like Chin, one of the most remote and isolated parts of the Country, where to survive three quarters of the population rely mainly on small scale agriculture, living below the poverty line. Poor transportation and rugged terrain in this State mean that often rural residents have to walk for days to get medical supplies in the nearest city. Some arrive, close to death, while others do not survive the journey. As health care is not readily available many people rely on traditional remedies for seasonal illnesses and only go to hospital when gravely ill.

Chin has 9 hospitals with a total of 750 beds, 20 "hospital stations" - health centres smaller than city hospitals but larger than rural health centres - 9 materrnal and child health centres and 331 village health centres. The majority of the lealth centres are poorly served.

In the specific areas where ASIA operates (District of Mindat – townships of Mindat and Kanpetlet), albeit with great diffuculty a prevention phase was put in place to try to contain the spread of the virus.

One of the main concerns in fact related to workers returning to their homeland after extended stays abroad, mainly in China, the USA and India. Despite the State of Chin having formally closed its borders, people returning there (estimated at 15.000 persons) found illegal routes, hard to control in a largely mountainous Country.

Aim of the project was to provide hospitals and health centres in Mindat District with the medical supplies and tools necessary to fight the spread of COVID-19.

GENERAL GOAL: Reduce the spread of COVID-19 in the State of Chin.

SPECIFIC GOAL: Supply hospitals with the means and tools to prevent contagion.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

A1. Hold coordination meetings in loco for rapid implementation of activities.

A2. Purchase supplies.

A3. Distribute supplies.

A4. Assist local authorities in information activities and collecting data on vulnerable population.

RESULTS EXPECTED:

R1. Mindat District Hospital and related health centres of Mindat District furnished with equipment and means to curtail spread of Covid 19 in the territory.

RESULTS ACHIEVED IN 2020:

All activitles were concluded.

Supplies distributed:

10.000 surgical masks

1.200 smocks

5.000 surgical gloves

9.000 nurse's caps

50 loudspeakers

50 complete kits

20 sprayers

150 litres of disinfectant

600 N95 masks

3.000 lab coats

ASIA decided to intervene in the townships where it is operating to offer support to staff by furnishing individual protection devices as requested, instruments for disinfection of medical wards, and support information campaigns for the population.

This undertaking formed a starting point for prevention

of the contagion and a valid first help for the health centres in the territory where ASIA operates.

BENEFICIARIES REACHED IN 2020:

Direct: 231 doctors and paramedics in township of Mindat and 86 in Kanpetlet.

Indirect: 73.587 inhabitants.

PARTNERS: K'Cho Land Development Association - COLDA





PREPARARING FOR THE COVID 19 EMERGENCY IN CHIN STATE

WHERE: Myanmar - State: South Chin, District: Mindat

INTERVENTION SECTOR: Emergency

TOTAL AMOUNT: € 22.665,00

DONORS: Fondazione Pianoterra

PROGRESS REPORT: concluded

START/CONCLUSION: 01/06/2020 - 30/06/2020

DURATION: 1 month

DESCRIPTION: Myanmar, after underestimating for a long time the possible consequences of the Covid pandemc in the Country, probably also to allay problems tied to political reactions, started acting in March 2020 to avoid irreparable spread of the contagion, above all in the areas where the population is already very vulnerable.

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GENERAL GOAL: Reduce the spread of COVID-19 in the State of Chin.

SPECIFIC GOAL: Supply hospitals with the means and tools to prevent contagion.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

A1. Purchase of supplies.

A2. Trasporting supplies to the project area.

A3. Distribution of supplies.





RESULTS EXPECTED:

R1. Mindat District Hospital and health centres of district of Mindat furnished with means and tools to contain spread of the contagion.

RESULTS ACHIEVED IN 2020: All activities concluded.

Supplies distributed:

150 litres of aceptolo

2.000 disposable gowns

400 surgical gloves

4 sets for monitoring patients with EPG

80 contactless thermometers

1 syringe pump and 30 pulse oxymeters

BENEFICIARIES REACHED IN 2020:

Direct: 231 doctors and paramedics in Mindat township and 86 in Kanpetlet township.

Indiretti: i 73.587 inhabitants of Mindat and Kanpetlet.

PARTNERS: K'Cho Land Development Association - COLDA



PPREPARAING FOR THE COVID 19 EMERGENCY IN THE STATE OF CHIN PHASE 2

WHERE: Myanmar - State: South Chin, District: Mindat

INTERVENTION SECTOR: Emergency

TOTAL AMOUNT: € 17.647,00

AMOUNT SPENT IN 2020: € 17.647,00

DONORS: Nando and Elsa Peretti Foundation, ASIA

PROGRESS REPORT: concluded

START/CONCLUSION: 01/08/2020 - 31/08/2020

DURATION: 1 month

DESCRIPTION: Supplying disposable medical materials donated by the NANDO AND ELSA PERETTI Foundation and ASIA enabled to protect medical and paramedical staff from contact with positive cases of COVID-19 for three months and supplying medical equipment (surgical masks and headgear, gloves, smocks, N95 masks, beds with mattresses, infusion pumps) is a fundamental response to the COVID 19 emergency COVID-19, and also for other diseases. The material was distributed to hospitals in Mindat and Kanpetlet and rural clinics set up in the main villages in the district.

GENERAL GOAL: Reducing the spread of COVID-19 in Chin State.

SPECIFIC GOAL: Furnishing supplies and instruments to hospitals to prevent contagion.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

A1. Purchase of supplies.A2. Trasport of supplies in the project areas.

A3. Distribution of supplies.

RESULTS EXPECTED:

R1. Furnishing Mindat District Hospital and related health centres of the District of Mindat with instruments and supplies to curtail spread of the disease over the territory.

RESULTS OBTAINED IN 2020: All activities concluded.

Supplies furnished:

15.000 surgical masks



15.000 surgical gloves

10.000 surgical headgear

10.000 disopsable smocks 1.850 KN95

8 beds (hand regulated 2 handles) with matress

1 infusion pump

1.700 packets of surgical gloves size 6.5 and 7

BENEFICIARIES REACHED IN 2020:

Direct: 332 doctors and paramedics in Mindat township and 143 in Kanpetlet township.

Indirect: 73.587 inhabitants.

PARTNERS: K'Cho Land Development Association - COLDA



COFFEE: MAXIMIZE PRODUCTION AND BOOST ASSOCIATED ECONOMIES IN SOUTHERN CHIN STATE (COFFEA - CHIN)

WHERE: Myanmar - State: soutnern Chin, District: Mindat

INTERVENTION SECTOR: Food security, agriculture and pastoralism

TOTAL AMOUNT: € 1.188.723,68

AMOUNT SPENT IN 2020: € 217.602,76

DONORS: AICS, ASIA, Progetto Continenti Onlus

PROGRESS REPORT: Underway

START/CONCLUSION: 15/11/2019 - 14/01/2023

DURATION: 38 months

DESCRIPTION: Aim of the project is sustainable development of the coffee sector in Myanmar, a country where the economic potential of this resource has not been fully valorized.

Our propsal is the outcome of a long-time collaboration between local partners and those in Italy and of extensive field research that analyzed the local context pointing up its potentiality and fragility. Notwithstanding the fact that the natural green coffee of the Chin region, in fact, was recently judged, through cupping trials held in Italy, an excellent coffee in terms of quality, sales opportunities on the local and international markets are still very moderate and families engaged in its production do not manage to get substantial earnings.

Moreover, the coffee-growers, albeit growing the coffee adopting a semi-natural approach that brings out its quality and environmental sustainability, do not make use of appropriate processing and storage techniques, jeapordizing the quality of the final product and causing continuous loss of forest surface land through the practice of shifting agriculture. For these reasons the project intends to enhance the quantity and quality of the production of coffee seedlings and of the final product, increasing work and income opportunity for coffee growers; upgrade the coffee production chain and micro-enterpise activities linked with and complementary to the coffee sector (non-timber forest products obtained from shade plants), and focus on a mindful and sustainable use of resources. Drawing on the involvement of a local partner, working in the field over many years, the two Italian partners thus aim to deploy activities that will lead not only to development of the sector but also to the creation of market networks, focussing particularly on categories of the beneficiaries among the economically disadvanted, in particular women and the young, and on innovative activities that can become a natural part of the local context in order to create an ongoing sustainable system also after the conclusion of the project.

GENERAL GOAL: Promote rural sustainability and reduce shifting agriculture, emigration and loss of natural resources (mountain forest) in southern Chin State.

SPECIFIC AIM: Increase work opportunities in the rural communities of the remote areas of southern Chin through boosting the coffee sector, particularly addressing women and the young, and fostering a constant and fruitful access to the local and international markets.





PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

- A1. Support the start of agricultural activities for 80 landless families.
- A2. Set up nurseries of certified varieties of Arabica coffee.
- A3. Study agro-phytopathological problems of coffee.
- **A4.** Training courses in best agricultural practices, post-harvesting and quality control.
- **A5.** Set up 20 primary processing centres of the coffee and 1 harvesting and secondary processing of the coffee.
- A6. Set up 1 sector studiy centre of the local and international markets for Chin coffee.
- A7. Organize 2 seminars for the presentation of the market analysis output.
- **A8.** Organize 3 B2B encounter sessions at local, regional and national level.
- A9. Organize 3 events for the promotion of Chin coffee for the local Chin market.
- **A10.** Train 4 technicians in the district of Mindat on the possibilities of the national market, marketing, and merchandizing.
- A11. Select 3 work sectors complementary with coffee production.
- **A12.** Train 250 coffee growers on the production and merchandizing of agricultural products derived from sectors complementary to coffee.
- **A13.** Organize 4 events for the presentation and promotion of the selected complementary products.

RESULTS EXPECTED:

- R1. Improve the quality and quantity of coffee produced on southern Chin districts.
- **R2.** Enhance the commercial value of the product on the national and international markets and increase the related sales opportunities.
- **R3.** Boost the mico-enterprise activities tied to coffee-complemenary sectors.

RESULTS OBTAINED IN 2020:

Selected the 3 best coffee cultivars.

Set up 12 nurseries of the project in 12 villages in the townships of Mindat and Kanpetlet and conducted training courses in nursery management and maintenance.

Delivered 14.600 coffee seedlings and 1000 Grevillea Robusta saplings to 12 leader growers (1 from each village for year I), to be added to the total number of seedings produced through the project. The 245.000 seedlings planted in year 1 are currently being monitored by ASIA staff and the village Committees prior to being distribuited in year 2 of the project.

BENEFICIARIES REACHED IN 2020:

Direct: 3.626 people (1.793 at Mindat and 1.833 at Kanpetlet), of whom 1.806 women and 1.820 men. **PARTNERS:** K'Cho Land Development Association - COLDA association, Progetto Continenti Onlus



MONGOLIA

In Mongolia, during the first three months of the year the last activities pertaining to the project "Starting again from Education: improving accommodation for children at the district school in Asgat, Mongolia", funded by UBI, were concluded.

Then, due to Covid 19, it was not possible to send ex-patriate staff and the start of the new

project funded by the UBI was postponed. The work was prevalentently tied to administrative and management activities related to the local office and the requirements necessary to maintain ASIA's registration operative in Mongolia, in anticipation of sending ex-patriate staff in loco and start the new project activities.



MONGOLIA 2020 IN NUMBERS



1 Ongoing project

Intervention sectors:



Education



WASH

Sustainable development goals





Who we have helped



directly 299 people



264 students



35 teachers



Indirectly the 3.610 inhabitants of Asgat District

Together with

- Asgat School
- Department of Education of Sükhbaatar Province

Amount spent



10.042,80 Euro



STARTING AGAIN FROM EDUCATION: IMPROVING ACCOMMODATION FOR CHILDREN AT THE DISTRICT SCHOOL IN ASGAT, MONGOLIA

WHERE: Mongolia - Province of Sükhbaatar **INTERVENTION SECTOR:** WASH, Education

TOTAL AMOUNT: € 200.442,00

AMOUNT SPENT IN 2020: € 10.042,80

DONORS: Unione Buddista Italiana, ASIA

PROGRESS REPORT: Concluded

START/CONCLUSION: 15/03/2019 - 14/03/2020

DURATION: 12 months

DESCRIPTION: The promotion of education is a priority intervention sector for ASIA, as we hold that it must be effected through actions respectful of the integrity of the local culture. The project forms part of a larger strategy of supporting the resilience of momad pastoral communities that constitute over 60% of the population of the district of Asgat: guaranteeing the opportunity of education to children from nomad families lessens the probability of sedentarization compelled by the need of access to services.

GENERAL GOAL: Foster infant school attendance in district of Asgat, province of Sükhbaatar, Mongolia, for children from poorer nomad families.

SPECIFIC GOAL: Improve accommodation for children at Asgat primary school.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

A1. Renovation of dormitory roof..

A2. Refurbishment of dormitory..

A3. Complete (physical, chemical, microbiological) analysis of water from the school well.

A4. Study of the characteristics of the water and identification of the best purification system.

A5. Purchase and transportation of water purification system.

A6. Construction of a new building for expansion of the kitchen, and installation of the water purification system

A7. Implementation of water, heating and electricity connections for the new building and connecting the water purification system.

RESULTS EXPECTED

R1. Structural conditions of the dormitory and living conitions improved for the 52 boarding children.

R2. School drinking water availability supplied.

RESULTS OBTAINED IN 2020:

Construction work completed: the dormitory roof was renovated and the dormitory refurbished. As well as works originally planned over the course of activities we realized that the dormitory radiators were too old and needed replacing. Thanks to the collaboration of the constrution company it was possible to replace them so as to offer a healthy location for the young schoolchildren.



A new facility was built near the school where a water filter was installed. The electricity and heating systems were modernized.

BENEFICIARIES REACHED IN 2020:

Direct: 264 pupils at the school in Asgat, aged 6 to 14, and 35 adults among teachers and school staff.

IIndirect: 3.610 inhabitants of the District of Asgat.

PARTNERS: Asgat School and Provincial Department of Education

*(support partner in the implementation of activities without budget management)



NEPAL

In Nepal, large part of our activities aim to ensure food security and to develop agrarian and livestock farming activities in the mountainous regions of the Country. In particular, ASIA has contributed to the creation of lowcost innovative irrigation systems, the construction of harvesting and storage of farm products, bolstering the value chain of seeds and spices starting from production, on to trasformation and ending in boosting the trade opportunities for farmers through sale of their products in local markets. We have also contributed to the construction of 3 acqueducts in rural areas and the spread of good hygiene practices; supported local communities in developing the animal husbandry sector and the production of cheese products. To safeguard the environment at the same time as creating new income opportunities, ASIA planted over 30.000 trees. Of these the majority are coffee and fruit trees, the products being sold at the local markets, and forest trees whose leaves are used as animal fodder. At the same time, activities were undertaken promoting forest non timber production chains in Langtang Park, setting up nurseries, beekeeping and mushroom growing activities all of which entailed the en-

gagement of 60% farm women.

Consequent on the emergency situation caused by the Covid pandemic ASIA distributed medical supplies, oxygen and protective materials in a health centre in the district of Rasuwa, contributing to the reduction of the spread of Covid and enabling proper treatment of patients. We organized a Covid prevention campaign involving over 23.000 people and distributed sewing machines for local production of masks. In Kathmandu, we supported 108 needy families at Manasarovar School distributing food packs and also distributing materials for prevention and sanitizaion and constructing a hand washing facility at the school. In interior refugee camps in Haku, in the district of Rasuwa, ASIA distributed 680 food packs containing staple foods to 2906 people living in the temporary camps since 2015 which ASIA had already supported immediately following the 2015 earthquake by the distribution of non food products and temporary shelters. Finally, ASIA continued in Kathmandu projects to protect Tibetan culture and to carry out the second phase of the Bönpo Traditional Medical School project that entails construction of a lunch room for the school pupils.



NEPAL 2020 IN NUMBERS



11 ongoing projects

Intervention Sectors:



Emergency



Environmental Protection and Fight to Climate Change



Artistic, cultural and spiritual heritage



Food security, agriculture and pastoralism

Sustainable Development Goals

















Who we have helped



Directly 32.583 people



550 students 34 teachers



20 doctors/nurses



31.979 farmers

Indirectly 82.505 people

Together with

- Nepal Agroforestry Foundation
- CEAPRED
- Sengedag Service Society
- Community Self Reliance Center (CSRC)
- Manasarovar Foundation
- Triten Norbutse Bönpo Monastery
- Jibjibe Community Hospital
- Community Health Volunteer Groups
- DAFNE (University of Tuscia)
- PIN s.r.l. (Arco)
- Associazione Apicoltori Trentini
- Associazione Forestale del Trentino
- Trentino for Tibet

Amount spent



491.593,08 Euro



COVID-19 | NEPAL, JIBJIBE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL - SUPPORT WITH SANITARY MATERIALS

WHERE: Nepal - District of Rasuwa, Township of Kalika

INTERVENTION SECTOR: Emergency

TOTAL AMOUNT: € 15.195,72

AMOUNT SPENT IN 2020: € 15.195,72 **DONORS:** Conferenza Episcopale Italiana

PROGRESS REPORT: Concluded

START/CONCLUSION: 25/05/2020 - 24/08/2020

DURATION: 3 months

DESCRIPTION: The COVID-19 crisis struck the healthcare system of Nepal, above all in rural areas. Jibjibe Community Hospital is the principal health centre in the remote rural area of the rural township of Kalika, in the district of Rasuwa. There are no hospitals in these remote areas and the people are forced to walk over 3 hours to reach the nearest health centre. Existing health centres have no adequate equipment or trained health staff, and no doctors or properly qualified paramedics or nurses.

Without access to healthcare 75% of the population of the Township relies on traditional doctors and in severe cases has with great difficulty to reach the capital due to there being no ambulances and the roads often being blocked during the rainy season. Very often people die before reaching the nearest health centre.

ASIA, using CEI (Conferenza Episcopale Italiana) Funds, decided to support the community hospital of Jibjibe in Kalika township, the hospital that also covers the rural area of Naukunda, where ASIA mostly operates. The hospital had no equipment, medical supplies or proctective materials for the fight against coronavirus. Inside the health centre we set up a COVID-19 area for treating infected patients.

GENERAL GOAL: Supporting the community hospital at Jibjibe in the fight againdt the Covid pandemic in the township of Kalika, Rasuwa, Nepal.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

Distribution of:

5000 surgical masks

150 FFP3 masks

4000 pairs of disposable gloves

103 protective face and eye shields

103 pairs of boots

103 pars of protective cleaning gloves

50 aprons for cleaners and staff

50 special rubbish bins

133 litres of disinfectant

100 litres liquid soap

500 litres sodium hypochlorite



20 protective medical overalls

10 pulse oxymeters

2 oxygen concentrators

4 infrared thermometers

Oxygen therapy equipment

10 hospital beds

10 oxygen cyilinders

2 sewing machines for community women and materials for mnufacturing masks to distribute to the local population.

RESULTS EXPECTED: R1. Distribution of medical supplies to fight the pandemic.

RESULTS ACHIEVED IN 2020: All materials distributed.

BENEFICIARIES REACHED IN 2020:

Direct: 20 staff of the hospital. **Indirect:** 10.500 patients.

PARTNERS: ASIA and Jibjibe Community Hospital



COVID-19 - NEPAL, PREVENTION AT KALIKA AND NAUKUNDA





WHERE: Nepal - District of Rasuwa, townships of Naukunda and Kalika

INTERVENTION SECTOR: Emergency

TOTAL AMOUNT: € 10.160,69

AMOUNT SPENT IN 2020: € 10.160,69

DONORS: CEI - Conferenza Episcopale Italiana

PROGRESS REPORT: Concluded

START/CONCLUSION: 25/05/2020 - 24/08/2020

DURATION: 3 months

DESCRIPTION: The district of Rasuwa lies in the central region of Nepal, in the area of Bagmati, on the border with the Autonomous Region of Tibet. Rasuwa has c. 43.300 inhabitants. 69% of the population of this community is ethnically Tamang and has been formally recongized as "Marginalized Indigenous People". The literacy rate and awareness of conduct related to health and hygiene are both very low in the area. Rasuwa is one of the most vulnerable districts in terms of Covid infection due to the international border (Rasuwagadhi) with Tibet (China).

