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LETTER FROM THE GENERAL SECRETARY

The global crisis generated by the Covid-19 pandemic has slowed down our progress towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, and, regrettably, poverty, famine, inequalities, discriminations and environmental degradation have increased throughout the world, in particular in countries of medium or low income.

The post Covid-19 scenario has confirmed the need to foster sustainable development bearing in mind the UN 2030 Agenda and its pillars – People, Planet, Prosperity, Peace, Partnership – with an approach founded on respect for human rights and a closer look at the human dimension, the protection of fundamental freedoms, the bolstering of the rule of law and social justice: the right to health, drinking water, food, healthy environment, education, work, gender equality and women's empowerment.

In 2021, ASIA inspired by the principles of partnership, solidarity, responsibility and transparency, worked with partners starting from their needs and priorities, opting for projects based on results chosen by them; promoting partnerships and favouring information sharing and good practice.

Our priorities in terms of sectors during 2021 were: the development of ecologically sustainable agriculture to contrast the effects of climate change; improving access to education; supporting gender equality and the empowerment of women; prevention and preparation of the most vulnerable populations to face pandemics; defending the cultural, spiritual and linguistic heritage of oppressed cultural minorities.

Geographically speaking, our activities were focussed in Asia and, excepting China, were concentrated on less advanced and more vulnerable Countries, largely dependent on agricultural-pastoral economies, managed at family level and with a low degree of technological innovation.

In Nepal, Bhutan, Myanmar and Tibet, we sought to attenuate the effects of the food crisis triggered by the Covid-19 pandemic in particular on fragile communities by promoting robust and sustainable systems of food production; improving nutrition and increasing agricultural productivity and the income of small scale farmers. We sought to spread agricultural practices resilient to climate changes; to safeguard biodiversity; to develop sustainable management of natural resources; to guarantee food security through introducing low impact technologies to enhance food production and quality, and for the sustainable preservation and transformation of local natural resources. We promoted diversified and ecologically sustainable food production – favouring the nexus between nutrition and health, with particular attention to cultivation of plants with higher nutritional yield and/or greater resilience in terms of climate change – guaranteeing the continuity of food supply and distribution chains, and ensuring livelihood of small-scale farmers and breeders: seedlings, livestock feed, tools, veterinary assistance.

We continued our work to ensure quality, equitable and inclusive education and to promote the availability of lifelong learning opportunities for all. We provided for inclusive and quality education facilities at all levels, from early childhood to primary and secondary education, up

to university and postgraduate levels, and to technical education and vocational training, mindful of the fact that the Covid-19 pandemic has had a devastating effect on education, vastly increasing the number of children at risk of early school leaving. Thanks to the long distance sponsorship project and the offer of study grants, we have sponsored students at all levels, monks and nuns.

In Italy, we have carried out Global Citizenship Education projects with the aim to inform and make people aware about the issues of climate change, solidarity, human rights, fundamental freedoms, individual dignities, introducing Buddhist cultural values such as empathy, non-violence and interdependence to create a more respectful and tolerant society. We introduced the practices of yoga and mindfulness in Italian schools to enable both children and teachers to face daily life with greater awareness. In these endeavours we tried to engage the institutions, the civil society, the families and the world of education at school, university, formal and informal levels.

In all our projects great attention was paid to the participation of women, aimed at gender parity through enhanced access for women to education, training courses and employment.

Finally, we concentrated on the protection and safeguarding of the cultural, spiritual and linguistic heritage of ethnic minorities and in particular of the Tibetans in China, and the Tibetan diaspora in India and Nepal.

In China, in 2021, ASIA concentrated in particular on two projects. The first one was aimed at improving gender equality in Tibetan religious institutions and protecting Tibetan culture and religious traditions. Our activities in this initiative benefited 730 nuns. The second project was aimed at guaranteeing food security and economic self-sufficiency of the poorest and most marginalized nomad communities (due to Chinese government policies) in Yushu prefecture. Regrettably due to the Covid-19 pandemic; the world geopolitical situation; the growing tension between the West and China and the restrictions imposed by the Chinese government on the very few international organizations operating in zones inhabited by the Tibetan minorities, after thirty years of continuous activities in these regions, ASIA was closed down without any reason being given, and warned against undertaking any further new operations in China. From the end of 2021, ASIA no longer has an office in China and all our projects, including the Long Distance Sponsorship, have been closed.