The health emergency risk is very high inasmuch as in this area there is no prevention system, observation of basic hygiene norms or measures for protection of the population. The people of Rasuwa ive in fear due to the open borders, returning migrants not quarantining or taking Covid tests. Their fears were exacerbated by deficiencies in the healthcare system and news that health workers were forced to work without adequate protection. We supported the territory of "Jibjibe Community Hospital", in the rural town of Kalika, in the district of Rasuwa, with an awareness raising campaign for 11.393 persons and the nearby town of Naukunda that counts 11.824 persons, through awareness aand prevention campains by ASIA staff aided by health workers (5 doctors, 5 nurses, 4 paramedics, 1 lab technician, 1 radiographer and 4 cleanng staff), 3 other members of health staff and 53 health volunteers.

GENERAL GOAL: Supporting rural communities in preventing the pandemic in the townships of Kalika and Naukunda, Rasuwa, Nepal.



PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

A1. Transmission of radio messages for prevention of the infection for 3 months on 2 different radios.

A2. Putting up 10 posters with messages promoting hygiene.

A3. 20.000 fliers and 3.000 posters for prevention of Covid-19 and the promotion of hygiene..

A4. Meetings for information and guidance in 30 villages oF the 2 townships.

RESULTS EXPECTED:

R1. Informed 23.217 persons on the risks and prevention of COVID-19.

RESULTS ACHIEVED IN 2020: All activities carried out, result successfully accomplished. **BENEFICIARIES REACHED IN 2020:**

Direct: 23.217 persons - 11.393 of the township of Kalika and 11.824 of the township of Naukunda.

PARTNERS: ASIA, Jibjibe Community Hospital and Community Health Volunteer Groups.



COVID-19 EMERGENCY- CHILDREN, THE HIDDEN VICTIMS OF THE PANDEMIC





WHERE: Nepal - Kathmandu, District ofi Kathmandu

INTERVENTION SECTOR: Emergency

TOTAL AMOUNT: € 22.676,24

AMOUNT SPENT IN 2020: € 16.118,44

DONORS Private

PROGRESS REPORT: Concluded

START/CONCLUSION: 01/06/2020 - 31/12/2020

DURATION: 7 months

DESCRIPTION: In Nepal, like in many other countries in the world, the pandemic spread rapidly creating serious difficulties due to the quick deterioration of an already hard-hit very fragile economic system.

To combat the crisis, Manasarovar School, which since 1999 has offered primary schooling to Tibetan children living in Boudhanath is an important reference point for families in this area, sought help from ASIA that from the start has supported it through its Long Distance Sponsorship project.

All schools closed on 19 March 2020, forcing over 8 million schoolchildren to remain at home, including the 550 pupils and 34 staff members of Manasarovar, who found it very difficult to continue teaching activities due to the lack of multimedia equipment and informatics know-how. To prepare for reopening and resumption of lessons correctly applying the safety measures, funds were necessary to purchase the necessary prevention equipment and to guarantee sufficient safety distancing between children to avoid contagions.

Also, 108 of the families with children at the school had lost their jobs and no longer had the means to support themselves and so turned to the school for help.

ASIA intervened distributing food rations for 1 month, setting up a hand cleaning facility and distributing health materials to fight the pandemic.

GENERAL GOAL: Prevent suffering, save human lives and safeguard the health of children at Manasarovar School and their families.



SPECIFIC GOAL:

1- Support the school, students and their families to prevent spread of Covid-19 after lockdown in Nepal.

2- Reduce hunger and support poor families impacted by the pandemic.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

A1. Creation of a hand washing corner.

A2. Monitoring and guidance of school pupils in hand-washing.

A3. Purchase of safety devices for the school.

A4. Reorganization of lessons and additional remuneration for teachers.

A5. Purchase and distribution of food packs including: 5 kg rice, 2,5 kg Atta (grain flour), 2,5 kg Maida, 2 kg Dal (red and white lentils), 1,5 litres cooking oil, 1 kg Chana (chickpeas), 1 kg beans, 1 kg suger per person for 1 month.

RESULTS EXPECTED:

R1. Manasarovar School equipment compliant with WHO guidelines.

R2. 550 students and 34 staff members regularly attend lessons in a safe environment.

R3. 108 poor families received food support for 1 month.

RESULTS OBTAINED IN 2020: All aims fulfilled.

BENEFICIARIES REACHED IN 2020:

Direct: 550 students, 34 staff members of Manasarovar school and 108 families.

PARTNERS: ASIA and Manasarovar Foundation



SUPPORTING INTERNAL REFUGEES FROM HAKU TO FACE COVID-19





WHERE: Nepal - Districts of Rasuwa and Nuwakot, Khalte, Bogatitar, Battar, Satbise, Shanti-

bazar, Kholebesi, Mailung refugee camps **INTERVENTION SECTOR:** Emergency

TOTAL AMOUNT: € 47.720,53

AMOUNT SPENT IN 2020: € 41.464,90

DONORS: Caritas Italiana, ASIA **PROGRESS REPORT:** Concluded

START/CONCLUSION: 01/10/2020 - 31/12/2020

DURATION: 3 months

DESCRIPTION: In Nepal, throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, ASIA supported several communities and persons in difficult circumstances by distributing food and protective items to deal with the pandemic, also organizing awareness raising campaigns in preventing the virus. In the first week of July 2020, we visited the camps for internal refugees from Haku and Rasuwa.

The internal displaced persons of Haku are persons who fled the village of Haku, in Langtang Park, following the massive earthquake in 2015 that destroyed the Country and in particular razed the village of Haku and the park area.

The inhabitants of Haku were already considered an ethnic minority, underprivileged persons marginalized by society. The earthquake made their lives even harder inasmuch as they now they are still living in temoprary refugee camps with no home, their children have no proper schooling and must walk several miles to reach the school and are often undernourished, pregnant women do not eat enough nutritious food and the elderly suffer in winter and summer. Sometimes the monsoons sweep away their little shelters and their plight is truly tragic.

Their survival strategy pre-COVID was to work day to day in sundry hydropower construction sites or at private farms, with very low daily pay. The pandemic interrupted all work possibilities and the people from Haku started incurring heavy debts in the local shops, not having any income opportunities.

In light of the severe food emergency they asked for support from ASIA. To meet the food emergency, we distributed food packs to 680 refugee families.



GENERAL GOAL: Ensure food intake for refugees from Haku in the temporary camps in districts of Rasuwa and Nuwakot.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

A1. Preparation and coordination with local authorities.

A2. Purchase and distribution of food packs including: 5 kg rice, 2,5 kg Atta (grain flour), 2,5 kg Maida, 2 kg Dal (red and white lentils), 1,5 litres cooking oil, 1 kg Chana (chickpeas), 1 kg beans, 1 kg suger per person for 1 month.

RESULTS EXPECTED: R1. Distribution of 680 food packs.

RESULTS ACHIEVED IN 2020: All aims achieved.

BENEFICIARIES REACHED IN 2020:

Direct: 680 families composed of 2.906 persons living in various settlements called: Khalte, Bogatitar, Battar, Satbise, Shantibazar, Kholebesi, Mailung.

PARTNERS: Community Self Reliance Center (CSRC), ASIA



REDUCING FOOD INSECURITY AND IMPROVE LIVING CONDITIONS OF WOMEN AND FARMERS IN DISTRICT OF RASUWA IN NEPAL

WHERE: Nepal - District of Rasuwa, rural township of Naukunda, Nepal.

INTERVENTION SECTOR: Environmental protection and fight against climate change, Food

security, agriculture and pastoralism.

TOTAL AMOUNT: € 81.221,00

AMOUNT SPENT IN 2020: € 8.067,49

DONORS: Autonomous Province of Bolzano, ASIA

PROGRESS REPORT: Underway

START/CONCLUSION: 01/06/2019 - 31/12/2021 **DURATION:** 12 months extended for 18 months

DESCRIPTION: In recent years the phenomenon of economic migration from rural areas towards the Persian Gulf Countries has spread greatly: for over 10 years and in particular after the 2015 earthquake, large part of the monfolk from rural areas left seeking work abroad (c. 35%). The women remain at home raising children, cultivating fields and tending animals as well as paying off debts incurred by the men to pay for the journey.

In Nepal women are considered socially inferior and subordinate to men both socially and economically. In rural areas the condition of women is still anchored to the past model of a patriarchal society that deemed women subordinate to men and without rights to land, health or education.

Our project addresses the problem of lack of access to land and of models of use of natural resources both sustainable and sufficient to guarantee decent living standards to the communities in the buffer zones of Langtang Park.

In the buffer zones there are many marginal lands, areas subject to intense exploitation during the previous centuries, now in a condition of scarce fertility both biotically and chemico-physically, with minimal soil thickness reduced by decades of accelerated soil erosion.

These areas are now highly prone to desertification, the pedological conditions have compromised normal production practices, both agricultural and pastoral.

Hence an activity plan was envisaged of restoring the forest tree cover in the marginal areas and improving the living conditions of communities in the buffer zones through developing opportunities for raising incomes (bee keeping, farming production resilient to climate change, production of animal fodder, reforestation of the marginal areas).

The actions planned will favour the development of a more diversified model of production resilient to the constraints of the environment and to threats of the effects of climate change.

GENERAL GOAL: Reducing food insecurity and improve living conditions of women and their families through creating income opportunities tied to conservation of the environment, farm production and promotion of non timber forest production chains in Langtang Park, Nepal.

SPECIFIC GOAL:

- **1.** Improvement of women's living conitions, social and economic empowerment of women in rural areas of district of Rasuwa.
- **2.** Spead models of use of agricultural and forest resources with high adaptability and resistance to climate changes, reclaim marginal laands and restore their productive capacity and the eco-systems.
- **3.** Favour the renaturation of Langtang Park by reintrodution of native species in the buffer zones and their gradual dissemination also inside the Park.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

- **A1.** Selection and training women on rights to the land, financial literacy; training on management of nurseries, drawing up business plans and mediation.
- **A2.** Selection of 60 families and training courses in bee-keeping (distribution of hives and bee-keeping kits).
- **A3.** Selecting and training 60 families in animal husbandry and distribution of 3000 plants for production of animal fodder.
- **A4.** Setting up 4 nurseries with 4 irrigation systems and distribution of seedlings and nursery start-up kits.
- **A5.** Start up a campaign for riforestation in the buffer zones at Langtang Park and distribution of 7000 trees for reforestation.
- **A6.** In Italy: organization of an exhibition with photos taken during the carrying out of activities and showing videos to share the results of the project and raise awareness on the themes of food safety, poverty, migration, women's conditions in Nepal, conservation of the environment and climate change.

RESULTS EXPECTED:

- R1. Create income opportunities for 110 families including 30 householder women.
- **R2.** Increase high quality farming production through the creation of nurseries with irrigation systems.
- **R3.** Started up a campaign for the reforestation and renaturation of buffer zones of Langtang

RESULTS ACHIEVED IN 2020:

90 families, of which 30 supported by women, trained in running nurseries, land rights, financial literacy, animal nutrition.

Distributed 3000 plants for production of animal fodder.

Land for nurseries found, 1 nursery started and 1 cistern for irrigation built. Selected Forest User Groups and agreements made with Langtang Park; distributed 7000 seedlings for reforestation.

BENEFICIARIES REACHED IN 2020:

Direct: 120. Indirect: : 600.

PARTNERS: ASIA and Nepal Agroforestry Foundation



IMPROVEMENT OF THE SUBSISTENCE MEANS FOR THE COMMUNITY OF BHOTEKOSHI IN NEPAL, THROUGH THE CONSTRUCTION ON DRINKING WATER SUPPLY SYSTEMS AND PROMOTION OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY



WHERE: Nepal - District of Sindhupalchock, rural township of Bhotekoshi, villages of Saphukhane, Chagaam, Bagam, Nepal

INTERVENTION SECTOR: Health and water, food safety, agriculture and pastoralism

TOTAL AMOUNT: € 125.620,00

AMOUNT SPENT IN 2020: € 11.579,97

DONORS: Autonomous Province of Bolzano, ASIA

PROGRESS REPORT: Underway

START/CONCLUSION: 01/06/2019 - 31/12/2021 DURATION: 12 months + 18 months extension

DESCRIPTION: The old water system in Saphukhane, in the district of Sindhupalchock in Nepal, was completely destroyed in the 2015 earthquake and they still had no running water system for their daily needs or to water their herds.

Average water consumption is dangerously low at 16 litres a day per person, too low to cover drinking needs and recommended health and hygiene practices.

Most of the land remains uncultivated due to sloping, threre are no irrigation systems and farmers have little knowledge of production of profitable crops. The yield of staple foods can only cover family needs for at most 3 months.

Food products are grown only for family consumption and there is no market activity. Also the Chauri, croossbred yaks and mountain cows (Aule gai) and/or Kirko (bull) and Nak



(female yak) pasture and forage on land made available due to land clearing in the oak forest that is about to die out. If pastoral productivity does not improve and fodder supplies are not sufficient pastors will start to abandon breeding Chauri in the next five years. There is also the added problem on lack of veterinary services.

As regards cheese production the pastors are not satsfied by the pricing and marketing systems and want to increase the annual pro-capita production. About 5 years ago the community of Bhotekhoshi sustained itself by Chauri breeding but now they are forced to choosing among varrious options, including:

1) Trading (Tibet-Nepal); 2) migration to Kathmandu and other places in Nepal; 3) migration to work in Malaysia and/or Arab counties; 4) seasonal migration in India.

Thus the aim of the project is improving the living conditions of these rural communities through the constructing a water system and bolstering the hygiene knowledge of the rural community of Bhotekoshi, also bolstering Chuari breeding and marketing the cheese products, to develop the socio-economic situation of these remote mountain areas.

GENERAL GOAL: Improve the living conditions di 160 families of the communities of Sapukhane, Chaggam and Bagam, increasing production and marketing of the animal husbandry sector and guarantee access to drinking water.

SPECIFIC GOAL:

Provide drinking water to 49 families and imrove their health and hygiene practices and knowledge. 20% increase in livestock production, diminished by 35% morbildity and 15% mortality of animals owned by 160 small landowners in the Sapukhane, Chaggam and Bagam.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

A1. Installation of water supply systems at upper and lower Sapukhane.





- A2. Constitution of 1 management committee for water systems at Sapukhane.
- **A3.** Hygiene awareness-raising campaign.
- A4. Creation of groups of pastors and selection of grazing pastures for raising Chauri.
- A5. Purchase and distribution of Chauri.
- A6. Management of pastures for long-term sustainability.
- A7. Skills development and training courses to improve animal husbandry practices.
- **A8.** Training on quality and safe production of cheese products and distribution of essential equipment.
- **A9.** Guidelines on the means and benefits of insuring livestock to mitigate risks of accidental or disease mortality.
- **A10.** Access to health assistance and food management.
- A11. Training to draft a business plan for Chauri breeders and for marketing cheese products.
- **A12.** In Italy: organization of a photo exhibition on the themes of the project to raise awareness in communities in Bolzano on problems tied to access to water and lack of subsistence means in Nepal.

RESULTS EXPECTED:

Drinking water available to communities of Sapukhane.

- **R1.** Improve hygiene conditions of the beneficiary communities.
- **R2.** Livestock breeders organized and pastures found to improve raising of 60 chauri in the 3 communities (20 chauri per community).
- **R2.** Health conditions of the herds of the 3 communities improved by training courses and supporting the public veterinary services.
- R4. Enhanced relations between herders and the market.



RESULTS ACHIEVED IN 2020:

Communities of Sapukhane have drinking water available. Improved hygiene conditions of the beneficiary communities.

Herders organized and pastures found to raise 60 chauri in the 3 communities (20 chauri per community).

Health conditions of the herds of the 3 communities improved by training courses and supporting the public veterinary services.

Enhanced relations between herders and the market.

BENEFICIARIES REACHED IN 2020:

Direct: 245 farmers **Indirect:** 1.225 persons

PARTNERS: ASIA and Sengedag Service Society



ONE HOUSE ONE TAP - GUARANTEEING ACCESS TO WATER AND A CLEANER ENVIRONMENT FOR THE TAMANG POPULATIONS IN RASUWA DISTRICT

WHERE: Nepal - District of Rasuwa, township of Naukunda, villages of Saramthali, Patikharka,

Langbu, Bhorle and Khalchet.

INTERVENTION SECTOR: WASH

TOTAL AMOUNT: € 52.984,00

AMOUNT SPENT IN 2020: € 917.56

DONORS: Waldensian Church Otto per Mille, ASIA

PROGRESS REPORT: Underway

START/CONCLUSION: 01/02/2020 - 30/06/2021 **DURATION:** 12 months + 5 months extension

DESCRIPTION: A needs study carried out in the villages of Langbu, Parchyang, Patikharka, Saramthali, Bhorle and Khalchet, in the township of Naukunda, district of Rasuwa, pointed up the following problems:

- scarsity of drinking water, principally in the village of Langbu: every family spends about 33 minutes to fetch water 7 times a day and pro capita water consumption is insufficient;
- high rate of pollution by solid waste damaging soil and heightening risks of diseases tied to poor hygiene.

The project aims to guarantee access to drinking water in the village of Langbu and improve hygiene conditions in the villages of Langbu, Parchyang, Patikharka, Saramthali, Bhorle and Khalchet in the district of Rasuwa in Nepal. The construction of an acqueduct and the installation of taps in every house will ensure accesso to drinking water for 45 families.

A management Committee will be set up for maintenance of the acqueduct. Training sessions in hygiene education will be organized for 50 persons with distribuion of 50 bins and kits for rubbish collection in 6 villages.

6 cleanliness and hygiene campaigns will be organized in villages eand a hygiene committee set up for continuation of activities post-project.

Beneficiaries will be able to have running water available in their houses and live in a healthy environment reducing pollution of their land and the spread of diseases.

GENERAL GOAL: Guarantee access to water and improve hygiene conditions in the Tamang population in district of Rasuwa in Nepal.

SPECIFIC GOAL:

Ensure access to water to 300 persons in the village of Langbu.

Improve hygiene standards of the population of the village of Bhorle and spread good practices to the nearby villages.



PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

- A1. Implementation of a water system at Langbu...
- A2. Constitution di Management Committees for the water points.
- A3. Hygiene environment campaigns.

RESULTS EXPECTED:

- R1. Increased availability of drinking water in the village of Langbu.
- **R2.** Improved hygiene conditions in the villages through continuous campaigns in community health.

RESULTS ACHIEVED IN 2020:

Selected and trained members on the management ofi water systems; construction of a water system underway.

Organized 6 campaigns on management of waste and purchase of materials for waste disposal.

BENEFICIARIES REACHED IN 2020:

Direct: 1.210 families involved in the organization of the campaigns in hygiene environment.

PARTNERS: ASIA and Nepal Agroforestry Foundation



ENVIRNOMENT PROTECTION AND PROMOTION OF NON-TIMBER FOREST PRODUCTION CHAINS IN LANGTANG PARK



WHERE: Nepal - District of Rasuwa, rural township of Naukunda and Kalika, Langtang Park,

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INTERVENTION SECTOR: Food security, agriculture and pastoralism - Environmental protection

and fight to climate change

TOTAL AMOUNT: € 244.136,59

AMOUNT SPENT IN 2020: € 38.940.34

DONORS: Autonomous Province of Trento, ASIA Trento

PROGRESS REPORT: Underway

START/CONCLUSION: 01/04/2019 - 31/03/2022

DURATION: 36 months

DESCRIPTION: The project tackles the problem of scarce access to land and the dearth of models of sustainable natural resources to guarantee decent living standards to the communities of the buffer zones of Langtang Park.

In the buffer zones there are many marginal lands, areas subject to heavy exploitation in previous decades, now scarsely fertilie and at risk of desertification.

The loss of production activities and the incomes they can generate are only the secondary risks entailed by the increase in marginal lands; the first is the extinction of all ecosystem services that mountain watersheds perform conserving hydrological balances, biodiversity and controlling the flow of rainwaters, reducing the risk of floods and mudslides in the highly populated valley basin.

In recent years the phenomen of economic migration from rural areas towrads the Persian Gulf countries has spread very much: for over 10 years and in particular following the earthquake in 2015, large part of the menfolk of rural areas left seeking work abroad (about



35%). Women stayed at home raising children, cultivating fields and rearing animals as well as paying off debts incurred to pay for their husbands' travel costs.

In Nepal women are considered socially inferior and subordinate to men both socially and economically. In rural areas the condition of women is still anchored to the past model of a patriarchal society that deemed women subordinate to men and without rights to land, health and education.

GENERAL GOAL: Improvement of women's and their families' living conditions, through income opportunities tied to the conservation of the environment and promotion of non timber forest products in Langtang Park in Nepal.

SPECIFIC GOALS:

- **1.** Improvement of women's living conitions, social and economic empowerment of women in rural areas of district of Rasuwa.
- **2.** Spead models of use of agricultural and forest resources with high adaptability and resistance to climate changes, reclaim marginal lands after decades of over-exploitation and restore their productive capacity and of the eco-systems.
- **3.** Reduce forms of illegal and non-sustainable exploitation of timber and non-timber forest resources inside the Park, encouraging management models with low impact on the environment and able to generate incomes for families in the buffer zones and ecosystems useful to the local and valley communities.
- **4.** Foster the renaturation of Langtang Park, through reintroduction of native species in the buffer zones, their gradual spread inside the Park, controlling the spread of alien prevalentently forest species and consequent recovery of the habitat for at-risk fauna: Hemitragus jemlahicus, Ailurus fulgens, Gallinago nemoricola are the principal species at risk (IUCN) living in the Park.





PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

- A1. Selecting women householder families under the greatest economic hardship conditions.
- **A2.** Organization and management of training courses by our Nepalese partner, to heighten womens' awareness pertaining to rights to citizenshp, education and land ownership.
- **A3.** Organization and running a training course for 2 groups of women on managing nurseries and greenhouses, plant production and sales promotion.
- A4. Finding 2 well-positioned, flat plots of 500 sq.m. with fertle soil.
- **A5.** Primary basic underlying processing and preparing the seed bed for sowing.
- **A6.** Setting up greenhouses lined with polyethiline sheets.
- A7. Setting up 2 drip irrigation systems.
- **A8.** Furnishing materials for 2 nurseries, seeds, walk-in polytunnels, material for working the land, equipment for plant care.
- **A9.** Draft a convention with 3 Forest Users Groups; definition of a campaign for reforestation of the Park; protective and productive reforestation operations with 3 cores of 5 hectares each, totalling 15 hectares.
- **A10.** Selection, training and provision of hives to 120 families of beekeepers or interested in beekeeping; provision of individual beekeping-spedific safety measures.
- **A11.** Selection and training of 12 families interested in the production of edible saprophytic mushrooms for sale on the market; construction of 12 mushroom conservatories; provision of materials for the cultivation of edible mushrooms.
- **A12.** Selection and training of 60 families of livestock producers; content-defined training courses for those 60 families on animal nutrition and branched trees; providing the 60 families with 250 branched forest trees.

In Italia:

- **A13.** Convention of the conditions of women in Nepal and the evolution of women's rights in district of Rasuwa.
- **A14.** University Seminar on socio-environmental issues tied to the project; evening event on beekeeping and agriculture.
- A15. Scientific workshop for dissemination of results.
- **A16.** Interactive photo exhibition, with photos of project activities, recounting stories and videos of the Nepales women beneficiaries of the project.
- A17. Publication of the Dendronatura magazine.

RESULTS EXPECTED:

- **R1.** 80% of householder women in dire economic straits informed on their rights and trained in farm management, the production and sale of farm products.
- **R2.** 2 nurseries for the reproduction of local tree species, for the functional renaturation of the buffer zones, set up, equipped and handed over to 2 women's associations.
- **R3.** 15 hectares of marginal lands planted with native tree species, selected on the basis of technical analyses.
- **R4.** 120 families trained and eqipped to start up or expand beekeeping activities in the buffer zones
- R5. 12 families trained in edible mushroom cultivation for sale on the market.
- **R6.** 60 families of livestock producers trained in techniques of pruning branched trees for animal fodder (planted on 15 hectares of marginal lands) and provided with 250 seedbeds of trees suitable for planting.

RESULTS ACHIEVED IN 2020:

80% of householder women in dire economic straits informed on their rights and trained in farm management, production and sale of farm products.

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5 hectares of marginal lands and planted with native tree species, selected on the basis of technical analyses.

60 families of livestock producers trained in techniques of pruning branched trees for animal fodder (planted on 15 hectares of marginal lands) and provided with 250 seedbeds of trees suitable for planting.

BENEFICIARIES REACHED IN 2020:

Direct: in Nepal, 267 farmers, 85 women, 62 members forest user groups, 120 farmers and livestock producers. In Italy: 50 beneficiaries of the convention on women's conditions.

Indirect: in Nepal, 1.335. In Italy 250.

PARTNERS: Trento, ASIA Roma, ASIA Nepal, Nepal Agroforestry Foundation, Apicoltori Trentini Association, Forestale del Trentino Association, Trentino for Tibet



MODEL FARMS: IMPROVE THE LIVING CONDITIONS OF COMMUNITIES IN RASUWA BOOSTING FARM PRODUCTION AND MARKET VALUE CHAIN

WHERE: Nepal - District of Rasuwa, rural township of Naukunda and Kalika, Nepal

INTERVENTION SECTOR: Food security, agriculture and pastoralism

TOTAL AMOUNT: € 150.000,00 **AMOUNT SPENT IN 2020:** € 95.777,77

DONORS: Caritas italiana, ASIA

PROGRESS REPORT: Concluded

START/CONCLUSION: 01/04/2019 - 30/09/2020

DURATION: 18 months

DESCRIPTION: Globally in the rural township area of Naukunda, at Rasuwa, site of the project, there has been long-term water scarcity, in particular during the dry season, October toMay. During the monsoon season water is not collected for land irrigation, and in the dry months farm production lessens or is even interrupted.

Farmers invest heavily in staple crops - maize, paddy rice, millet and potato - but production yield does not defray expenditure, and only covers food needs for families for up to 6 months.

Considering the needs of the beneficiary communities, this project aims to improve livelihoods increasing access to water for irrigation and developing sustainable commercial farming. In particular, we aim to contribute to the government strategy and support and training of farmers to start up production of organic vegetables.

GENERAL GOAL: Improve living conditions in communities in the remote rural area of Rasuwa boosting the farming value chain.

SPECIFIC GOAL: Improve farm production and marketing of farm goods in rural villages of Langbu, Parchyang, Patikharka, Saramthali, Bhorle and Khalchet.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

- **A1.** Construction of an irrigation system.
- A2. Construction and installation of a harvest centre run by local farming cooperatives.
- A3. Training on the production of biofertilizers and composting.
- **A4.** Implementation of 18 greenhouses for vegetables production.
- A5. Distribution of 5.000 coffee-plants, 5.000 cardamom plants and 900 fruit trees...



RESULTS EXPECTED:

R1. Irrigation system set up in Saramthali.

R2. Farming extension services supplied to farmers to heighten production and trasformation efficiency.

R3. Farming extension services supplied to generate income through crops and animal breeding.

R4. Cooperatives of small local farmholders supported and the market chain improved.

R5. Generate interest among the young on high yield crop cultivation.

RESULTS ACHIEVED IN 2020:

Irrigation system set up in Saramthali.

Farming extension services supplied to farmers to heighten production and trasformation efficiency.

Farming extension services supplied to generate income through crops and animal breeding. Cooperatives of small local farmholders supported and the market chain improved. Generated interest among the young on high yield crop cultivation.

BENEFICIARIES REACHED IN 2020:

Direct: 1.210 farmers.

Indirect: 6.050 members of families involved in the project.

PARTNERS: Nepal Agroforestry Foundation



SPEED FOR LIFE - IMPROVING VALUE CHAINS OF "SPICES AND SEEDS" FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN NEPAL, FAVOURING EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN AND THE YOUNG



WHERE: Nepal - Districts of Kavrepalanchock and Sindhupalchock, rural townships of

Dhulikel, Namobuddha, Temal, Helambu and Melamchi, Nepal

INTERVENTION SECTOR: Food security, agriculture and pastoralism

TOTAL AMOUNT: € 789.738,84

AMOUNT SPENT IN 2020: € 235.468,73

DONORS: AICS, ASIA, CEAPRED, DAFNE (University of Tuscia), PIN s.r.l. (Arco)

PROGRESS REPORT: Underway

START/CONCLUSION: 01/11/2019 - 28/02/2022 **DURATION:** 24 months + 4 months extension

DESCRIPTION: The project was set up starting from the needs of beneficiaries reached in the districts of Kavre and Sindhupalchock where there are mainly problems tied to the production of high quality seeds, scarse knowledge of channels and modes of commercialization and production techniques.

Migration of many men abroad seeking work has left a vacuum in family and business management; particular attention will address the role of women in business management, guaranteeing women full and effective participation and equal opportunity in leadership at all levels of decision-making processes in political, economic and public life.



A process of governance will be set up in support of local and government bodies in the construction of agricultural strategies in the territory also to bolster popular participation in local policy making.

Involvement of the Department of Agrarian and Forest Science of the Università della Tuscia in Italy will add great added value for the introdution of new techniques and technology for the production and conservation of high quality seeds and the construction of a seed bank to safeguard the genetic assets of local varieties.

Beneficiaries will be supported by marketing experts from the Polo Universitario di Prato (Italy) in preparation of the business plan useful for the commercialization of farm products that can guarantee self-sufficiency over time, and a study of the value chain of selected products that will help create a sustainable system of commercialization.

Local partner CEAPRED is responsible for coordination and subdivision of activities, involvement of local authorities in project activities, guaranteeing ownership of the development process.

In the long-term the men and women farmer beneficiaries, through the increase in farm production and consequently in income, will be able to provide for and support their families and to use basic services, contributing to development of the welfare system.

GENERAL GOAL: Improve living conditions of small scale farmers increasing farm production and commercialization of high value vegetables and seeds in the central region of Nepal.

SPECIFIC GOAL:

Favour the boosting of skills in women and the young in the districts of Kavrepalanchock and Sindhupalchock through introdution of improved technologies to increase production of high quailty seeds and spices.





Boost the harvesting, selection, packaging and merchandising system for seeds, vegetables and spices for community social businesses (comprising 60% women) set up by improving governance of local bodies in the 2 districts selected.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

A1. Participatory identification and selection of potential types of seeds and areas for the production of seeds from local varieties.

A2. Boosting skills of farmers for the commercial production of seeds.

A3. Boosting skills of farmers for the commercial production of spices.

A4. Informing on Best Agricultural Practices on the use of crop protection products in agriculture (synthetic and natural).

A5. Creation of a seed bank.

A6. Setting up 2 social enterprises for commercialization and setting up premises..

A7. Capacity building for local social enterprises.

A8. Participatory planning and meetings with the local townships and Agriculture Knowledge Centre.

A9. Mobilization and boosting of skills of Community Resources Persons.

A10. Implementation of weekly markets for sales of seeds and vegetables.

A11. Study of the value chain of spices and seeds supply of at least 7 seed and 3 spice varieties.

A12. Developing a business plan for sales of processed and semi-processed spices.

A13. Diffusion of farm bulletins by FM Radio and SMS.

RESULTS EXPECTED:

R1. Production for sale of high commercial value seeds and spices increased by 20% utilizing appropriate production techniques and involving groups of local farmers.

R2. Successful implementation of a business plan for self-sustainability of community social enterprises.

R3. Enhanced governance of local authorities through participatory planning for the com-



mercialization of local products, guaranteeing ownership of the development process.

R4. Creation of sustainable commercialization of seeds and spices through improvement of the value chain and correct use of the farm market information system.

RESULTS ACHIEVED IN 2020:

Trained 1.155 farmers (771 women) and site chosen for the seed bank and 5 harvest teams. Chosen (but not yet set up) 2 community enterprises and 7 private companies to draw up business relations; 2 of the 7 to be finally selected.

44 representatives participated in 2 events in 2 towns (Teemal and Melamchi), 2 meetings held to discuss the weekly market at Melamchi and Namobuddha, 10 Community Resources Persons (50% women) selected and trained.

2 meetings held to discuss the weekly market at Melamchi and Namobuddha, 500 subscribing farmers received 85.232 messages.

BENEFICIARIES REACHED IN 2020:

Direct: 3.508 farmers (61,8% women).

Indirect: 17.540 farmers (members of beneficiacry families involved). **PARTNERS:** CEAPRED, DAFNE (University of Tuscia), PIN s.r.l. (Arco)



TREE IN A CUP: A FOREST PROJECT TO IMPROVE THE ECONOMIC STATUS IN A RURAL AREA IN NEPAL THROUGH COFFEE PLANTS, FRUIT SPECIES AND MULTIPURPOSE TREES



WHERE: Nepal - District of Rasuwa, rural townships of Naukunda and Kalika

INTERVENTION SECTOR: Food security, agriculture and pastoralism - Environmental protection

and fight to climate change.

TOTAL AMOUNT: € 105.161,00

AMOUNT SPENT IN 2020: € 17.901,47

DONORS: Treedom s.r.l.

PROGRESS REPORT: Concluded

START/CONCLUSION: 01/01/2020 - 31/12/2020

DURATION: 12 months

DESCRIPTION: Traditional agroforestry practices in the district of Rasuwa have played an important role in sustaining farmers because farm productivity is declining and traditional

forest resources canno satisfy growing demand in food, fodder and wood.



Also, deterioration of the environment is becoming a new problem in Nepal and in the project areas. Thus, agroforestation is one of the best ways to confront this situation and native lores in agroforest, education and development practices are essential to improve this.

This project promotes economic growth in the district of Rasuwa - increasing productivity and profit from cultivation of coffee, fruit and multipurpose trees. This is a multiannual project underway since 2017.

GENERAL GOAL: Reduce poverty in Nepal through greater competitiveness in the domestic and international coffee market and trade.

Improve marginal soil use in the district of Rasuwa through fruit, fodder and multipurpose trees.

Create work opportunities for the young in these communities and provide them with a sustaianble income source, mitigating the trend to migration towards urban areas and the Persian Gulf.

SPECIFIC GOAL:

Expand surface areas of coffee groves and produce tonnes of coffee locally. Sustain the use of marginal lands and the export of products.

improve forest areas of buffer zones in District of Rasuwa by planting productive species.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

A0. Preparatory phase.

A1. Installation of 2 nurseries.

A2. Purchase of young coffee (17.000), lime (5.000), and Ipil Ipil (8.000) plants.





- **A3.** Training on preparing the earth followed-up by sowing the plants.
- A4. Laying down the plants: trasportorting the plants, preparation of the earth and planting.
- **A5.** Geotagging the plants.
- **A6.** Training in organic farming practices and on fair and equitable trade principles.
- **A7.** Training in reforestation and reclaiming marginal lands.
- **A8.** Training in correct animal nutrition.

RESULTS EXPECTED:

- **R1.** Land cultivated for coffee has increased in the district of Rasuwa and an efficient management model has been adopted to reduce the impact of diseases on the coffee plantation.
- **R2.** Increased forest productivity in terms of biodiversity and marginal soil use through planting new species.
- **R3.** Augmented quality and productivity of cooperatives and promoted decent work standards.
- **R4.** Improved production by farmers and supported business management of products.



RESULTS ACHIEVED IN 2020:

Installed 2 nurseries.

Distributed and geotagged 30.046 plants.

Trained 321 farmers on preparation of the earth, organic farming practices, reforestation and correct animal nutrition.

BENEFICIARIES REACHED IN 2020:

Direct: 321 farmers **Indirect** 1.605 persons

PARTNERS: CEAPRED, DAFNE (University of Tuscia), PIN s.r.l. (Arco)



ITALY

In Italy, despite difficulties created by the pandemic and consequent measures to contain spread of the virus, activities on the "Distinct but not Distant" Project funded by AICS continued. In particular Human Libraries were set up with 300 readers; 3 different training courses in schools were carried out in schools to promote the values of empathy (in Rome), interdependence (in Naples) and non-violence (in Milan) with the participation of 102 teachers and 983 students; cooking shows with 50 particpants; made a short film "La mucca nel cielo (The Cow in the Sky)", aimed to encourage reflection in children and infants on the concept of interdependence. We also organized yoga courses in primary schools for over 190 children who had the chance to reflect on their emotions and on the benefits of yoga by means of drawing, and to attend the open days with their families. Finally, 2 courses on non-violent comunication were held at some high schools in Milan and Nales attended by 31 teachers

and 193 students.

Another project was "Seeds of awareness; starting from self-knowledge to rediscover the deep ties that exist between human beings and cultivating empathic relationships (Semi di consapevolezza: partire dalla conoscenza di sé per riscoprire i legami profondi che esistono tra gli esseri umani e coltivare relazioni empatiche)". In the first 4 months of the project an art workshop on fables and interdependence was held in the Guicciardini School in Rome and the first two yoga courses in Arcidosso and Castel del Piano in Tuscany where 85 primary school students took part in the art workshop and 150 students in the Yantra Yoga courses. Related to the Covid emergency in Italy, we distributed in the Santa Corona hospital in Pietra Ligure pulse oximeters, protective headgear and eyeware; in collaboration with Maestri di Strada we distributed to needy children in the suburbs of Naples 35 "Viveri per la Mente (Food for the Mind)" didactic kits.



ITALY 2020 IN NUMBERS



3 ongoing projects

Sectors on intervention:



Global Citizenship Education

Emergency

Sustainable development goals







Who we have helped



Directly 3.187 people



1365 students



155 teachers



1607 civil society
60 doctors/nurses

Together with

- Programma Integra
- Centro di Studi sul Buddhismo presso il Dipartimento Asia, Africa, Mediterraneo dell'Università degli Studi di Napoli, L'Orientale
- Museo dei Bambini SCS Onlus (Explora)
- Merigar Internationa Dzogchen Community
- Maestri di Strada Onlus
- Ospedale Santa Corona di Pietra Ligureå

Amount spent



229.903 Euro



DISTINCT BUT NOT DISTANTTHE PRINCIPLES OF BUDDHIST CULTURE AS MEANS TO REMOVE INNER BORDERS AND MAKE DIVERSITY A GREAT GIFT



WHERE: Rome, Naples, Milan and at national level

INTERVENTION SECTOR: Global Citizenship Education (GCED)

TOTAL AMOUNT: € 518.535,26

AMOUNT SPENT IN 2020: € 20.8395,62

DONORS: AICS

PROGRESS REPORT: Underway

START/CONCLUSION: 03/05/2019 - 02/07/2021

DURATION: 26 months

DESCRIPTION: The project is a course in awareness raising aimed at the promotion within society, and in particular among the young, of universal principles of empathy, interdependence and non-violence fostering inclusion, participation and the valorization of diversity, seen as a source on enrichment and of growth. Through its social, educational and cultural activities, the project aims to shorten distances between individuals from different cultures and traditions, combat the climate of hate and distrust towards diversity, increase the sense of



belonging to a global community, develop skills and abilities necessary to live in an ever-more interdependent world in continuous evolution.

GENERAL GOAL: Contribute to growth of the sense of belonging to a global community through spreading distinctive principles of Buddhist culture.

SPECIFIC GOAL: Promote knowledge among people of different cultures fostering the spread of the concept of diversity as a value and alerting civil society, in the cities of Milan, Rome and Naples, to the principles of empathy, interdependence and non violence.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

- **A1.** Human Library: You Can't Judge a Book by its Cover 4 Human Library events on the themes of migration and discrimination, held in Rome and Milan.
- **A2.** Today You Are Going to School: children teach empathy (training and socio-educational activities at primary schools in Rome, organized in partnership with the Children's Museum Explora).
- **A3.** Showcooking: Cuisines of the World 2 events attended by young migrants, Italians over sixty and famous Chefs.
- **A4.** Conference on interdependence: dialogues with Buddhist masters and international experts on the concept of interdependence in light of science, ethics and the environment (Università L'Orientale di Naples).
- **A5.** Animated film on the concept of interdependence.
- **A6.** Today You Are Going to school: children teach interdependence (training and socio-educational activities at primary schools in Naples organized in collaboration with Città della Scienza).
- A7. Yoga for children at primary schools in Naples and Rome.
- **A8.** Participatory video on Hate Speech made by high school students in Rome.
- A9. Training for teachers in non-violent comunication (Milan, Rome, Naples).
- **A10.** Today You Are Going to School: children teach non-violence (training and socio-educational activities at primary schools in Milano organized in collaboration with Ad Artem and Museo del Novecento in Milan).





A11. Final Event - Concert: "Abbattiamo i muri - Let's Knock Down the Walls" (Rome).