In Nepal, we have carried out 11 projects: 6 in the food security, agriculture, pasture and fighting climate change sectors; 2 projects in the health and water sector; one project in the education sector and 2 emergency projects for facing the Covid-19 pandemic. Due to the pandemic, to the two-year lockdowns to prevent spread of the virus, to the generally highly unstable political situation and to the climate change effects, Nepal is facing many difficulties. It remains one of the poorest and most corrupt countries in the world, with an extremely fragile ecosystem highly damaged and undermined by the effects of climate change and by hydro-geological instability that curtail the availability of arable land rendering it incapable of guaranteeing adequate food security to its population.

In Myanmar, since the end of 2019 ASIA has been carrying out a three-year project funded by the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS) in the food security, agriculture and pastoralism sector aimed at the development of coffee cultivation in the Chin region. The main activities are the cultivation of 450 thousand coffee plants, the professional training of 600 farmers and furnishing equipment and farm inputs to about 3000 farmers. Regrettably, on 26 January 2021, General Min Aung Hlaing, chief of the armed forces, contested the election results, asking for a recount. The electoral commission rejected his accusations. State Councillor Aung San Suu Kyi, President Win Myint and other government party leaders were arrested and detained by the Tatmadaw, the Myanmar army. Subsequently the Myanmar army declared a state of emergency and that state power had been handed over to the chief of the armed forces. Following the coup, mass protests started throughout the country that gradually turned into civil war, in particular in some regions including Chin, the region where ASIA was operating. Attacks and armed conflict are order of the day and it has been calculated that, since February 2021, about 13.547 houses have been burned down by the armed forces. Displaced persons now total about 426.261. The already devastating effects of the Covid-19 pandemic have thus been compounded by the effects of the civil war, the country today is isolated from the international community and its economic, social and health situation is very critical. Nevertheless, expatriate and local ASIA staff members have remained on the field, working with partners in Chin to carry out the activities of this project in the best possible way.

In Bhutan, in 2021 ASIA realized two projects in collaboration with our implementing partner, the Nyo Foundation. ASIA is not registered in this country but operates in collaboration with the Nyo Foundation, guaranteeing technical and administrative supervision of the projects, monitoring activities and training of our local partner. In 2021, various project proposals were presented that will start in the course of 2022. The two projects realized in 2021 are, first, in the sector of cultural, spiritual and artistic heritage preservation, aimed at setting up a training centre for the preservation and transmission of the local ancient spiritual tradition and improving the professional knowledge and skills of the younger generation, offering them the opportunity to improve their economic and social conditions. The second project, in the emergency and food security sector, during the Covid-19 pandemic supported 11 villages and a school, supplying 14 greenhouses, equipment and seedlings to ensure food supply and income to the young unemployed who returned from India due to the pandemic.

In Mongolia, in 2021, due to the pandemic and the complete lockdown of the country for the prevention of contagion of Covid-19, ASIA could not send expatriate staff in loco to start up activities of the Italian Buddhist Union (UBI)-funded project "From the village to the world - Bridging the lack of media literacy in rural Mongolia", aimed at improving media-literacy in Mongolia. The project started in 2022.

In Italy, for the Global Citizenship Education sector, 2021 marked another step forward in the development of themes tied to intrinsic values of Buddhist spirituality to be inserted into child education programs in Italian schools. Three projects were realized, in particular: the project "Distinct but not distant" funded by AICS and two projects funded by UBI and implemented in partnership with Merigar, "Seeds of Awareness" and "Breathe the Earth. Resilient children consciously inhabit themselves and the environment" aimed at fostering resilience of the younger generations by nurturing awareness of both their inner space and the outer environ-

ment. During the year, another project was submitted to UBI: "Educating to defend animal rights and protect the environment for a sustainable future of the planet earth". This project on the issues of defending animal rights and the environment, in partnership with Merigar and in cooperation with LAV, aimed at raising awareness among primary and secondary school-children, teachers and the general public on respecting all sentient beings, was approved but started in 2022.

In spite of the above-mentioned particularly difficult economic, social and health circumstances, ASIA activities have proceeded, as demonstrated in this Report. Particularly grave has been the closure, after 30 years of ceaseless work in the TAR and the Tibetan areas of China, of all the projects and of our Office in Xining, the capital of Qinghai Province. The exit of ASIA from Tibet and from the Tibetan areas forcibly annexed by China, must in no way weaken ASIA's mission to protect the culture and spirituality of Tibet but, rather, today more than ever, ASIA must find new ideas and resources to continue its mission.