RESULTS EXPECTED:

R1. Enhanced capacity to feel empathy, increased sense of interdependence, improved ability to communicate non violently among those persons taking part in project activities, workshops and events.

RESULTS ACHIEVED IN 2020:

Human Library: 300 readers Ilistening to invaluable testimonials: stories of migration, prejudice, rerscue and integration, first person narratives, held in the prestigious surroundings of the Museo del Novecento in Milan and in the protected space of a virtual room.

Today You Are Going to School: Three different training courses in schools to promote the values of empathy (Rome), interdependence (Naples) and non-violence (Milan). 102 teachers and 983 students – aged from 6 to 13 – were involved in activities based on the principles and methods of active education, education on the emotions, Art Education and natural sciences.

Show Cooking: 50 persons took part in first-time culinary experience: protagonists from distant worlds (amateur cooks from diverse places and generations) sought together ancient far-away tastes and found unexpected overlaps.

Finished making the animated video-film commissioned from the prestigious Mad Entertainment: the animated short aims to spark reflection among adults and children on the concept of interdependence. In December 2020 the film was shown at the Giffoni Film Festival.

Yoga at School: over 190 children had the chance to attend a course in Kumar Kumari (yoga specifically for children aged 5 to 12) at their schools, to reflect, guided by drawing, on their emotions and on the benefits of the practice, and to take part in the open days with their families.

Training on Non-violent Communication: 2 training courses at high schools in Milan and Naples on Non-violent Communication, empathic listening, non-violent conflict resolution and experimenting cooperative decision-making. Attended by 31 teachers and 193 students.



BENEFICIARIES REACHED IN 2020:

Direct:

983 primary school students
102 primary school teachers
207 famiy members
193 high school students
31 high school teachers
48 protagonists in the human library

470 civil society persons

PARTNERS:

Fondazione Empatia Milano - FEM; Programma Integra, Centro di Studi sul Buddhismo presso il Dipartimento Asia, Africa, Mediterraneo dell'Università degli Studi di Napoli L'Orientale; Museo dei bambini SCS Onlus (Explora)



SEEDS OF AWARENESS: STARTING FROM SELF-KNOWLEDGE TO REDISCOVER THE DEEP TIES BETWEEN HUMAN BEINGS AND CULTIVATE EMPATHIC RELATIONSHIPS



WHERE: Roma, Towns of slopes of Mount Amiata (Tuscany, Italy)
INTERVENTION SECTOR: Global Citizenship Education (GCED)

TOTAL AMOUNT: € 99.790,00

AMOUNT SPENT IN 2020: € 16.542,93

DONORS: UBI

PROGRESS REPORT: Underway

START/CONCLUSION: 01/09/2020 - 31/08/2021

DURATION: 12 months

DESCRIPTION: In a time when intolerance, discrimination and hate crimes run rampant in all segments of society, it is crucial to "sow the seeds" of those values that are basic to Buddhist philosophy such as awareness and interdependence, in order to create a healthier more harmonious society.

In light of mankind's rediscovery of greater self-knowledge, with this project ASIA, together with the local Buddhist community at Merigar (Arcidosso, Amiate area), is addressing an broad audience young and adult, with a series of activities aimed at spreading the values of awareness and interdependence in many Italian towns.

GENERAL GOAL: Contribute to improving socio-emotive skills among the young and creating

a more inclusive and welcoming society, spreading knowledge of the principles of awareness and interdependence.

SPECIFIC GOAL: Promote knowledge among people of different cultures and spreading the concept of diversity as a value, raising awareness in people in Milan, Rome and Naples, about the principles of 'empathy, interdependence and non violence.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

- **A1.** Photo exhibition "The treasures of Tibet" with images and stories of spiritual masters, sacred places and ordinary people in Tibet, to build a bridge with a faraway culture, making the 'different' known and widening the sense of belonging to the same humankind.
- **A2.** Cycle of two seminars on the principles of Awareness and of interdependence addressed to civil society.
- **A3.** Workshop on drawing and fables of the world in primary school: a course of readings from the world's fables introducing children to the principle of interdependence from the viewpoint of different cultural traditions through interactive narration and artistic expression.
- **A4.** Course introducing awareness and empathy in primary school, to educate children in listening to the self, their body and their emotions as starting point to establishing empathic relationships based on non-judgemental understanding of the other.
- **A5.** Yantra Yoga Kumar Kumari courses held at primary school, to enable harmonious development of the personality in children and promote an approach based on listening, respecting and engaging with others.

RESULTS EXPECTED:

R1. Heightened capacity to feel empathy, a greater sense of interdependence and broader awareness of one's body and emotions, and enhanced relating skills among the children and adults taking part in the activities.

RESULTS ACHIEVED IN 2020:

- Implemented the artistic workshop on fables and interdependence in the Guicciardini School in Rome.
- Conducted the first yoga courses in Arcidosso and Castel del Piano (Tuscany).

BENEFICIARIES REACHED IN 2020:

Direct: primary school students through the art workshop and 150 students through the Yantra Yoga courses in the towns on Monte Amiata (Tuscany, Italy).

PARTNERS: Merigar - International Dzogchen Community



COVID EMERGENCY IN ITALY



WHERE: Pietra Ligure and Naples INTERVENTION SECTOR: Emergency

TOTAL AMOUNT: € 8.414,00

AMOUNT SPENT IN 2020: $\in \in 4.964,00$

DONORS: Private

PROGRESS REPORT:: Concluded

START/CONCLUSION: 01/05/2020 - 31/07/2020

DURATION: 3 months

DESCRIPTION: In light of the serious lack of safety equipment for medical staff that was evident during the first phase of the Covid pandemic in Italy, ASIA launched a fund raising campaign to provide the Santa Corona Hospital in Pietra Ligure (in the province of Savona) with protective headgear, eyeware and pulse oxymeters. Our intention was to continue supporting the hospital in research, in particular into rare forms of neurological presentations of COVID- 19, in the development of a database with about a hundred Covid-19 patients to study their characteristics and their response to therapies, and in the study of the SRAA endocrine system in Covid-19.

Subsequently, once the signs of the social emergency became increasingly evident, ASIA flanked Maestri di Strada to reach marginalized children in the outskirts of Naples with "Viveri per la Mente (Food for the Mind)" kits (with exercise books, colouring pens, drawing books, stationery, modelling clay and tablets for children in isolation and unable to attend school activities or access remote learning) distributed to families in need in the suburbs of San Giovanni a Teduccio, Ponticelli and Barra.



GENERAL GOAL: Support the Santa Corona hospital in Pietra Ligure (SV) and needy families in the outskirts of Naples during the first phase of the COVID-19 pandemic.

SPECIFIC GOAL: Supply the Santa Corona hospital in Pietra Ligure (SV) and needy families in the outskirts of Naples with equipment and kits necessary to deal with the pandemic.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

A1. Distribution to the medical staff at Santa Corona hospital in Pietra Ligure with: 36 pulse oxes, 1000 protective head coverings and 60 protective eyeglasses.

A2. Distribution of 35 "Food for the Mind" didactit kits to needy children in the outskirts of Naples.

RESULTS EXPECTED: Distributed health equipment to confront the pandemic.

RESULTS OBTAINED IN 2020: All equipment distributed.

BENEFICIARIES REACHED IN 2020:

Direct: Health staff of Santa Corona hospital in Pietra Ligure (60 persons) and children in the outskirts of Naples (35), for a total of 95 persons.

PARTNERS: Santa Corona Hospital in Pietra Ligure and Maestri di Strada Onlus



LONG DISTANCE SPONSORSHIPS (LDS)





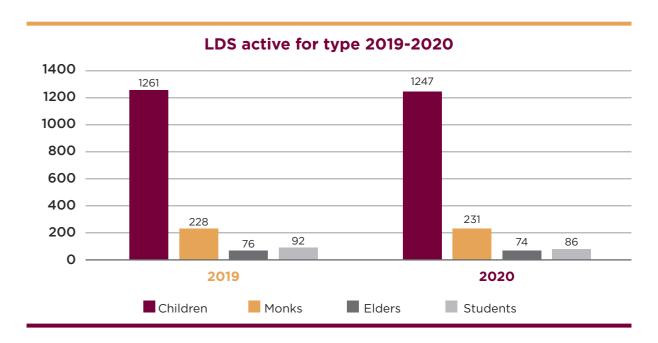
LONG DISTANCE SPONSORSHIPS (LDS)

Long Distance Sponsorships are an act of solidarity enabling us each year to supportpeople in schools and in monasteries, university students, and old age care home residents, improving living standards for the needy within their own cultural and social environment. Long distance sponsors commit to sending a fixed continous economic contribution in aid of these children, youngsters, monks and elderly guaranteeing them decent living conditions and the opportunity of receiving an education respectful of their cultural identity, with the aim to preserve it and hand it on.



Thanks to Long Distance Sponsorships each year we take part in Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development contributing in particular to the realization of the Development Goals 1, 3 and 4.

Every year the number of active long distance sponsorship changes according to various factors, the principal ones being: numbers of new, closed or renewed sponsorships, start/termination of projects. With a total of 1638 live sponsorships and 1152 sponsors, 2020 has recorded a slight decline in the number of sponsorships compared to 2019 (only 19 less) and the start of the project in a new country: Bhutan. This is a very good result, considering the effect the COVID-19 pandemic COVID-19 has had on family finances of many people and on the difficulties in Rome to conduct ordinary planning and activities. This result is due to the strong loyalty of our sponsors, and the minor number of terminations of sponsorships caued by beneficiaries ending their education. Many schools in fact, due to the pandemic, had to delay exams and thus the end of the school year.

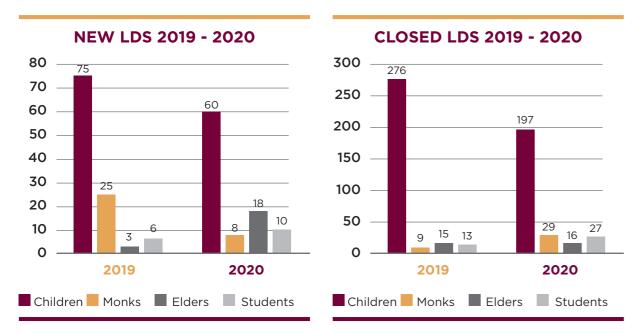




LONG DISTANCE SPONSORSHIPS IN 2020

New Long Distance Sponsorships and Terminations

If on one hand 2020 saw a slight decline in applications to start new sponsorships (96 in 2020 compared to 109 in 2019), on the other hand, as already mentioned, terminated sponsorships were less than in 2019 (269 in 2020 compared to 323 in 2019).



In terms of new Long Distance Sponsorships started in 2020, there was a net increase in sponsorships of students and the elderly while applications for monks and children decreased. Of the 269 terminations, 51 were tied to the sponsor, 218 were due to changes in conditions of the beneficiaries. The specific motives were as follows:

- for the 51 terminations tied to the sponsor:
- 19 due to prolonged insolvency;
- 28 due to economic hardship;
- 4 for other reasons.
- for the 218 terminations tied to changes in the conditions of the beneficiaries:
- 142 due to graduation/completing their studies;
- 12 due to moving to other schools/monasteries;
- 5 due to moving to other Countries;
- 22 due per causes related to projects;
- 37 due to interruption in their studies (familiy or health reasons or personal choice).

Terminations tied to sponsors diminished (-17 compared to 2019), a result we did not expect considering the difficult year. Also, it is important to note that compared to 2020 there was a decline in terminations due to economic hardships (-15 compared to 2019) evincing that the alarming data from 2019 was only an exception and that despite the uncertain year sponsors maintained their commitment.

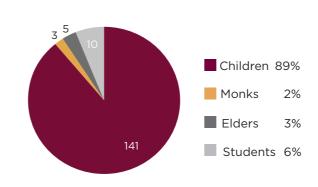
Terminations due to changes in the conditions of beneficiaries this year too declined compared to the previous year (-37 compared to 2019), due above all to the postponement of the school year due to the pandemic. These terminations were promptly communicated to the respective

sponsors, most of whom immediately decided to renew their commitment (see details in the following paragraph). 63 Long Distance Sponsorships terminated definitively, 7 sponsors asked for a pause before renewing a new Long Distance Sponsorships, 27 were unable to renew their coimmitment and 29 have not yet responded with their feedback (these numbers correspond to the number of beneficiaries and not to the effective number of sponsors, who may engage in more than one sponsorships).

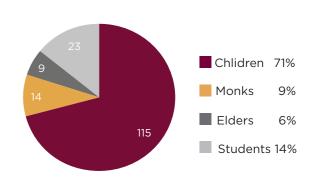
Renewed Long Distance Sponsorships

Instead in 2020 in total there were 161 Long Distance Sponsorships renewals, that is started consequent on the withrawal of the beneficiaries (including 6 new Long Distance Sponsorships replacing terminations relative to 2019). Compared to the previous year there thus were more renewed Long Distance Sponsorships (2 additional Long Distance Sponsorships) and fewer terminations. Of 161 sponsorships renewed 115 were for children, 14 for monks, 9 for the elderly and 23 for students (study grants). This was strongly influenced by the type of beneficiary leaving the programme: in most cases in fact sponsors decide to renew the Long Distance Sponsorships adopiting another beneficiary of the same category.

2019: 159 renewed LDS



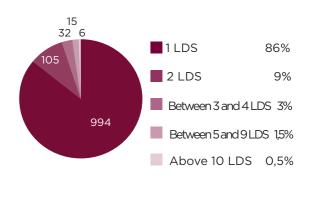
2020: 161 renewed LDS



Long Distance Sponsors

2020 saw 61 new Long Distance Sponsors (7 of whom former sponsors) for a total of 1152 Long Distance Sponsorships. During the year no fewer than 8 sponsors with live sponsorships decided to increase their pledge sponsoring 14 more beneficiaries; we are very proud of this fact considering the economic uncertainty brought about by 2020. Of the 1152 Long Distance Sponsorships with live sponsorships most (86%) sponsor only one beneficiary but it is noteworthy that 9%, no fewer than 105 persons, sponsor at least two beneficiaries while 6 sponsors support more than 10.

Number fd LDS for sponsor





ASIA's Long Distance Sponsors come from many parts of the world, most live in Europe but 8% (95 persons) are from countries outside Europe. Among the countries with most sponsors Italy is in the first place (with 839 sponsors out of the total 1152), followed by Germany (56), France (39), Spain (25), USA (23) and UK (16).

Number of sponsors for country of origin

Italy	839
Germany	56
France	39
Spain	25
USA	23
United Kingdom	16
Rep. Ceca	15
Australia	10
The Netherlands	10
Perù	10
Brasil	9
Russia	9
Switzerland	8
Poland	7
Austria	6
Arabia Saudita	5

Mexico	5
Taiwan	6
Argentina	3
Finland	3
Luxembourg	3
Romania	7
Singapore	
Slovakia	3
Belgium	2
Bulgaria	2
Canada	2
China	2
Arab Emirates	2
Greece	2
Ireland	2
Latvia	2

San Marino	2
South Africa	2
Ukraina	2
Venezuela	2
Chile	1
Estonia	1
Japan	1
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Malta	1
Norway	1
Portugal	1
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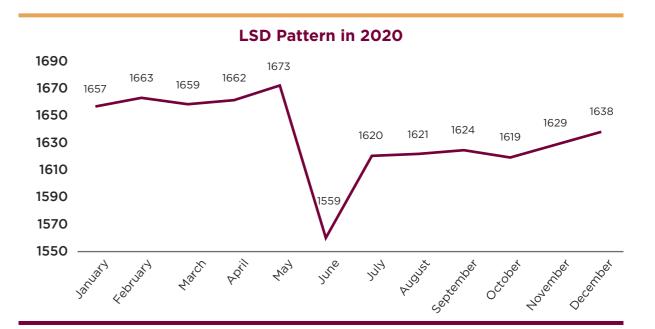
ASIA IN THE WORLD

As regards countries with an ASIA office:

- in France, the number of live Long Distance Sponsorships and of sponsors has increased compared to 2019: 34 sponsors and the number of live Long Distance Sponsorships has increased from 40 to 46: 34 children, 9 monks, 1 student (study grant) e 2 the elderly.
- In USA however the number of sponsors has decreased to 5 (from 10), while the total live Long Distance Sponsorships has declined from 24 to 13. This heavily negative trend is due to the possible closure of ASIA America and the switch of at least 3 Long Distance Sponsorships from ASIA America to ASIA Roma.
- in Germany, the number of active sponsors and Long Distance Sponsorships has increased. In particular, in 2020 there are 98 sponsors, compared to 91 in 2019, and the number of active sponsorships has increased from 96 to 104 (including the 29 non-personal sponsorships, linked to the German Fund). Specifically, the German sposnors support 52 students through scholarships, 5 monks, 10 nuns and 37 children.

Pattern over the Year

Regarding the start and termination of individual Long Distance Sponsorships over the year, also in 2020, as in every year, the number of live Long Distance Sponsorships has fluctuated (see figure below). There was a slight increase from January to May 2020, due to there not being a number of important terminations and a constant increase of new Long Distance Sponsorships, followed by the usual marked reduction in the months of June and August (due to terminations on account of graduations). From September to December there was a positive trend, finishing off with the wonted Christmas upsurge.



Long Distance Sponsorships by Country

2020 saw the start up of the Long Distance Sponsorships project in a new Country, Bhutan, and in a new school, TCV Ladakh, for a total of 49 projects underway. There follows below a summative table of the number of live sponsorships in every project (and Country) in the last 3 years.

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INDIA - 22 (7)	515	498	502
0501 THF (School)	154	135	131
0503 TKIS	1	1	1
0506 STSS Chauntra			
0507 STSS Paonta	61	58	57
0554 STSS Petoen			
0509 THF Elders	80	76	74
0510 TIPA	17	16	14

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LDS PROJECTS	LDS 2018	LDS 2019	LDS 2020
TAR - 4	91	90	82
0539 Dzolung Monastery	54	54	49
0542 Dzongtsa Monastery	16	15	14
0546 Khamdogar Monastery	3	3	2
0547 Senghe Monastery	18	18	17
BHUTAN - 1			10
0580 Sumthrang Monastery			10



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BHUTAN

This year we were able to start the LDS project in Bhutan, in the Sumthrang monastery. The aim was to support all the nuns in the Sumthrang Monastery by the end of the year and we achieved our goal: we provide support to the 10 nuns living in the monastery.

Where: Ura County

Ongoing projects: 0580 Sumtrhang Monastery

Description: Long-distance sponsorship for nuns living, studying and practising in one of the oldest Buddhist monasteries in Bhutan. Our support guarantees that the nuns' basic needs, study and practice materials and medical care are provided for and that they live and study in a comfortable environment.

General goal: Helping safeguard and transmit Himalayan culture through long distance sponsorship of Bhutanese students and monks.

Specific goal: Improving living and study conditions of nuns supported through long distance sponsorship; raising awareness of international solidarity/cooperation issues and the importance of safeguarding cultures at risk.

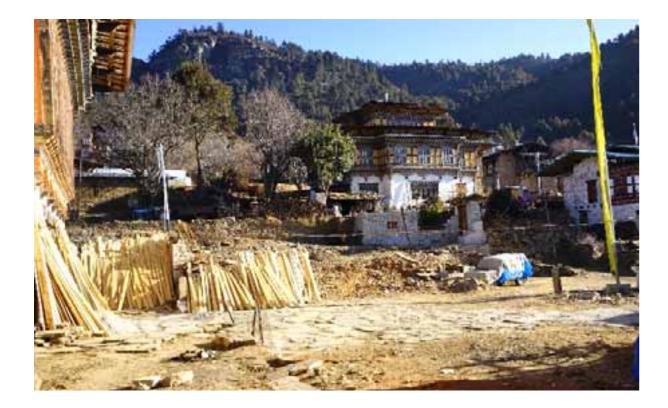
Expected results: Providing support for the 10 nuns in the monastery thus improving their quality of education and living conditions.

Results achieved in 2020: Started a LDS project at the Monastery and improved living and study conditions of the resident nuns, maintained regular communication and updates with long distance supporters.

Beneficiaries of the 2020 project: 10 nuns

Partners: Bhutan Nyo Foundation

Amount pent: 2.400,14 €



CHINA

There are 19 ongoing projects in the three Tibetan regions (Qinghai, Sichuan and RAT, Tibetan Autonomous Region). The number of active LDSs in 2020 (689) decreased by 48 units compared to 2019. This is due to the overall political uncertainty in these regions which brought about the decision not to provide any new sponsorships in the country unless expressly requested by supporters.