From the geographical side, in the years to come our organization must bolster its position in all countries of Tibetan culture, in the Himalayan areas of Nepal, India and Bhutan, and support the Tibetan exodus in its fight for self-determination and to preserve this thousands-year-old civilization. ASIA must continue protecting the environment of these mountain areas, so fragile and susceptible to climate change, helping farmers develop sustainable agriculture, respectful of the environment, in order to guarantee food security; investing in education for the local populations with great attention paid to all the minorities so as to preserve their traditions, culture and spirituality. We need to increase our long distance sponsorships in order to slow down school abandonment, which has risen dramatically during the Covid-19 pandemic period. Projects for the protection of the cultural, artistic and spiritual heritage of the Himalayan region must be increased anew to restore ASIA in its characteristic feature that has been put in the shadow over recent years due to restrictions imposed by the Chinese government. The work undertaken thanks to the global citizenship education projects, fostering the spread of a universal ethical outlook that nurtures values such as non-violence, empathy, awareness, mindful presence and tolerance will be further developed. Finally, it will be necessary to train and bring into ASIA itself some young people holding a strong link with ASIA's vision and mission and with our founder Chögyal Namkhai Norbu, so as to guarantee the future sustainability of the Organization. 2021 will mark the 33rd year of ASIA's activities and it is our hope that, thanks to the continuing support of our donors and sponsors, of the Board of Directors and of all our staff members, ASIA might continue its quest to benefit the greatest number possible of sentient beings.



Rome, Italy, June 2022



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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 Chögyal Namkhai Norbu, a famous Master of the Dzogchen teaching and profound expert in the ancient history and culture of Tibet. It is an NGO (Non-Governmental Organization) certified by the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS, Agenzia Italiana per la Cooperazione allo Sviluppo) and a non-profit organization for social benefit (ONLUS, Organizzazione Non Lucrativa di Utilità Sociale) listed by the Italian Agency of Onlus.

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

has helped more than 1.400.000 people. As well as garnering professional expertise and experience in the management of development and emergency projects, ASIA together with all its staff in Italy and the world, have absorbed and made its own the values encountered in many of these ancient cultures. Values such as awareness, compassion, altruism, openness to different cultures, direct engagement of local communities, have become integral parts of ASIA's modus operandi. Aim of our Association is not only the fight against poverty but also the creation of a culture of peace and tolerance in order to take part in the creation of a better society that respects individuals and the environment in which they live.



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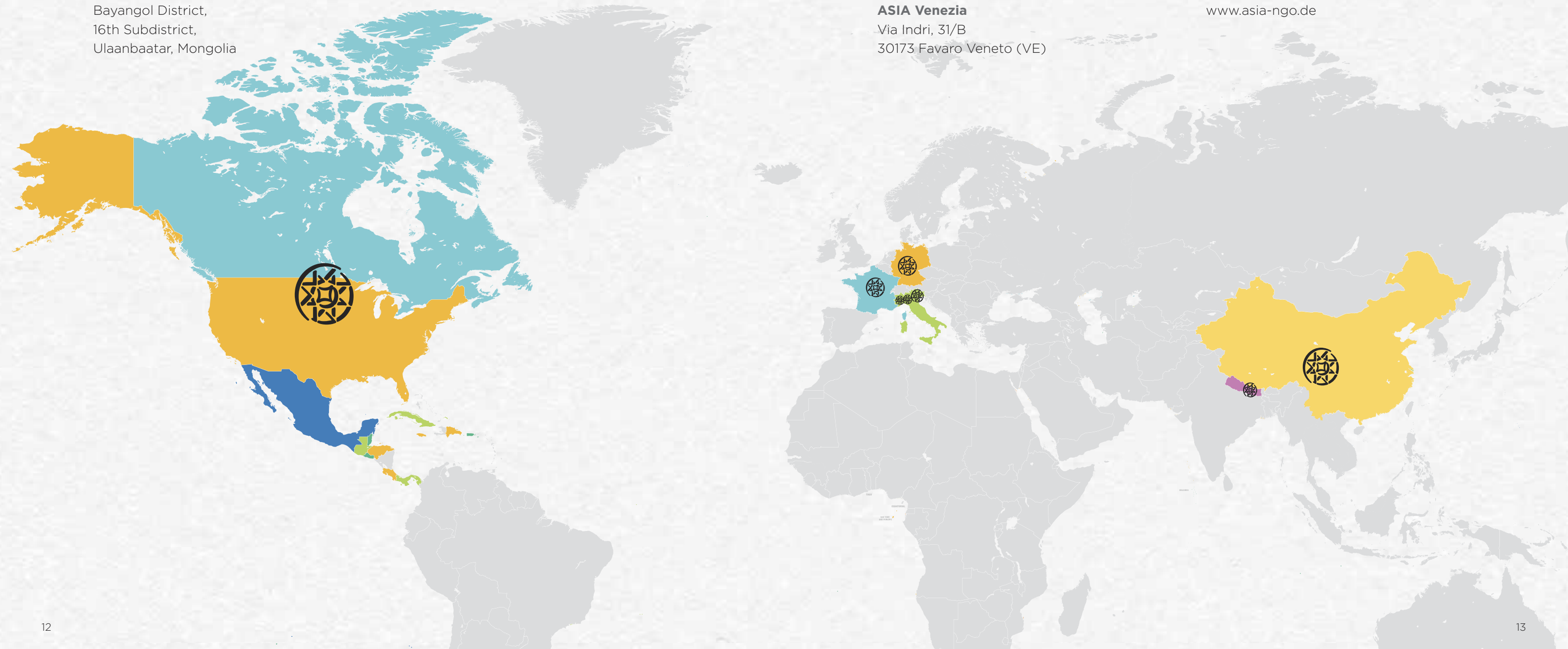
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INSTITUTIONAL RECOGNITION

ASIA is an NGO recognized by the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (Agenzia Italiana per la Cooperazione allo Sviluppo - AICS) in decree n. 2016/337/000136/O of 04/04/2016, as having the following qualifications:

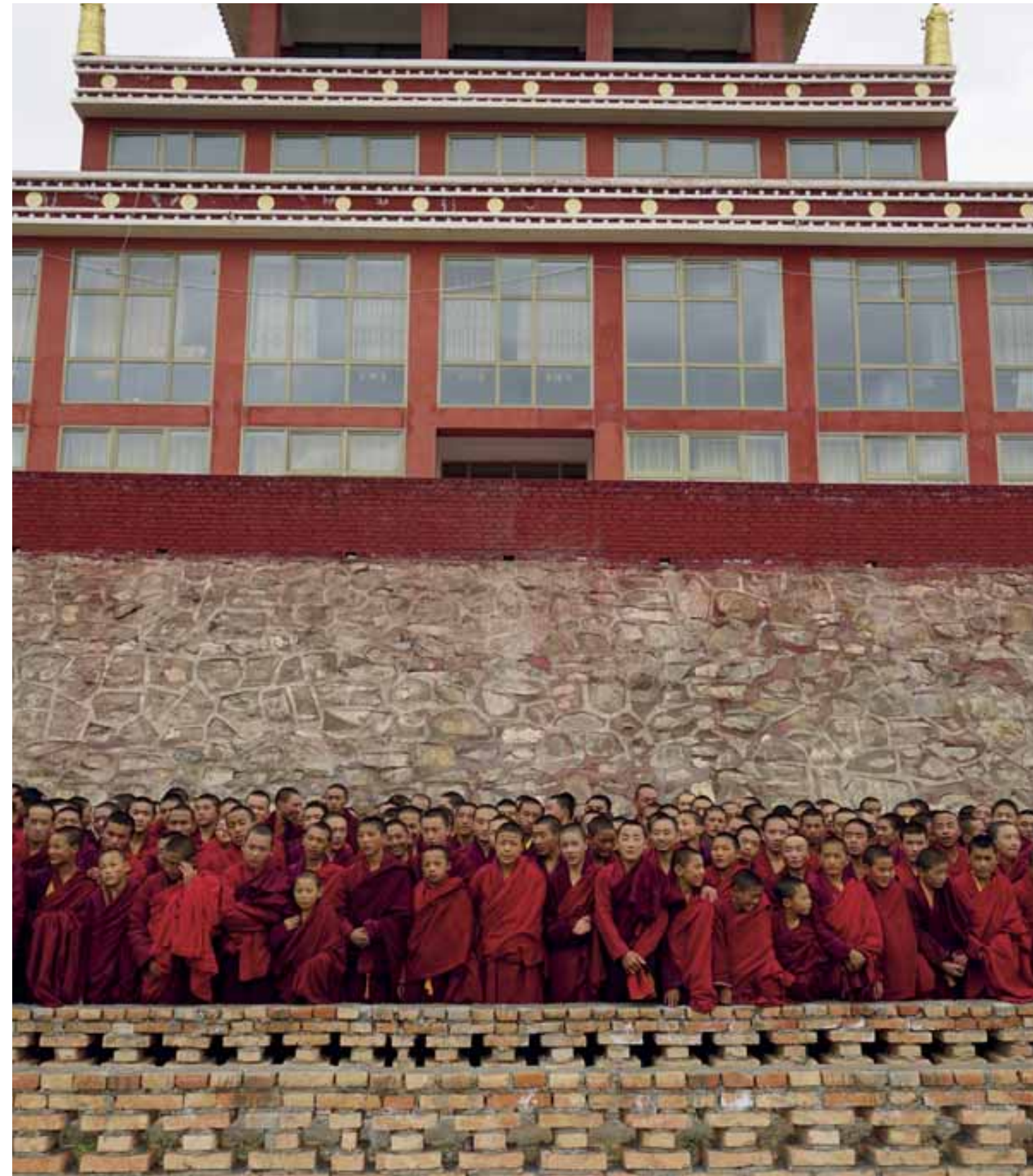
- Realization of short- and medium-term programs in developing countries.
- Selection, training and utilization of civil service volunteers.
- On-site training of citizens in developing countries.