Where: Hainan Prefecture, Golok Prefecture, Yushu Prefecture, Ganze Prefecture, Chamdo Prefecture

Ongoing projects:

0505 Dongche School

0523 Tanggan School

0527 Rigmo School

0534 Golok School

0537 Yungog School

0538 Genesai School

0562 Rma Zhol School (Hebei)

0591 Xining University

0592 Hainan High School

0596 Guide High School

0532 Derge School

0540 Galenteng Monastery

0543 Trama College

0555 Baiya Monastery

0557 Yena School

0539 Dzolung Monastery

0542 Dzongtsa Monastery

0546 Khamdogar Monastery

0547 Senghe Monastery

Description: In the Tibetan regions of China, long distance sponsorship projects are implemented in 9 Tibetan schools (primary and secondary), 7 boarding schools and monasteries and also provides scholarships for Tibetan high school and university students. Sponsorship in schools helps improve both the quality of teaching and the living and learning conditions of children. In boarding schools and monasteries, the project supports young children's primary studies and the monastic path of young people and adults who have chosen to follow and/or spread Buddhist teachings. Finally, scholarships are paid directly to students and cover large part of their living expenses, accommodation and school/university fees.

General goal: Helping preserve and disseminate Tibetan language and culture through long distance sponsorship of Tibetan students and monks.

Specific goal: Ensuring that less fortunate children and young people living in the Tibetan communities we operate in are supported in their studies; improving living and study conditions of students and monks supported through long distance sponsorship; raising awareness of international solidarity/cooperation issues and the importance of safeguarding cultures at risk.

Expected results: Improving the quality of education in schools and the living conditions of children, young people and monks we sponsor by ensuring we give regular support to teaching institutions and maintain a constant number of ongoing LDSs.



Results achieved in 2020: Increased knowledge of Tibetan language and culture in the areas we operated in; guaranteed support in their studies for 470 primary school children, 133 monks and 86 high school and university students; improved quality of education, living and learning conditions in 9 schools and 7 boarding schools and monasteries; maintained regular communication and updates with long distance supporters.

Beneficiaries of the 2020 project: 470 primary school students, 133 monks and 86 high school and university students.

Partners: N/A

Amount spent: 148.270,20 €



INDIA

In India we have 22 ongoing projects (7 if we consider TCV, CST and STS schools as as unified under the 3 acronyms). The number of ongoing LDSs was 502 in December 2020, 4 more than in 2019, also thanks to having started an LDS in one of TCV's headquarters: TCV Ladakh. There are 5 temporarily suspended projects (TCV Scholarship, STSS Bhuntar, CST Sonada, Dalhousie and Mundgod).

Where: Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, West Bengal, Karnataka

Ongoing projects:

0501 THF School

0503 TKIS

0506 STSS Chauntra, 0507 STSS Paonta, 0554 STSS Petoen

0509 THF Elders

0510 TIPA

0511 CST Shimla, 0516 CST Darjeeling, 0517 CST Mussorie, 0530 CST Kalimpong, 0544 CST Sonada

0512 TCV Bylakuppe, 0513 TCV Dharamsala, 0514 TCV Lower Dharamsala, 0515 TCV Gopalpur, 0518 TCV Ladakh, 0519 TCV Suja, 0520 TCV Outreach, 0524 TCV Outreach Bylakuppe, 0531 TCV Chauntra, 0548 TCV Selakui

Description: In India, the long distance sponsorship project is implemented in many of the Tibetan schools founded after the Dalai Lama's exile and attended by children and young people from the main Tibetan settlements. Long distance sponsorship helps cover the costs of maintaining, educating (from kindergarten to university) and training these students, who live in school accommodation or at home, and who are also provided with medical care and a comfortable living and study environment. In addition to supporting students, India also has the only long distance sponsorship project for elderly people who live in Tibetan Homes Founda-





tion care homes or in settlements throughout India. The project helps cover the cost of maintaining and caring for elderly Tibetans who are left alone or are ill and can therefore no longer support themselves.

General goal: Helping preserve and disseminate Tibetan language and culture through long distance sponsorship of Tibetan students and elderly people.

Specific goal: Ensuring that vulnerable children and young people of the Tibetan community in exile are supported in their studies; increasing the quality of education in schools where our project is ongoing; improving the living conditions of students and elderly people with long distance sponsorship; raising awareness of international solidarity/cooperation issues and the importance of safeguarding cultures at risk.

Expected results: Improving the quality of education in schools and the living conditions of children, young and elderly people we sponsor by ensuring we give regular support to teaching institutions and maintain a constant number of ongoing LDSs.

Results achieved in 2020: Provided study support for 28 new students, improved quality of education in 20 schools, improved living conditions for 428 students and 74 Tibetan elderly people, maintained regular communication and updates with long distance supporters.

Beneficiaries of the 2020 project: 428 students and 74 Tibetan elderly people

Partners: TCV, THF, TKIS, CST, STS e TIPA sponsorship offices

Amount spent: 110.656,41 €



NEPAL

In Nepal we have 7 ongoing projects. This year we have again seen a rise in the number of sponsorships, for a total of 437, 15 more than in 2019. The additional sponsorships have been mainly provided to the Triten monastery but also to the Manasarovar Foundation and to two of the four Rasuwa schools (Aarukharka e Dupcheshwori).

Where: Kathmandu, Rasuwa and Dolpo districts

Ongoing projects:

0502 Triten Norbutse Monastery

0508 Manasorovar Foundation

0549 Dolpo School (Ganchen Meri)

0570 Scuola di Aarukharka

0571 Aarukharka School

0572 Thangdoor School

0573 Dupcheshwori School

Description: In Nepal long distance sponsorship is provided in 6 schools (one Tibetan and 5 Himalayan) and one monastery of the Bon tradition. In schools, sponsorship helps cover expenses for those students most in need, supporting them from kindergarten to high school and helps teaching institutions guarantee good quality education and comfortable learning environments. In the monastery, the project supports young children's primary studies and the monastic path of young people and adults who have chosen to follow and/or spread Bon teachings.

General goal: Helping preserve and disseminate Himalayan culture through long distance sponsorship of Tibetan and Nepalese students and monks.

Specific goal: Ensuring that less fortunate children and young people living in the Himalayan





communities we operate in are supported in their studies; improving quality of education in schools where projects are ongoing; improving study conditions of students and monks supported through long distance sponsorship; raising awareness of international solidarity/cooperation issues and the importance of safeguarding cultures at risk.

Expected results: Improving the quality of education in schools and the living conditions of children, young and elderly people we sponsor by ensuring we give regular support to teaching institutions and maintain a constant number of ongoing LDSs.

Results achieved in 2020: Provided study support for 32 new students, improved quality of education in 6 schools, improved living and study conditions of 349 students and 88 monks, maintained regular communication and updates with long distance supporters.

Results achieved in 2020: 349 students and 88 monks

Partners: Manasarovar Academy, Bönpo Triten Norbutse Monastery, Nepal Agroforestry Foun-

dation (NAF), Sangsung Meri Bon Culture Society

Amount spent: 73.590,25 €



THINLAY LHAMO'S STORY

Thinlay Lamo is a former student of the Manasarovar (Nepal) school who has been regularly supported through long distance sponsorship for 18 years, from 2000 to 2018. Born in India to a family fleeing Tibet, she is the youngest of 6 children. The Manasarovar school headmistress, who keeps in regular contact with her, describes her as being kind and cheerful, since she was a child. After completing her mandatory studies she went on to university and was awarded a Degree in Social Studies. She has also acted in two Nepalese films and danced for the Tibetan Opera. When the pandemic hit Nepal she did not stop and started using her university contacts to help those in need, working with a local Nepalese association that provides support for vulnerable people. Thanks to Long Distance Sponsorship Thinlay Lhamo has

fulfilled her dream and now has the opportunity to reciprocate by helping those that have helped make her dreams come true.







NOT ONLY LONG DISTANCE SUPPORT

In China, India, Nepal and Bhutan the only way young people can have a future and actively contribute to the society they live in is through high level education. However, the best high schools and universities are located in major cities where, on top of tuition fees and the cost of study materials, students also have to pay for food and accommodation. Many families, being either nomad shepherds, farmers or poor people working underpaid jobs, can often not afford to help their kids, and although students work seasonal jobs to help support themselves, what little they earn is never enough. Furthermore, public study grants are difficult to secure and even when students are able to access prestigious universities but cannot then cover the expenses, they have to give up their place and often interrupt their studies, with dire consequences for them.

ENRICO DELL'ANGELO FUND











The Enrico Dell'Angelo Fund, created in 2018 to honour the memory of Enrico Dell'Angelo, is a different project to Long Distance Sponsorship. The Fund offers study grants exclusively to those deserving Himalayan students who wish to go to university or attend vocational training schools, either in their country or abroad, with the ultimate objective being to improve the overall quality of life of the areas they live in and to spread their culture and traditions all over the world.

The Fund collects both one off and regular donations with the objective of providing more and more study grants.

The Fund offers study grants to the value of what beneficiaries need to support themselves until the completion of their cycle of studies. The study grant covers 75% of this total cost and the remaining 25% is covered by students as proof of their commitment.

Where: Cina, Nepal and India

General Goal: Increasing knowledge, competencies and professional opportunities of Tibetan and Himalayan young people in Asia.

Specific goal: Supporting university and postgraduate studies of young Tibetan and Himala-

yan students in their own country and around the world; raising awareness of international solidarity/cooperation issues and the importance of safeguarding cultures at risk.

Expected results: Providing at least one study grant

Results achieved in 2020: Provided two new study grants (EDA006 ed EDA007) in addition to the 3 ongoing grants already provided.

Beneficiaries of the 2020 project: 3 students in China e 2 in India.

Details as follows:

Name	Identification Code	F/M	Country	Degree course	Duration (years)
Tsomo	EDA002	F	China	Tbetan Medicine And prevention (MA)	3
Tenzin	EDA003	F	India	Computer Science (BA)	3
Tashi	EDA004	F	China	Tibetan Literature (BA)	3
Chonyi	EDA006	М	India	Tibetan Medicine	5
Dala	EDA007	М	China	PhD Research	10 mesi

Partners: Department of Education (Scholarship office) of the Tibetan government in exile Amount spent: 7.747,63€

FRANCESCO E MARIA CATALDI FUND

The Fund collects private donations with the objective of providing more and more study grants for deserving or underprivileged Tibetan and Himalayan students attending university or postgraduate courses in India, Nepal, China and the rest of the world. The Fund covers 100% of the beneficiaries' tuition costs.

Where: China

General goal: Increasing knowledge, competencies and professional opportunities of Tibetan and Himalayan young people in Asia. **Specific goal:** Supporting university and postgraduate studies of young Tibetan and Himalayan students in their own country and around the world; helping young people build a brighter future and improving both their quality of life and that of the communities they live in.

Expected results: Continuing to support the student who received the first study grant.

Results achieved in 2020: Supported one student and increased his competencies and professional opportunities.

Beneficiaries of the 2020 project: 1 student in Cina

Partners: N/A

Amount spent funding set aside for 2021







FUNDRAISING AND COMMUNICATION



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The Fundraising and Communication sector too was affected by the pandemic in 2020 and changed the way in which we program activities.

The MenSana campaign, launched at Christmas 2019 with the purpose of building canteens and kitchens in two schools in the Rasuwa district, Nepal and rebuilt after the earthquake, continued for the first two months of the year.

The campaign, promoted via DEM and printed mailing at Christmas 2019, via social media and the Repubblica Cronaca di Roma newspaper in February 2020, had to be suspended in March 2020 due to the political instability in the area and having the Covid-19 emergency taken priority.

From April onwards a few fundraising campaigns were launched to raise money to help the most fragile populations hit by the pandemic in Myanmar, Nepal and India.

Throughout the year we have had 760 donors, 90 of which were acquired in 2020.



From March onwards we started intense communication activities geared towards helping ASIA's supporters and friends during lockdown, also helping address the sudden lifestyle changes we have all had to face. We started the column "Words of virtuous contagion", actively engaging our contacts and followers on social media.

We have been sent many words so the column has become a weekly newsletter which also contains our partners' Stories from the field, the column "In the days of Coronavirus" with illustrations from our Tibetan colleague and artist Kunga, portraying the pandemic in the Asian countries we work in.

With Kunga we also created the "Knowing Tibet" short videos on various aspects of Ti-









betan culture. After the end of the first Co-vid-19 wave in July, with the Dzogchen Community in Rome, Zhenphenling, we created a series of videos entitled "What stays home? Post lockdown thoughts and words", an indepth analysis of some of the virtuous contagion words.





Campaigns

During 2020 most fundraisers have focussed on the emergency caused by the pandemic. In May we launched a first Covid in Asia emergency campaign and relaunched it in various phases:

- EMERGENCY IN MYANMAR April/May
- EMERGENCY IN NEPAL FOR THE MANA-SAROVAR SCHOOL- June/July
- EMERGENCY IN NEPAL FOR THE HAKU REFUGEES September

All campaigns were promoted via DEM to our internal targets and via social media. Videos were made to outline campaign results and distribution.

Thanks to our many generous donors we have obtained important and solid results:

biamo ottenuto importanti risultati concreti:

- distributing protective equipment to personnel in the health centres of Mindat and Kampetlet in the rural state of Chin, Myanmar;
- providing a monthly food supply for the 108 students of the Manasarovar School and their families facing serious economic hardship;
- creating a hand washing area with 4 taps placed at different heights and connected to a 2000 litre reservoir for the Manasarovar School::
- providing protective equipment for all teaching staff;;
- providing a monthly food supply for 586 refugee families from Haku.

• EMERGENCY ITALY - May/June

We also launched an appeal to support the Covid emergency in Italy. We provided protective equipment to the Santa Corona Hospital in Santa Margherita Ligure and distributed Learning Kits/Food for Thought in the the suburbs of Naples, in partnership with the association Street Teachers;

The following institutional campaigns were promoted in 2020:

 the option of awarding pre-tax donations to Himalayan children guaranteeing their fundamentals rights, was advertised via printed mai-



ling, DEM, social media and SMS. During 2020 we received funds from the previous two campaigns which showed a substantial drop in signatures and funds thus received (2018: 1600 signatures worth € 70,875.00 - 2019: 1520 signatures worth € 64,863.00);

• la new advert to help promote long distance adoption, created by the Nepalese director Tsering Rithar Sherpa, with the voice of Fortunato Cerlino, was broadcast on our own communication channels but also on some free TV channels (LA7, SKY, Discovery channel, San Marino TV). As well as the advert, additional materials were created with the video messages exchanged between supporters and beneficiaries, like Write the Story - which highlights the importance of the re-







lationship created with the beneficiary. Lastly, we created two videos where one of our project managers talked about the situation on-site and distributed them to our supporters:

 the Christmas campaign Seeds of Future to prevent the spread of Covid-19 and contributing to food security for 100 farming families in the village of Haku, Rasuwa district, Nepal..

In 2020, our fair trade gift sales have brought in a total of € 21,628.00.

Solidarity Gifts

Like every year at Christmas, we promoted fair trade gifts: Akshamala, Messages from Tibet bracelets and rings, a calendar dedicated the founder, Chögyal Namkhai Norbu. In 2020, in partnership with another association, we opened ASIA Point in Arcidosso, an exhibition







area with informative materials and fair trade gifts: an opportunity to make ourselves known in the Amiata territory. Unfortunately, the pandemic has had such negative effects that we will not be able to continue with this initiative.

In 2020, our fair trade gift sales have brought in a total of € 21,628.00.

Events

Because of the various closures and restrictions due to the pandemic, we were only able to organise two face-to-face events:

• in January: apéritif and presentation given by

ASIA at the "Like a Tree" association in Rome;

• in February: to celebrate the new Tibetan year, the Year of the Metal Rat, in collaboration with Zhenphenling, we organised a meeting to give our supporters and friends an update on our projects, also offering an astrological introduction to the new year and a Tibetan apéritif.

In autumn we had three online events:

- the online conference "The half without a voice. Gender discrimination and women's rights in Nepal", held in September with ASIA Trento, to raise awareness about the difficult conditions of women in the Himalayan country. The conference was organised as part of the Environmental Conservation project in Langtang Park, financed by the Autonomous Province of Trento and organised by the Trentino Forestry Association, the Trentino Beekeepers' Association and Trentino for Tibet, Nepal Agroforestry Foundation and Langtang Park;
- in November and December we organised two online meetings on GoToMeeting, with the Modena Group and with the Italian supporters, in order to update them on the situation in schools and in the countries we operate in and to cement our relationship.





ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES



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Introduction

ASIA's Administrative Office is made up of two units and manages the administrative activities of the Association for Italy and acts as liaison and control for administrative affairs abroad. All administrative data converge in a consolidated balance sheet.

The Administrative Office's main responsibilities are:

- managing and consolidating the Italian ordinary accounts with the overseas accounts to create ASIA's financial statement:
- bank reconciliation and cash management;
 - managing Italian staff contracts, including preparing payslips and various legal requirements;
 - monitoring and reporting on projects;
- monitoring overseas accounts;
- managing and monitoring IT security, work safety and privacy in cooperation with specialist companies in the sector;
- monitoring procedures.

Keeping the ordinary accounts includes managing all projects' administrative affairs for Italy and local offices, preparing the financial year's final balance sheet with explanatory notes and the budget to be sent to the Board of Directors and the Shareholders Meeting for approval.

The Administration draws up and manages all contracts with employees, collaborators and expatriates and relative pay slips, in accordance with the law, as well as fulfilling tax and social security obligations. The Administration also provides all documentation necessary to prepare the I.r.a.p. and Unico tax declarations compiled by the Financial Consultant.

The Administrative Office manages and checks the budgets for projects to be submitted and/or ongoing, and also drafts the project accounts to be submitted to the relative donors. Accounts and bank movements are monitored on a monthly basis, and the supporting documentation is checked, jointly with the local offices.

ASIA has a Controlling Body represented by the Sole Auditor Dr. Francesco Lauria, who monitors compliance with statutory law and compliance with the principles of proper administration, the adequacy of the organisational, administrative and accounting structures and their concrete functioning, as well as monitoring compliance with the social, solidarity and socially useful purposes, in accordance with the 2017 Legislative Decree 117.

The financial statements, prepared and approved by the Board of Directors are checked by the Board of Auditors, by the statutory auditor Dr. Stefano Priorini and sent to the Shareholders Meeting for approval.

Dr. Stefano Vitale's office is responsible for fiscal and employment advice.

ASIA staff as at 31 December 2020

In Italy, ASIA employs 14 people, 10 on a permanent contract, in accordance with the CCNL (national collective labour agreement) for Commerce and Services, and 4 on a coordinated and continuous Collaboration Contract or on a consultancy contract. As required by law, all employees are insured against accidents at work and staff travelling abroad have supplementary insurance with Siscos. There is also a comprehensive insurance policy for activities carried out by volunteers.

ASIA staff abroad

All local staff working with ASIA are placed under contract and insured as per the country's legal requirements and paid in accordance with local pay scales.

Pay grades

The remuneration of staff is determined by the pay scales set out by the CCNL with adjustments based on levels of responsibility and length of service, while for consultants the remuneration is based on project or market availability.

Salary levels range from a maximum of € 52.400,00 to a minimum of € 23.850,00.

There is also no compensation, other than possible reimbursement of expenses, for corporate positions. Volunteers may be given flat-rate reimbursements in accordance with the law.

Rome office staff as at 31 December 2020

Name	Department	Contract
Dell'Angelo Andrea	Director and projects consultant	Consultancy
Addari Francesca	Long Distance Sponsorship	Permanent - Full time
Marranca Roberta	Long Distance Sponsorship	Permanent - Full time
Caliendo Alessia	Adminsitration	Permanent - Full time
Brega Roberto	Adminsitration	Permanent - Full time
Fidanzia Linda	Fundraising	Permanent - Full time
Valerio Maura	Communication	Permanent - Full time
Nardi Alessandra	Cooperation Projects	Permanent - Full time
Albanese Marilena	Cooperation Projects	Permanent - Full time
Sonam Tsering	Secretary	Permanent - Part time
Forbicioni Mara	Projects Consultant	Coordinated and continuous collaboration
Lorenza Sebastiani	Head of Project AICS - ECG	Coordinated and continuous collaboration
Tedesco Paolo	Head of Projects AICS - Myanmar	Coordinated and continuous collaboration
Cecchi David	Head of Projects AICS - Nepal	Coordinated and continuous collaboration



General Support Consultancy

Name	Profession	Subject
Stefano Vitale	Chartered Accountant	Tax Consultancy
Envisioning srl	Service Company	Labour Consultancy
Nexacons srl	Service Company	Privacy Consultancy
Safer srl	Service Company	Job safety
Time Zero Team Srl	Service Company	Information Technology
Studio Priorini	Chartered Accountant	Financial Statement Audit





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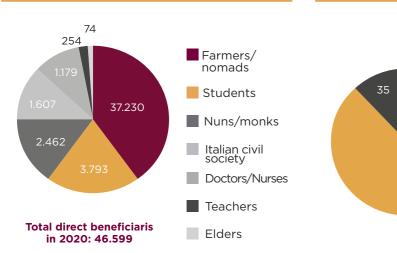
In 2020, as in all previous years, we have achieved our objectives thanks to the help and support of donors who provided us with the financial resources needed to implement the projects, the commitment of our partners who contributed with their expertise and knowledge of the areas we operate in, and the enthusiastic participation of the beneficiaries during the projects' identification and implementation phases.

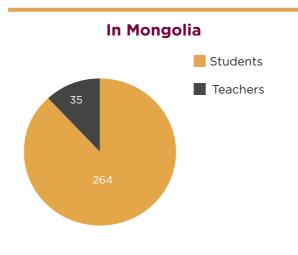


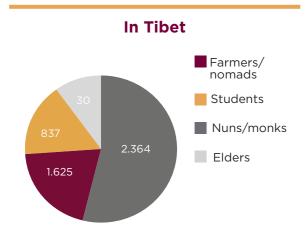


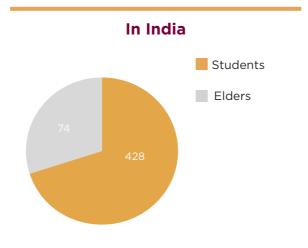


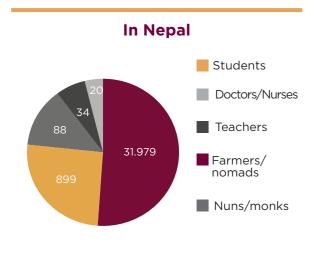
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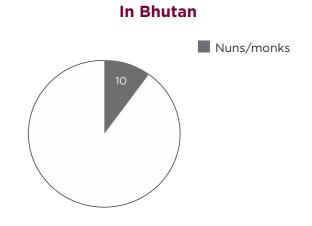


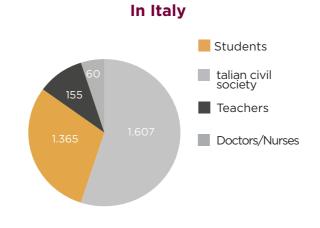


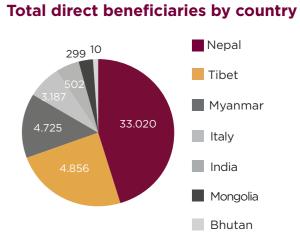




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BALANCE STATEMENT 2020





Balance Sheet at 31 December 2020

Assets		
	Year 2020	Year 2019
1. FIXED ASSETS	47.197,48	46.093,18
1.1 Tangible fixed assets	37.767,72	38.794,53
1.1.1 Hardware I.T.	20.114,35	18.418,55
1.1.2 Art works	29.700,00	29.700,00
1.1.3 System Comunication	6.100,00	6.100,00
1.1.4 Amortisation Funds I.T.	(12.046,63)	(9.344,02)
1.1.5 Amortisation Funds System Comunication	(6.100,00)	(6.080,00)
1.2 Financial and intangible fixed assets	9.429,76	7.298,65
1.2.1 Equity investements and secutiry deposits	9.429,76	7.298,65
2. CURRENT ASSETS	1.896.835,39	2.126.704,16
2.1 Receivables	334.814,55	357.618,20
2.1.1 Receivables from financial backers	211.509,50	292.462,00
2.1.2 Receivables from social securiy and pension agencies	-	195,80
2.1.3 Receivables from advances paid on levies	3.006,00	4.761,00
2.1.4 Sundry receivables	120.299,05	60.199,40
2.2 Cash and cash equivalents	1.562.020,84	1.769.085,96
2.2.1 Cash box italian office	12.435,67	9.923,86
2.2.2 Cash box offices outside Italy	6.176,01	5.998,19
2.2.3 c/a Banks Italy	1.201.346,63	1.568.800,91
2.2.4 c/a Banks outside Italy	342.062,53	184.363,00

Balance Sheet at 31 December 2020

Liabilities		
	Year 2020	Year 2019
I. NET WORTH	1.181.121,02	1.620.298,64
1.1 Management results current accounting period	14.690,49	
1.2 Management results previous accounting periods		3.392,44
1.3 Tied up funds on projects	1.151.027,89	1.586.490,67
1.4 Reserve Funds	15.402,64	30.415,53
2. RISKS AND COMMITMENTS PROVISIONAL FUNDS	67.913,30	54.859,34
2.1 Risks and commitments provisional fund	10.036,74	10.712,36
2.2 Leaving indemnity funds	57.876,56	44.146,98
3. LIABILITIES	265.780,48	182.136,94
3.1 Payables to employees and collaborators	23.500,47	27.013,02
3.2 Payables to suppliers	214.899,14	76.123,90
3.3 Payables for taxes	4.073,69	5.899,66
3.4 Payables to social security agencies	10.484,95	12.534,38
3.5 Payables to varius	12.822,23	60.565,98
4. ACCRUALS AND DEFERRED CHARGES	429.218,07	315.502,42
4.1 Accrued charges - long distance sponsorships	247.002,24	199.656,64
4.2 Deffered income to sponsorships agencies	117.352,76	115.845,78
4.3 5/1000 tax donation next year 2021	64.863,07	0,00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1.944.032,87	2.172.797,34

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Management Income and Charges Report at 31 December 2020

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	Year 2020	Year 2019
1. INCOME FOR PROJECTS	1.697.422,00	1.100.960,88
1.1 Income from institutional financial backers	1.098.428,80	487.635,08
Italian Agency Cooperation and Development	641.605,26	324.644,98
German Embassy	9.197,27	1.965,59
French Embassy	9.197,27	1.965,59
Danish Royal Embassy	438.429,00	115.170,22
Italian Government - 8/1000 tax donation	-	39.325,07
New Zeland Embassy		434,03
Australian Embassy		4.129,60
1.2 Income from Local Institution	61.671,40	11.087,44
Province of Bolzano	61.671,40	11.087,44
1.3 Income from private financial backers	425.564,23	501.274,26
1.3.1 Private donors for projects	78.532,91	119.535,67
1.3.2 Foundatios	80.361,04	48.405,33
Fondazione PianoTerra	5.000,00	30.000,00
Tides Foundation	21.758,29	18.405,33
Nando Peretti Foundation	53.602,75	-
1.3.3 Asia in the world	12.652,00	52.682,20
Asia Germany	11.224,00	38.680,00
Asia France	1.428,00	
Asia Usa		14.002,20
1.3.4 Other Associations	254.018,28	280.651,06
Tavola Valdese	35.917,56	52.000,00
Caritas Italiana	130.734,21	70.104,46
Asia Trento	38.940,34	11.691,44
Unione Buddhista Italiana	23.598,17	129.082,16
Conferenza Episcopale Italiana	24.828,00	
SolHimal		17.773,00
1.4 Contributions from project partners	111.757,57	65.403,26
1.5 Contribution by Asia		35.560,84
2. INCOME FOR LONG DISTANCE SPONSORSHIPS	329.945,97	401.892,34
2.1 Income for long distance sponsorships	720.045.07	401.892,34
3. INCOME FOR GENERAL SUPPORT	373.258,11	360.554,26
3.1 Management of projects	106.054,14	64.262,44
3.1.1 from institutional donors	98.301,49	39.494,46
3.1.2 from private donors	7.752,65	24.767,98
3.2 Management of long distance sponsorships	93.310,20	95.508,77
3.3 Membership fees	2.735,00	2.585,00
3.4 Free donations	78.654,80	89.835,02
3.5 Donations for calendars, greetings card etc.	21.628,80	28.964,74

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5.2 Capital gains and contingent assets	11.578,67	13.551,42
5.1 Insurance refund	3.460,89	1.800,00
5. SUNDRY ASSETS	15.039,56	15.351,42
4.1 Profit on bank and post office current accounts	2.620,61	2.188,91
4. FINANCIAL AND PROPERTY ASSETS	2.620,61	2.188,91
3.6 5/1000 tax donations	70.875,17	79.398,29
	Year 2020	Year 2019
ncome		



Management Income and Charges Report at 31 December 2020

Charges

	Year 2020	Year 2019
1. CHARGES FROM PROJECTS	2.017.903,54	1.444.815,68
1.1 Emergency and Development Projects in LDC	1.457.065,03	963.712,90
1.1.1 Emergency and post-emergency projects	158.663,75	310.173,00
1.1.2 Development Project	1.298.401,28	653.539,90
Education	7.747,63	46.478,74
Safeguard of cultural heritage	643.991,18	161.173,09
Health, water, hygiene, environment	618.188,60	421.218,62
Professional training and micro-enterprise	28.473,87	24.669,45
1.2 Development education projects	224.938,54	108.224,83
1.3 Long distance sponsorship projects	335.899,97	372.877,95
Child support	249.851,99	289.152,98
Supporting monks	36.429,54	30.756,40
Supporting of the aged	15.655,11	15.940,00
Study grants	33.963,33	37.028,57
2. CHARGES - INFORMATION AND PROMOTION	66.972,57	91.447,89
2.1 Consultancies and fees	36.415,52	50.374,95
2.2 Advertising compaigns and events	15.802,36	19.794,11
2.3 Production and dispatch of calendars	1.643,52	4.038,99
2.4 Gifts for subscribers	4.811,94	9.551,23
2.5 5/1000 campaign	3.957,20	6.161,57
2.6 Sundry documented expenses	4.342,03	1.527,04
3. CHARGES FOR GENERAL SUPPORT	299.333,70	332.997,24
3.1 Staff and collaborators	122.395,23	154.043,91
3.2 Standing charges and utilities	32.103,14	33.370,16
3.3 Services	48.080,37	52.329,88
3.4 Other running costs	23.409,35	17.893,37
3.5 Sponsorships projects running costs	40.740,21	35.946,84
3.6 Depreciation and contingencies provisions	6.655,35	3.750,23
3.7 Local offices running costs	25.950,05	35.662,85
4. FINANCIAL AND CAPITAL BURDENS	15.303,69	6.545,90
4.1 Financial charges	15.303,69	6.545,90
5. SUNDRY CHARGES	1.641,38	1.502,94
5.1 Losses and liabilities	1.641,38	1.502,94
6. TAX BURDEN	2.440,88	245,72
6.1 IRAP and sundry levies	2.440,88	245,72
TOTAL CHARGES	2.403.595,76	1.877.555,37
MANAGEMENT RESULT	14.690,49	3.392,44

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2020

ASIA, Associazione per la Solidarietà Internazionale in ASIA, is a non-profit organization founded in 1988 from the desire and the commitment of a group of Tibetan culture researchers. Professor Namkhai Norbu Rinpoche, an internationally known scholar, has been ASIA's President and Founder of the organization since 1988 till His death in 2018. He has been the promoter of many initiatives aiming at the safeguard of the Tibetan culture. The main purpose of ASIA is to promote the economic, social and health development of the Himalayan people and to safeguard their cultural diversity.

ASIA is accredited with the following decrees to:

- Agenzia Italiana per la Cooperazione e Sviluppo (Italian Agency for Development Cooperation), with decree n. 2016/337/000136/0;
- Registro delle Onlus (Onlus Registry Office), to the Direzione Regionale delle Entrate della Toscana (Tuscany Regional Revenue Service) decree n. 12076;
- Registro Prefettizio delle Persone Giuridiche di Grosseto (Registry of Legal Persons of Grosseto), decree n. 190;
- Registro Regionale della Associazioni della Lombardia (Lombardy Regional Association Registry), section International Relations, n. 89.

Moreover, ASIA is recognized eligible for funds from European Union and Development agencies. ASIA operates in Italy, China, Sri Lanka, Nepal, India, Myanmar and Mongolia and has its offices or support groups in:

Country	City	Address
Italia	Arcidosso - 58031	Loc. Podere Nuovo Merigar sede Legale e operativa
Italia	Roma - 00185	Via San Martino della Battaglia 31
Italia	Como - 22070	Via Casale Rocco 1
Italia	Milano - 20141	Via Sibari 15
Italia	Favaro Veneto - 30173	Via Indri 31b
Italia	Bolzano - 39100	Via della Vigna 56
Cina - Qinghai	Xining - 810000	Room 141, Building 26, Mingcuiliu Shanzhuang, Nanshan Road
Nepal	Kathmandu -44600	W.N. 2 Lanzipat House n.85/62
Mongolia	Ulaan Baatar	8 Oyu Center 23 apartment, 16th khoroo, Orkhon 1 Bayangol district
Myanmar	Yangoon	Excel Tower 305, n.520 Kabar Aye Pagoda Road and Shwee Gone Bahan

Along with the Association ASIA Trento, to which it belongs, ASIA is also operating in the autonomous province of Trento aiming at strengthening ASIA presence in the national territory. At international level, there are the following organizations, ASIA United States, ASIA Germany, ASIA France, founded in accordance with their own national legislation.



Furthermore we report to the members that the following surety policies are in effect signed for ongoing projects co-financed by Italian Agency for Development Cooperation in its favor:

- euro 114.664,48 project AICS cod. 2250 Nepal
- euro 159.698,30 project AICS cod. 2248 in Myanmar
- euro 140.004,52 project AICS cod. 3016 Global Citizenship Education Diverse but not Distant.

THE FORM AND CONTENT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements closed the 31st December 2020 has been drawn up fully in respect of the policy approved by the Board of the Italian Agency for the *Onlus* "Guidelines and outlines on how to write financial statements of non-profit organizations", adapted it to Asia specificity. The financial statements closed the 31/12/2020 is composed by the Balance Sheet, the Income statement, drawn up by accrual and cash basis, and the Notes.

The Balance Sheet framework has been drawn up in accordance with the article 2424 of the Italian Civil Code, with some modifications that take in consideration the specificity of the non-profit organizations' assets.

The structure of the Profit and Loss Account is divided into activity areas in order to represent better the acquisition and the employment of resources to carry out all the tasks.

The currency operations are recorded to the monthly average exchange rate, of the Italian Exchange Offices of the Banca d'Italia, the date when these operations have been made.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

- FIXED ASSETS. This asset includes tangible, intangible and financial items at disposal of the Association that are multi-annual. The tangible fixed assets are recorded to purchase cost which includes the possible directly attributable or VAT additional expenses, since they are not deductible according to the article 72 DPR 633/72. The financial fixed assets include security deposits and the value of a shareholding of Banca Popolare Etica.
- CURRENT ASSETS. This asset represents a list of cash in treasuries or banks in Italy and
 foreign countries valued in their nominal value, credits to backers based on agreements or
 contracts where ASIA paid in advance in projects, other ordinary management credits. The
 currency holdings have been valued to the exchange rate at 30th December 2019 issued by
 the Banca d'Italia.
- ACCRUALS AND DEFERRED INCOME. They are calculated in accordance with the temporal accrual basis and respecting the accounting basis.
- **NET WORTH.** The net worth includes the management results of the previous financial years and the current one, the funds postponed to the following year, restricted to relevant projects in relation to contracts or agreements taken with the funding institution or private donors.
- FUNDS FOR COMMITMENTS AND RISKS. This asset includes provisions for covering the Severance Package and the risks on projects and/or exchange rates.
- **DEBTS.** This asset contains debts related to the current ordinary management.
- ACCRUALS AND DEFERRED CHARGES. They are calculated in accordance with the temporal

accrual basis and in respect of accrual basis: this asset includes the accrued charges towards long distance sponsorships institutes and the deferred charges are linked to share revenues related to the long distance sponsorships that will be examined in the future financial years.

- **INCOMES.** The incomes restricted to projects are registered according to the relevant financial year and are subdivided according to their funding origin. The shares used in the year taken in consideration are included in the financial statements as incomes for projects, whereas the funds distributed by backers in the current year and still not used they are trasferred to the project restricted fund. The charitable donations received, not restricted to projects, are recorded as incomes in the financial year considered.
- **CHARGES.** All the expenses are recorded on the accrual basis and represented according to the types of expenditure while the depreciation expenses are calculated in accordance with the law.



COMMENTS ON THE PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING ITEMS

THE BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

1. Fixed Assets

1.1 Tangible fixed assets

Fixed assets are recorded to purchase costs in which the total of depreciation of the ongoing expenses are underlined; artworks are recorded to their estimated realisable value.

The value of the equipment recorded excluding depreciation is € 37.767,72

1.2 Financial and intangible fixed assets

The financial fixed assets recorded in the financial statements regard a security deposits from the Rome headquarters' office rent, local headquarters; a security deposit in Poste Italiane spa used to deliver publications to backers, and a shareholding of Banca Popolare Etica, for a total amount of 9.429,76.

Here below is the table comparing the previous year data.

Description	31/12/2020	31/12/2019	Variations
Security deposit from rent	4.486,75	4.486,75	0,00
Security deposit on-site	1.953,33	1.322,22	631,11
Shares Banca Popolare Etica	590,00	590,00	0,00
Security deposit Poste Italiane	2.399,68	899,68	1.500,00
Total	9.429,76	7.298,65	2.131,11

2. Current Assets

2.1 Credits

2.1.1 Credits toward donors

This item regards all the projects costs that ASIA paid in advance on behalf of funding institutions for a total of \leqslant 211.509,50. Those amounts concern project activities supported by third parties that still need to be paid when the financial year has been closed, as per the table here below per \leqslant 112.983,52.

Donor	Balance at 31.12.2019	Credit Drop	Credit Increase	Balance at 31.12.2020
Prime Minister's Office	33.900,60	33.900,60		_
Danish Embassy (DANIDA)	-	-	58.543,39	58.543,39
Waldensian Church	36.400,00	36.400,00	24.500,00	24.500,00

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Donor	Balance at 31.12.2019	Credit Drop	Credit Increase	Balance at 31.12.2020
Unione Buddhista Italiana	87.534,56	87.534,56		
Aut. Province of Bolzano	17.938,50	15.892,37	-	14.940,13
ASIA Trento	22.053,88	22.053,88		
Piano Terra Foundation	18.000,00	18.000,00	<u>-</u>	
Caritas Italiana	_		15.000,00	15.000,00
Totale	215.827,54	213.781,41	98.043,39	112.983,52

The attachemnt n. 1 to the Notes to the Financial Statement shows the projects breakdown of the Credits.

Added to this table are the receivables from Sad supporters for € 6.364,80 and ASIA advances for projects of € 92.161,18.

2.1.2 Credits towards Social Security and Social Care Institutions

At the end of the year there are no credits.

2.1.3 Credits for prepaid taxes

At the end of the year there is a credit related to Irap for € 3.006,00.

2.1.4 Other credits

The item Other Credits is equal to € 120.299,05, for cash advances to local counterparts and partner in Italy, advances to employees, funds transferred to local offices for cash advances to local projects.

2.2 Available liquidity

Here are contained the available liquidity in terms of cash and in banks in Italy and abroad, both in Euro and in local currency. For the latter the balances have been reconsidered applying the exchange rate released by the Italian Exchange Office the 31th December 2020. Therefore, the available liquidity amounts to € 1.562.020,84 resulting in the table below:

Available liquidity	31/12/2020	31/12/2019	Variations
Cash register Italy	12.435,67	9.923,86	2.511,81
Cash register foreign offices	6.176,01	5.998,19	177,82
Bank accounti in itay	1.201.346,63	1.568.800,74	-367.454,11
Bank account in foreign countries	342.062,53	184.363,00	157.699,53
Total	1.562.020,84	1.769.085,79	-207.064,95

The attachment n. 2 to the Notes to the Financial Statement shows the breakdown of the available liquidity in terms of cash and in banks in Italy and abroad.



LIABILITIES

1. Net Worth

1.1 Management result current year

The financial year closed with a surplus of Euro 16.445,49, which is deducted the statutory tax bringing the actual surpluses to € 14.690,49. The allocation of this amount will be decided by the ASIA members' Assembly during the annual meeting for the approval of the financial statatement.

1.2 Management result previous accounting year

This item is related to the operating loss of previous financial years and it subjected to a zeroing for the allocation to endowment fund as decided by the Assembly.

1.3 Tied up funds on projects

In this chapter it is underlined the residual funds allocated for cooperation and emergency projects for \leqslant 1.140.707,63 and for Long Distance Sponsorship projects for \leqslant 10.320,26, for a total amount of \leqslant 1.151.027,89. These funds are transferred to the following year and restricted to their use according to the agreements made with the funding institutions or private donors to complete the agreed projects.

The table below shows the tied up funds in detail, divided into donors.

Donor	Tied up funds at 31/12/2019	Increase Tied up funds	Decrease Tied up funds	Tied up funds at 31/12/2020
AICS	1.013.232,48	108.026,02	641.605,26	479.653,24
Prime Minister's Office	-	46.895,81		46.895,81
Danish Embassy (DANIDA)	132.609,80	247.275,81	379.885,61	
French Embassy	9.197,27		9.197,27	
German Embassy	9.197,27		9.197,27	
Autonomous Province of Bolzano	150.242,26	42.107,10	48.777,40	143.571,96
Waldensian Church	-	10.500,00	917,56	9.582,44
Unione Buddhista Italiana		115.022,40	14.188,33	100.834,07
Caritas Italiana	45.734,21	96.464,90	122.199,11	20.000,00
Nando ed Elsa Peretti Foundation	92.000,00	17.647,00	53.602,75	56.044,25
Piano Terra Foundation		5.000,00	5.000,00	
Tides Foundation	-	43.516,59	21.758,29	21.758,30
ASIA France	212,00	4.736,00	3.296,00	1.652,00
Asia Germany	4.000,00	27.968,00	25.248,00	6.720,00
ASIA Trento	13.701,36	27.233,41	38.940,34	1.994,43
Private Donors	112.997,65	323.236,21	196.228,79	252.001,13
Total	1.583.124,30	1.115.629,25	1.570.041,98	1.140.707,63

The attachment n. 3 to the Notes to the Financial Statement shows the tied up funds in detail, divided into projects.

1.4 Reserve funds

In this item there are the surpluses recorded along the years; at the financial statements closure date the amount is \in 15.402,64.

2. Funds for commitments and risks

2.1 Funds for commitments and risks

In this section of the financial statements we find: the fund risks project for project risks replenished in 2020: \leqslant 3.903,74; the Asia Germany Non-personal Sponsorship: \leqslant 6.104,00, for a total amount of \leqslant 10.036.74.

2.2 Severance Package Fund

The Severance Package Fund has been adapted in accordance with current regulations and it amounts to \leqslant 44.146,98 at 31st December 2019 net of the Severance Payments made during the year..

3. Debts

This section regards short-term debts charged to ASIA and subdivided into categories.

3.1 Debts toward employees

They are related to ASIA staff both in Italy and abroad and they count to € 23.500,47,02 and paid during 2021.

3.2 Debts towards suppliers

Here are included the debts towards Italian suppliers for ordinary and projects activities taking place in Rome head-quarters, and debts for contracts signed with foreign suppliers after project activities started and under way which amount to 214.899,14 Euros.

3.3 Tax Debts

These are debts towards the Italian Taxes Agency in the closing financial year related to Irpef for € 4.073,69.

3.4 Debts toward Social Security

These are the year-end debts towards INPS and INAIL paid the following financial year for total € 10.822,23.

3.5 Other debts

The sum is \leqslant 12.822,23 for debts towards local counterparts and projects partners whom anticipated some payments related to projects. These debts will be paid during 2021.



4. Accruals and deferred charges

4.1 Accrued charges

This item includes the accrued expenses deriving from the expenditure commitments pertaining to the closing year which will be paid in 2021 to the Distance Support Institutes for a total of € 247.002,24. The resulting scheme is as follows:

Accrued charges long distance sponsorships	2020	2019
0501 - THF - Mussoorie (Scuola)	14.424,00	16.684,00
0502 - TNBM - Kathmandu	9.663,00	8.981,80
0503 - TKIS	360,00	120,00
0505 - Dongche School	8.380,00	8.980,00
0506 - CST - Chauntra	5.540,00	5.700,00
0507 - CST - Paonta	540,00	900,00
0508 - MANASOROVAR - Kathmandu	49.767,44	25.264,05
0509 - THF - Mussoorie (Anziani)	7.780,00	7.910,00
0510 - TIPA - Dharamsala	1.520,00	2.330,00
0511 - CST Simla	600,00	720,00
0512 - TCV - Bylakuppe	5.235,00	5.265,00
0513 - TCV - Dharamsala	2.330,00	2.760,00
0514 -TCV Lower Dharamsala	480,00	480,00
0515 - TCV - Gopalpur	4.600,00	4.270,00
0516 - CST Darjeeling	240,00	610,00
0517 - CST Mussorie	-	480,00
0518 - TCV Ladakh	820,00	
0519 - TCV - Suja	1.110,00	1.140,00
0520 - TCV - Outreach	2.225,00	2.260,00
0523 - THANGGAN	9.730,00	10.155,00
0524 - TCV - OUTREACH - BYLAKUPPE	720,00	840,00
0527 - Rigmo	5.640,00	5.520,00
0530 - Kalimpong	5.235,00	240,00
0531 - TCV Chauntra	4.290,00	5.090,00
0532 - Derge School	3.688,71	5.449,25
0534 - Golok School	10.860,00	14.225,00
0536 - Yushu Primary School		-
0537 - Yungog School	5.605,00	5.330,00
0538 - Genesai School	3.930,00	5.620,00
0539 - Dzolung Monastery	4.075,39	5.705,20
0540 - Galenteng monastery	2.511,17	2.240,10
0542 Dzongtsa Monastery	1.967,07	1.949,39
0543 - Trama gompa	1.553,11	1.895,39
0547 - Senghe monastery	1.453,48	1.920,77
0548 - TCV Selakui	480,00	720,00
0549 - Dolpo	10.250,72	3.665,72
0554 - STSS Petoen	120,00	240,00
0555 - Baiya Gompa	422,32	1.044,84
0557 - Yena School	727,46	933,83

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Accrued charges long distance sponsorships	2020	2019
0561 - Yushu Orphanage	1.920,00	1.920,00
0562 - Rma Zhol	2.360,00	2.160,00
0570 - Aarukharka School	8.186,78	1.986,78
0571 - Thangdoor School	7.020,00	2.040,00
0572 - Namuna School	1.730,00	580,00
0573 - Dupcheshwori School	15.496,00	4.686,00
0580 - Sumthrang Monastery	1.200,00	
0591 - University Scolarships	12.765,59	14.444,52
0592 - Hainan High School	4.450,00	3.000,00
0596 - Guide High School	3.000,00	1.200,00
Total	247.002,24	199.656,64

4.2 Deferred income

This chapter shows the deferred income related to proceeds for long distance sponsorships and members' contributions pertaining to future years and raised in 2020 amounting to € 117.352,76.

4.3 5/1000 tax donations

As part of the contribution issued by Italian Government for the Covid 19 Emergency, a double income of 5/1000 tax donations has been received in the 2020 as advance of the year 2021. This income pertaining to the following year is accounted on accrual basis in the financial statement, not having had the need to use it in the closing year.



PROFITS AND LOSSES ACCOUNT

The main purpose of profits and losses account is to represent the operating result and to show, through the comparison between incomes and costs related to the financial year, the process that led to the above result. Incomes and costs are divided into activity areas.

INCOMES

1. Incomes for projects

In accordance with the Onlus Agency on how to draw up the financial statements, the incomes aimed at projects have been recorded in a sum used during the ongoing financial year, transferring the residual part to restricted fund projects, as it appears in table at page 6. In this way the income is determined by the project costs during 2020. Incomes are recorded in the financial statements according to the kind of project and the type of donor.

1.1 Incomes fron institutional donors

The financial statements report incomes to € 1.098.428,80 for funds allocated by:

• Italian Agency for Development Cooperation € 641.605,26 for the following projects:

Projects	Euro
2248 AICS Myanmar	200.328,92
2250 AICS Speed_Nepal	233.097,18
3016 ECG Aics	208.179,16

• Embassies in Beijing € 456.823,54 for the following projects:

Projects	Euro
2244 Singkhri DANIDA - Danish Embassy	438.429,00
2247 Yushu cooperative - French Embassy	9.197,27
2247 Yushu cooperative - German Embassy	9.197,27

1.2 Incomes from local institutions

Local institutions incomes amount to € 61.671,40, funded by Autonomous Province of Bolzano, resulting as reported below:

Projects	Euro
2238 Dongche	42.023,94
2251 Langtang	8.067,49
2252 Bhotekoshi	11.579,97

1.3 Incomes from private donors

In 2020 incomes from private donors amount to € 425.564,23 resulting as reported below.

1.3.1. Private citizens for projects

In 2020 donations made by private citizens allocated for projects are € 78.532,91.

1.3.2 Foundations

In 2020, it has been used € 80.361,04 of incomes coming from private foundations, resulting as reported below:

Project	Donor	Euro
2267 Covid Myanmar	Nando & Elsa Peretti Foundation	17.647.00
2253 Domda Yushu	Nando & Elsa Peretti Foundation	35.955,75
2265 Covid19 Myanmar	PianoTerra	5.000,00
2257 Galenteng Emergency	Tides	21.758,29

1.3.3 ASIA in the world

In 2020, it has been used a total of € 12.652,00 of incomes coming from ASIA's support groups:

- Asia Germany, in 2020 supported charges for the following projects:
- 0615 Study Grants EDA for € 1.400;
- 2265 Covid Myanmar for € 9.824,00;
- Asia France supported charges for € 1.428,00 for the Project 2266 Covid Manasarovar.

1.3.4 Other institutions and associations

The funds received from other authorities and associations in 2020 amount to € 254.818,28 divided as follows:

Project	Donor	Euro
2243 Langtang	Asia Trento	38.940,34
2246 Rasuwa	Caritas Italiana	95.734,21
2270 Emergenza Haku	Caritas Italiana	35.000,00
2262 Nepal Covid Emergency - Health	Conferenza Episcopale Italiana	14.879,00
2263 Nepal Covid Emergency - Awareness	Conferenza Episcopale Italiana	9.949,00
2240 Dongche	Waldesian Church	35.000,00
2255 Rasuwa	Waldesian Church	917,56
2245 Mongolia	Unione Buddista Italiana	9.409,84
3017 Seeds of Awareness	Unione Buddista Italiana	14.188,33

1.4 Contributions from patners

This item includes cash or non-cash contributions by partners for projects for a total amount of \in 111.757,57.



2. Incomes from Long Distance Sponsorships

This item includes cash or non-cash contributions by partners for projects for a total amount of \in 111.757,57.

3. Incomes for ASIA general activities

This chapter includes incomes used to cover general expenses.

3.1 Projects management

- **3.1.1 Institutional donors, associations.** This is the share recognized to ASIA by donors, covering some project management expenses, for a total amount of \le 98.301,49.
- **3.1.2 Private donors.** Share recognized to ASIA by private donors to manage projects, for a total amount of € 7.752.65.

3.2 Long Distance Sponsorships Management

These contributions are recognized with the percentage of 20% to cover operating and monitoring expenses of long distance support for \leqslant 93.310,20. It is highlighted that these funds, when exceeding the above cited costs, are used to cover also other ASIA structural costs.

3.3 Membership contributions

Membership fees are related to 48 members that paid their memberships with ASIA for a sum of $\leq 2.735.00$.

3.4 Free donations

Free donations not restricted to projects sum up to € 78.654,80.

3.5 Donations for calendars, t-shirts and items

Donations offered for calendars, t-shirts and items sum up to € 21.628,80.

3.6 5x1000 tax donation

The amount 5/1000 tax donation for 2018 tax year is \in 70.875,17 as per the Revenue Agency communication. These funds are recorded annually according to the guidelines spread by the responsible Ministry.

4. Financial and Capital Incomes

Among the financial and capital incomes there are interest income on bank and postal accounts for a total amount of & 2.620,61.

5. Other Incomes

- **5.1 Insurance refunds** of € 3.460,89 which derives from the reimbursement of the theft of Xining's office car.
- **5.2 Capital gains and contingent assets.** Capital gains and contingent assets per € 11.578.67.

CHARGES

Budgetary costs are recorded in accordance with the accrual basis and are divided into activities.

1. Projects Charges

The expenses coming from the typical activity are divided in the the financial statements according to the type of project.

1.1 Emergency and development project expenses in developing countries In 2020 the emergency and development project expenses are of € 1.457.065,03 divided into the following categories.

1.1.1 Emergency and post-emergency project expenses

The total expenses used to make emergency and post-emergency projects in Nepal, in China, Mongolia and in Myanmar are of € 158.663,75, as reported here below in detail:

Emergency and post-emergency	Euro
0614 Surgery for life	5.864,26
2245 UBI Mongolia	10.042,80
2257 Emergency Galenting	4.716,96
2260 Covid Myanmar	8.721,19
2262 Nepal Covid Emergency - Health	15.195,72
2263 Nepal Covid Emergency - Awarness	10.160,69
2265 Covid19 Myanmar PT	20.001,52
2266 Covid Manasarovar	16.118,44
2267 Covid_Myanmar	17.647,00
2269 COVID19 Italia Ospedali	4.940,30
2270 Emergency Haku Caritas	41.464,90
4019 Mensana	2.934,10
4021 Covid 19 Emergency	855,87
Total	158.663,75



1.1.2 Development projects

The development projects amount to \le 1.298.401,28 and have been divided according to the following main sectors of intervention:

Education	Euro
0615 Study Grants EDA	7.747,63
Total	7.747,63
Professional training and micro-enterprise	Euro
2247 Yushu cooperative	20.406,38
2251 Langtang - Nepal Total	20 477 97
Cultural heritage protection	Euro
2238 Donache	99.069,65
2238 Dongche 2244 Singkhri	E06 70E 70
22E7 Damda Vijahi	7F 0FF 7F
2254 Restoration IDC House	
Total	643.991,18
Health, Water and Hygiene	Euro
2255 Rasuwa TV Total	917,56 917,5 6
Environment, Food Security, Agriculture	Euro
2243 Langtang PAT	38.940,34
2246 Caritas Rasuwa	95.777,77
2248 AICS Myanmar	217.602,76
22EO AICS Speed Nopel	075 400 77
2250 AICS Speed_Nepal	235.468,73
2252 Bhotekoshi_BZ	11.579,97

1.2 Charges Education to Global Citizenship Education projects (ECG)

In 2020 the total charges for the projects Gobal Citizenship Education amounted to € 224.938,54.

Global Citizenship Education	Euro
3016 ECG Aics	208.395,61
3017 Seeds of Awanreness	16.542,93
Total	224.938,54

1.3 Charges Long Distance Sponsorship projects

In 2020 the total charges of the Long Distance Sponsorships Projects amounted to € 335.899,97 divided by projects:

Long Distance Sponsorship Children	Euro
0501 THF School	28.313,61
0503 TKIS	240,00
0505 Dongche School	16.669,81
0506 CST Chauntra	11.303,92
0507 CST Paonta	358,92
0508 Manasarovar	49.719,00
0510 TIPA	3.049,91
0511 CST Shimla	1.201,46
0512 TCV Bylakuppe	10.115,00
0513 TCV Dharamsala	4.650,00
0514 TCV Lower Dharamsala	960,00
0515 TCV Gopalpur	8.530,00
0516 CST Darjeeling	740,00
0517 CST Mussorie	360,00
0518 TCV Ladak	820,00
0519 TCV Suja	2.350,00
0520 TCV Outreach	4.405,00
0523 Tanggan Primary School	16.747,82
0524 TCV Outreach Bylakuppe	1.560,00
0527 Rigmo Primary School	9.481,58
0530 Kalimpong	5.475,00
0531 TCV Chauntra	9.250,00
0532 Derge School	5.811,29
0534 Golok School	27.036,18
0537 Yungog School	10.508,02
0538 Genesai School	7.164,12
0548 TCV Selakui	1.080,00
0549 Dolpo	-

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Long Distance Sponsorship Children	Euro
0552 Manasorovar	982,52
0554 STSS Petoen	
0557 Yena school	952,54
0562 Rma Zhol	4.017.65
0570 Aarukharka School	1.226,53
0571 Thangdor School	1.406,80
0572 Namuna School	F70.7F
0573 Dupcheshwori School	1.797,63
Total	
Long Distance Sponsorship Monks	Euro
Long Distance Sponsorship Monks	Euro
0502 TNBM - Kathmandu	18.907,54
0539 Dzolung Monastery	
0540 Galenteng Monastery	2.468,83
0542 Dzongsta	4.070.07
0543 Trama Gompa	
0547 Senghe Namdrak College	1.937,32
0555 Baya Gompa	1157.00
0580 Sumthrang Monastery	2.400,14
Total	36.429,54
Long Distance Sponsorship Aged People	Euro
0509 - THF - Aged People	15.655,1
Total	15.655,1
Study Grants	Euro
0591 - Study Grants - University	29.272,0
0592 - Study Grants - High School	3.242,29
0596 - Guide High School	1.449,03
Total	33.963,33

The total liabilities for the realisation of the Long-Distance Sponsorship Projects are determined by the costs incurred in 2020, postponing the charges that will be realized during the following year for the implementation of the projects to spending commitments.

2. Charges related to information and promotion

Charges incurred through promotion and fund-raising activities amounting to \leqslant 66.972,57, include costs for staff and outside contractors, provision of services and costs of the production of materials related to information and promotion campaigns and events for institutional activities as detailed in the balance statement.

3. General support charges

Support expenses refer to general expenses of ASIA that amount to € 299.333,70. These expenses include staff costs, charges and utilities, supply of services, Long Distance Sponsorship administration charges, other operating costs, provision and depreciation expenses.

4. Financial and capital burdens

Financial and capital expenses are of € 15.303,69 related to banking costs in Italy and abroad, proceeds management with Paypal, credit card, SDD.

5. Other expenses

This item is of € 1.641,38 for contingent liabilities.

6. Tax burdens

The total amount of € 2.440,88 comes from urban garbage and different taxes.

Attachment n. 1 - Credits towards Donors

Projects	Balance at 31.12.2019	Credit Drop	Credit Increase	Balance at 31.12.2020
Prime Minister's Office	33.900,60	33.900,60		_
2228 Gonghe	33.900,60	33.900,60		
Danish Embassy (DANIDA)	_		58.543,39	58.543,39
2244 Singkhri DANIDA			58.543,39	58.543,39
Waldesian Church	36.400,00	36.400,00	24.500,00	24.500,00
2228 Gonghe	17.500,00	17.500,00		
2240 Water for Food	18.900,00	18.900,00		
2238 Dongche			24.500,00	24.500,00
Unione Buddhista Italiana	87.534,56	87.534,56	_	
2245 UBI Mongolia	87.534,56	87.534,56		
Autonomous Province of Bolzano	17.938,50	15.892,37	<u>-</u>	14.940,13
2226 Thangan	17.938,50	15.892,37		2.046,13
2238 Dongche			12.894,00	12.894,00
ASIA Trento	22.053,88	22.053,88		
2211 Food Security Chengduo	22.053,88	22.053,88		
PianoTerra Foundation	18.000,00	18.000,00	-	-
2257 Galenteng Emergency	18.000,00	18.000,00		
Caritas Italiana			15.000,00	15.000,00
2270 Haku Emergency			15.000,00	15.000,00
Total	215.827,54	213.781,41	98.043,39	112.983,52



Attachment n. 2 - Available Liquidity in Italy and in Foreign Offices

Available Liquidity	31/12/2020	31/12/2019	Variation
CASH REGISTER ITALY	12.435,67	9.923,86	2.511,81
Cash register Euro	2.524,08	1.687,51	836,57
Cash register Dollars	1.663,27	1.816,81	-153,54
Cash register Renminbi	113,75	116,69	-2,94
Cash register Paypal	7.882,73	6.112,29	1.770,44
Cash register MNT - Mongolia	2,61	2,61	0,00
Cash register Paypal Usd	156,49	85,27	71,22
Cash register Myanmar	6,48	6,23	0,25
Cash register Rupees Nepal	86,26	96,45	-10,19
CASH REGISTER FOREIGN OFFICES	6.176,01	5.998,19	-36,86
Cash register Derge	858,93	49,22	809,71
Cash register Xining	3.666,30	3.894,90	-228,60
Cash register Chengduo	585,85	600,98	-15,13
Cash register local projects	87,30	12,29	75,01
Cash register Kathmandu	312,61	529,84	-217,23
Cash register Ulaan Baator	450,34	910,96	-460,62
Cash register Yangon	214,68		
BANK ACCOUNTS IN ITALY	1.201.346,63	1.568.800,74	-367.454,11
MPS bank c/c 24951.19	0,00	1.405,84	-1.405,84
MPS bank c/c 3893.50	22.507,94	1.686,55	20.821,39
MPS bank c/c 5622.72	16.382,52	4.266,78	12.115,74
MPS bank c/c 6069.79	133.760,78	152.627,61	-18.866,83
Credito Valtellinese c.c. 0213	90.388,39	7.732,13	82.656,26
Credito Valtellinese c.c. 1301	0,00	15471,17	-15.471,17
Credito Valtellinese c.c. 1302	46926,07	14,05	46.912,02
Credito Valtellinese c.c. 1303	188.484,62	94.504,88	93.979,74
Credito Valtellinese c.c. 1304	120.415,49	133.196,93	-12.781,44
Credito Valtellinese c.c. 1305	557.973,68	1.014.233,18	-456.259,50
Credito Valtellinese c.c. 1148	275,27	116.498,02	-116.222,75
Credito Valtellinese c.c. USD	0,00	2.648,54	-2.648,54
C/C Postale. 89549000	12.358,80	7.329,59	5.029,21
C/C Postale 78687001	11.873,07	17.185,47	-5.312,40
BANK ACCOUNTS IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES	342.062,53	184.363,00	157.699,53
Derge Rmb	1.016,56	2.768,03	-1.751,47
Xining 3391 Euro	0,00	0,40	-0,40
Xining 3380 Rmb	215.062,08	106.435,14	108.626,94
Xining 91206 Euro	0	0,07	-0,07
Kathmandu Euro	27.025,36	49.089,72	-22.064,36
Kathmandu - Npr - 02	30.077,12	836,30	29.240,82
Kathmandu - Npr - 03	658,7	5277,01	-4.618,31
Kathmandu - Npr - 04	2.266,46	2.878,31	-611,85
Kathmandu - AICS - 05	5.948,20	5.186,58	761,62
Kathmandu 96101 Npr - 01	27.842,14	11.349,62	16.492,52
Ulaan Baatar Euro		129,13	-129,13

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Available Liquidity	31/12/2020	31/12/2019	Variation
Ulaan Baatar Usd		1,11	-1,11
Ulaan Baatar Mnt		35,57	-35,57
Ulaan Baatar 539166 euro	21,11	10,03	11,08
Ulaan Baatar 5391155 Mnt	503,55	365,98	137,57
Yangoon PC ASIA euro	24.931,46		24.931,46
Yangoon PC ASIA usd	90,12		90,12
Yangoon PC ASIA MMK	6.619,67		6.619,67



Attachment n. 3 - Tied up funds for projects

Projects	Tied up funds at 31/12/2019	Increase Tied up funds	Decrease Tied up funds	Tied up funds at 31/12/2020
AICS	1.013.232,48	108.026,02	641.605,26	479.653,24
2248 AICS Myanmar	283.309,60	39.600,00	200.328,92	122.580,68
2250 AICS Speed Nepal	371.249,13	35.700,00	233.097,18	173.851,95
3016 ECG - Distinct but not distant	358.673,75	32.726,02	208.179,16	183.220,61
Prime Minister's Office	-	46.895,81	-	46.895,81
2249 PCdM Nepal		46.895,81		46.895,81
Danish Embassy (DANIDA)	132.609,80	247.275,81	379.885,61	-
2244 Singkhri DANIDA	132.609,80	247.275,81	379.885,61	-
French Embassy	9.197,27	-	9.197,27	-
2247 Yushu cooperative	9.197,27		9.197,27	-
German Embassy	9.197,27	-	9.197,27	-
2247 Yushu cooperative	9.197,27		9.197,27	_
Autonomous Province of Bolzano	150.242,26	42.107,10	48.777,40	143.571,96
2238 Dongche	29.129,94		29.129,94	
2251 Langtang	26.666,00		8.067,49	18.598,51
2252 Bhotekoshi	59.873,32		11.579,97	48.293,35
2253 Domda Yushu	34.573,00			34.573,00
2264 MenSana Nepal		42.107,10		42.107,10
Waldesian Churgh		10.500,00	917,56	9.582,44
2255 Rasuwa TV		10.500,00	917,56	9.582,44
2238 Dongche Prov. Bolzano	-	10.500,00	10.500,00	-
Unione Buddhista Italiana		115.022,40	14.188,33	100.834,07
2245 UBI Mongolia	-	9.409,84	9.409,84	-
2253 Domda Yushu		59.925,30		59.925,30
2261 Mongolia Media Literacy		40.097,10		40.097,10
3017 Seeds of Awareness		15.000,00	14.188,33	811,67
Caritas Italiana	45.734,21	96.464,90	122.199,11	20.000,00
2246 Caritas Rasuwa	45.734,21	50.000,00	95.734,21	
2270 Emergenza Haku		26.464,90	26.464,90	-
2272 Buthan Sumthrang		20.000,00		20.000,00
Nando ed Elsa Peretti Foundation	92.000,00	17.647,00	53.602,75	56.044,25
2253 Domda Yushu	92.000,00		35.955,75	56.044,25
2267 Covid_Myanmar		17.647,00	17.647,00	_
PianoTerra Foundation		5.000,00	5.000,00	
2265 Covid19 Myanmar PT		5.000,00	5.000,00	
Tides Foundation	_	43.516,59	21.758,29	21.758,30
2257 Emergency Galenting		21.758,29	21.758,29	_
2259 Triten 2° phase		21.758,30		21.758,30
ASIA France	212,00	4.736,00	3.296,00	1.652,00
0094 Dzolung Gomba		480,00		480,00
0615 EDA Fund	212,00			212,00
2266 Covid Manasarovar		1.428,00	1.428,00	

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Projects	Tied up funds at 31/12/2019	Increase Tied up funds	Decrease Tied up funds	Tied up funds at 31/12/2020
4019 Mensana		440,00	440,00	-
4021 Covid19 Emergency		1.428,00	1.428,00	-
4023 Seeds for future		960,00		960,00
Asia Germany	4.000,00	27.968,00	25.248,00	6.720,00
0615 EDA Fund	4.000,00	1.920,00		5.920,00
2257 Galenteng Emergency		5.600,00	5.600,00	-
2265 Covid19 Myanmar PT		9.824,00	9.824,00	-
2272 Buthan Sumthrang		800,00		800,00
4021 Covid 19 Emergency		9.824,00	9.824,00	-
Asia USA	-			-
2257 Galenteng Emergency				-
ASIA Trento	13.701,36	27.233,41	38.940,34	1.994,43
2243 Langtang	13.701,36	27.233,41	38.940,34	1.994,43
Donatori Privati	112.997,65	323.236,21	196.228,79	252.001,14
0552 Manasarovar	512,51	982,40	982,52	512,39
0086 Dzongtsa	1.600,00	800,00		2.400,00
0089 Khamdogar	1.586,58			1.586,58
0614 Surgery for life	2.874,63	2.989,63	5.864,26	-
0615 EDA Fund	19.694,06	11.006,40	7.747,63	22.952,83
0616 Studi Grants Cataldi	822,40	822,40		1.644,80
2212 Triten Medical School	20.481,95		20.481,95	-
2223 Treedom Nepal	140,01		140,01	-
2225 Dolpo School	350,75		350,75	-
2254 Restoration IDC House	960,00	800,00	1.760,00	-
2257 Galenteng Emergency	-	764,00	764,00	-
2258 Treedom 2020	17.672,78	72.253,33	89.926,11	-
2259 Triten 2° phase		129.021,45		129.021,45
2264 MenSana Nepal		40.909,10		40.909,10
2265 Covid10 Myanmar DT		E 177 E 2	5.177,52	
2266 Cavid Managarayar		10 620 70	14.690,54	4.938,84
2269 COVID19 Italian Hospitals		6.693,60	4.940,30	1.753,30
2272 Puthan Sumthrana		15.000,00		15.000,00
	901,98			901,98
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	16.388,80			16.388,80
1017 Calidarity trips		1.995,00		1.995,00
4018 Nepal Take her by the hand			10.989,60	
	18.021,60	14.392,00	32.413,60	-
			41.377,27	83,88
4022 Covid 19 Emergency Italian Ho	spitals	6.693,60	6.693,60	-
4023 Seeds for Future		11.912,18		11.912,18
Total	1.583.124,30	1.115.629,25	1.570.041,98	1.140.707,64

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FORECAST CHARGES AND INCOME YEAR 2021

CHARGES

PROJECTS CHARGES	1.455.000,00
Emergency and development projects	1.050.000,00
Long Distance Support Projects	405.000,00
PERSONNEL CHARGES	403.515,00
General support staff	242.514,00
Projects staff	95.351,00
L.D.S. staff	64.528,00
Other costs	1.122,00
CHARGES OG GENERAL SUPPORT	153.371,00
Service and utilities	59.464,00
Fundraisng and communication	47.568,00
L.D.S. management	1.200,00
Local Offices	45.139,00
TOTAL CHARGES	2.011.886,00
MANAGEMENT RESULT	668,00

INCOME

INCOME FOR PROJECTS	1.456.400,00
Projects approved previous years	800.000,00
Income from forecast approved project in 2021	250.000,00
Long Distance Support Projects	406.400,00
INCOME FROM FUNDRAISING	245.620,00
5X1000 tax donation	64.000,00
L.D.S. management	101.620,00
Free donation and other	80.000,00
PROJECTS MANAGEMENT	710 574 00
PROJECTS MANAGEMENT	310.534,00
Overheads contribution	95.810,00
Personal recovery on projects	91.369,00
Recovery of charges on projects	123.355,00
TOTAL INCOME	2.012.554,00

AUDIT REPORT

Mr. Stefano Priorini ACCOUNTANT- AUDITOR

AUDIT REPORT

I undersigned professional have carried out the audit of the Final Balance closed the 31st December 2020, composed of the Balance Sheet, the Profit and Loss Statement and the Notes to the Financial Statements, prepared by the non-profit organization "A.S.I.A., Associazione per la Solidarietà Internazionale in Asia". My task was to check the abovementioned Balance in all its financial extent and its single accounting components, adhering to auditing standards and, following those standards, we referred to the proper auditing principles set out by the National Councils of Chartered Public Accountants and the operational practice and the auditing principles set out by the OIC (the Italian Accounting Organization).

In adherence to the above-mentioned principles, the audit was planned and carried out in order to acquire all the elements we need to ensure whether the Balance was vitiated by significant errors or proved to be, on the whole, reliable.

Adhering to the Law and Articles of the Association

The Auditor made an in-depth examination of the Board of Directors and the Assemblies Minutes Books and noticed that what it has been approved does not clash with any law or Statute. In all these circumstances, it has been respected the law and the Statute regarding calling and establishing meetings, assigning presidency, writing minutes and approvals. The abovementioned meetings proved constant management, the decisions made seemed adhering to prudence standards and the proper management, without showing any irregularity in the business management.

Supervision on proper management

Regarding the supervision on the proper management principles, excluded the expertise of the administrative body's choices, the Auditor noticed that in the last financial statements, according to the last comparisons made, it does not seem that operations unrelated to the company purpose have been put in place, operations that are likely to undermine the usual management activity. The activity of the association in the period mentioned aimed at ordinary management and it is stated that all the regular legal obligations have been fulfilled.

Adequacy of the organizational framework

The Auditor collected all the needed information about the organizational framework to evaluate the adequacy and examined the organizational chart: responsibilities are well defined and there is enough separation of duties, considering the size and the business.

The adopted method in the audit process allowed an in-depth examination of the procedures and the accounting systems of the Association, identifying sample checks carried out employing various especially designed sampling techniques.

The audit process included the examination of audit evidence in support of the account balance and the information in the Balance sheet, and the valuation of the adequacy and the accuracy of accounting principles used and the rationality of estimations directors made.

In detail, the audit task, through collecting the administrative-accounting and managerial information, was an analysis of administrative systems and process of internal supervision that aims at defining the level of reliability.

In a second step, it was a collection of information on the consistency of the accounting principles and the valuation criteria homogeneity, also through conversations with the administrative body, and a budgetary analysis on data contained in the accounting principles; the audit included auditing procedures, as compliance surveys and checks, or validity procedures of assets and liabilities, in accordance with auditing principles.

Considering the wide range of supervision activities, I undersigned supervisor have taken in consideration how significant and complex this task is, carefully controlling the respect of both specific laws that regulate the single cost item, and the general principles of pertinence, expertise, assurance and objective determinability, as the general T.U.I.R. laws state.

Therefore, this report is an update of the entire work carried out that represents a valid point of reference for basing a final professional opinion.

1. AUDIT METHOD IN DETAIL

At the beginning of this activity I undersigned professional started to analyse and evaluate the business and the company accounting and operational systems, including the field of data-processing; this in-depth investigation does not include only the accounting and administrative factors, but takes also in consideration the operations and responsibilities. Generally speaking, I undersigned professional verified the actual possession of formal requirements according to Onlus law, setting the following investigations:

- a) The possibility that the legal entity examined can be qualified as an Onlus and if statutory laws adhere to legal standards;
- b) The actual business area and the possibility to benefit from the special facilitations that the law provides;
- c) The actual purpose is social solidarity according to the law;
- d) The appropriate use of the acronym Onlus.

Regarding the supervision on the activities carried out I set the following investigations:

- a) The actual official performance based on statute provisions;
- b) The actual performance or the absence of other activities:
- c) The actual use of surplus for official purpose;
- d) The absence of indirect distribution of profits.

Tax liability has been verified through the following investigations:

- a) Italian VAT liability of active operations, the potential preferential tax scheme or exemptions, the obligation of compensation certification, and notes and tax payment;
- b) IRES (corporation tax) liability, the activities excluded from the taxable income and production activities of corporate incomes;
- c) Check on other potential taxable incomes;

- d) Check on all the compliance linked to fiscal substitutes;
- e) Check on accounting and appropriate documentation of provisions in cash received from natural persons or company income holders;
- f) Check on reporting obligations in general.

Collecting the procedures adopted by the company, flow charts and examples have been used in order to provide documentary evidence of how much it has been figured out about the organization and the information systems adopted by the company; the abovementioned charts have proven the document workflow, the resulting operations and the control points inserted in the accounting and operating systems.

In order to decide whether what it has been observed and documented was correct, it has been done a test on manual and computerized operations, taking into account the most relevant ones and following the document from its very beginning, from its emission, up to its accounting and filing.

After "observing", "registering" and "confirming" the entire system of internal control, the system itself has been valued, in the sense that it has been monitored the whole methods and procedures adopted by the company to ensure the reliability and completeness of accounting data, along with the highest operational efficiency; this control has been carried out through the use of revision procedures aiming at making sure that balance items were reliable, properly documented and determined in accordance with the accounting principles applied in a constant way, particularly compared to the previous year.

The following are the most important check procedures applied, also defined through Consob Communications:

- a) Acquisition of information regarding potential changes on the system of internal control and on the process of the timely update of statutory books and the compliance with obligations, in accordance with fiscal and social security laws;
- b) Examination of statutory books to ensure their correct endorsement and their timely update;
- c) Random examination on the existence of formal documents related to revenue and social insurance compliance, and documents showing payments of related obligations;
- d) Execution of compliance surveys using the sample method, considered appropriate to ensure the management operations are found in the accounting records in accordance with the procedures of administrative and accounting system and the connected system of internal control;
- e) Verification of bank reconciliations, its existence and timely preparation;
- f) Reading infra-annual accounting situations and comparative analysis, founding possible deviations from the past situations or budget.

On the basis of the above, the following conclusions have been reached:

The evaluation of the balance sheet items has been carried out aiming at the continuity of the business;

When drawing up the budget, income and charges have been considered, regardless of the date of receipt and payment;

Therefore, the principle of consistent accounting evaluation has been respected

The classification of the budget lines regarding fixed assets and current assets in general respond to the approach in use;

All the revenues and incomes, along with the costs and obligations for currency operations, were determined at the exchange rate in effect on the date on which the related transactions were performed;

All the cost items, underlined in the income statement, seemed regularly justified by expenditure documents, certified in detail.

From a general point of view, I undersigned professional verified if the formal requirements laid down in the Onlus regulations are fulfilled, controlled that the company could be able to achieve that status, tested the respect of the statutory laws laid down by the law, that the social solidarity purpose and the actual performance of official duties have been fullfilled, the actual use of operating surplus for institutional purpose and the lack of indirect distribution of profits.

FINAL OPINION

I undersigned professional hereby declare that the Onlus A.S.I.A financial Statement is in line with the laws that regulate the drawing up criteria; it is therefore drawn up with clarity, and represents truthfully and exactly the assets and liabilities and financial situation and the economic outturn, in accordance with the above-mentioned accounting principles.

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Report of the Unipersonal Organ

To the Assembly convened for approval of the Financial Statement for 2020 of A.S.I.A — "Associazione per la Solidarietà Internazionale in Asia"

Ladies and Gentlemen, Members, over the course of auditing the balance sheet closed on 31 December 2020 I performed my task of supervision in compliance with the law in force, taking into account the principles of conduct of the Board of Auditors advocated by the National Council of Chartered Accountants and Accounting Experts (CNDCEC), monitoring the adherence to the law and of the articles of association.

Concerning the activity carried out, I report as follows:

- I supervised compliance with the law and the articles and adherence to the principles of proper administration;
- I received from the competent administrative departments the due information on activities carried and on operations of major economic, asset and financial importance put in place in the financial year, that are fully documented in the notes to the financial statements, to which they refer. Based on the information provided, I can reasonably hold that the operations put in place by the Association comply with the law and the articles of the association.

- I supervised the fitness of the accounting management system, as well as the dependability of the latter to report accurately results of transactions by means of information obtained from those in charge of the competent departments. No anomalies transpired from the tasks performed that might indicate systemic inappropriacy or connote significant omissions or impropriety needing mention in the present report, furthermore I have inspected and was informed about organizational and procedural activities that proved suitable to the activity carried out by and the scale of the Association;

- I did not detect any unusual or atypical transactions with third parties liable to affect significantly the asset, economic and financial conditions of the Association;
- I know of no occurences or complaints worthy of mention to the Assembly;
- over the course of the financial year I have not issued legal opinions;
- In performing the above-mentioned supervising activity during meetings with the members of the A.S.I.A. Administrative Office I acquired information on the general management trend and its unfolding, in particular on the persistent impact of the Covid-19 health emergency also in the early months of the financial year 2021 on significant uncertainties and risk factors related to the continuation and operations of major prominence carried out by the Association and based on the information obtained I have no particlar observations to report.

With regard to the financial statement closed on 31 December 2020 I monitored the aspects and procedures not related to the statutory audit, on the statement and its general compliance with law pertaining to its framing and structure; in particular I was able to observe that the balance statement was drawn up in accordance with the guidelines approved by the Council of the Agency for NGOs "Guidelines and outlines for drawing up annual financial statements of non-profit organizations" adapted to the specific requirements of A.S.I.A.;

Furthermore I determined the conformity of the balance statement to the evidence and information that I am aware of ensuing on the execution of my duty and with regard to which I have no observation to make.

On 17 June 2021 I received by email the document by Chartered Accountant Stefano Priorini engaged by the A.S.I.A. General Assembly for the statutory audit for financial year 2020, who issued Certification of the Audit for the A.S.I.A. financial statement for 2020 without comments.

Considering that the statutory auditor issued his statement without comments the Unipersonal Organ finds no grounds for refusing the approval of the balance sheet on 31 December 2020 and the notes to the financial statement giving a favourable opinion to the proposal regarding the allocation of the surplus as deliberated by the Assembly.

Rome, 21 June, 2021

SINGLE AUDITOR

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