- Information.
- Development Education.

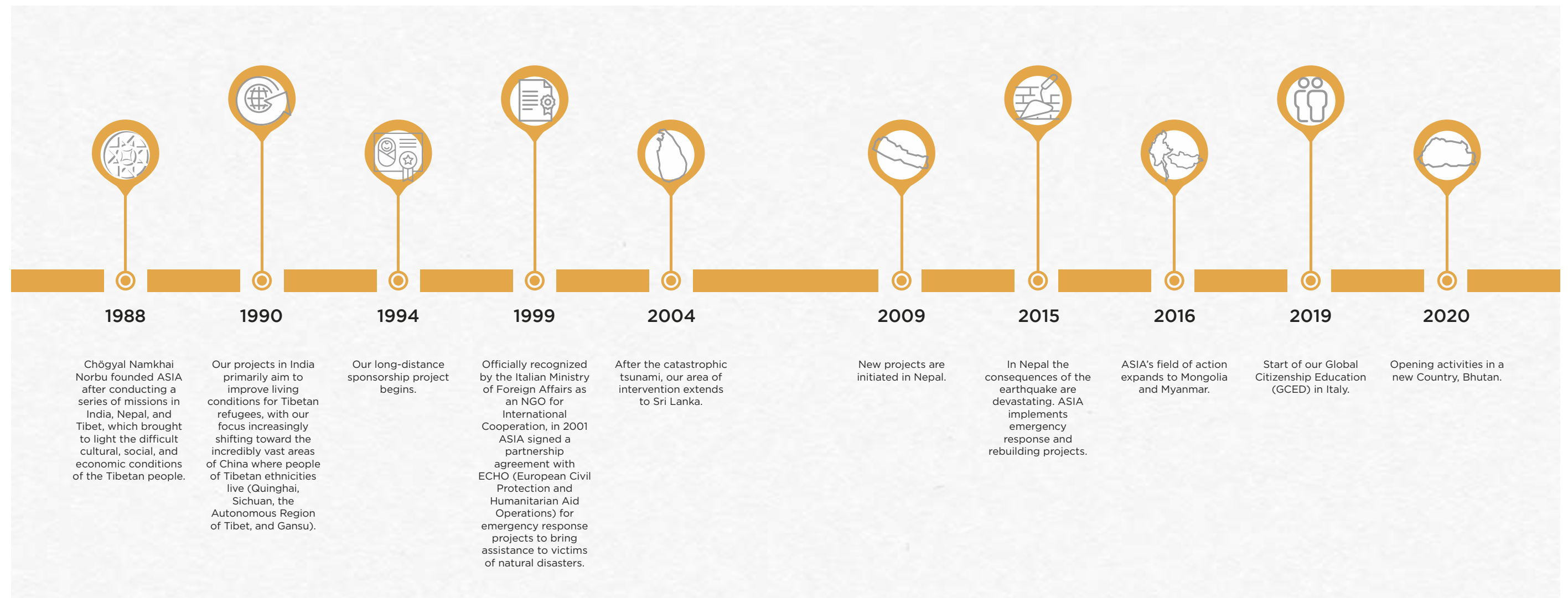
This recognition allows ASIA to obtain funding for the implementation of projects financed by the AICS for the above-cited actions.

ASIA is registered also at the Italian National List of No Profit Organizations (ONLUS) – NGO sector – with the number 12076, at the Tuscany Regional Revenue Authority.

ASIA is registered at the Prefectural Register of Legal Persons in Grosseto, no. 190.



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 sustainability 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.

Transparency 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, traditions, 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

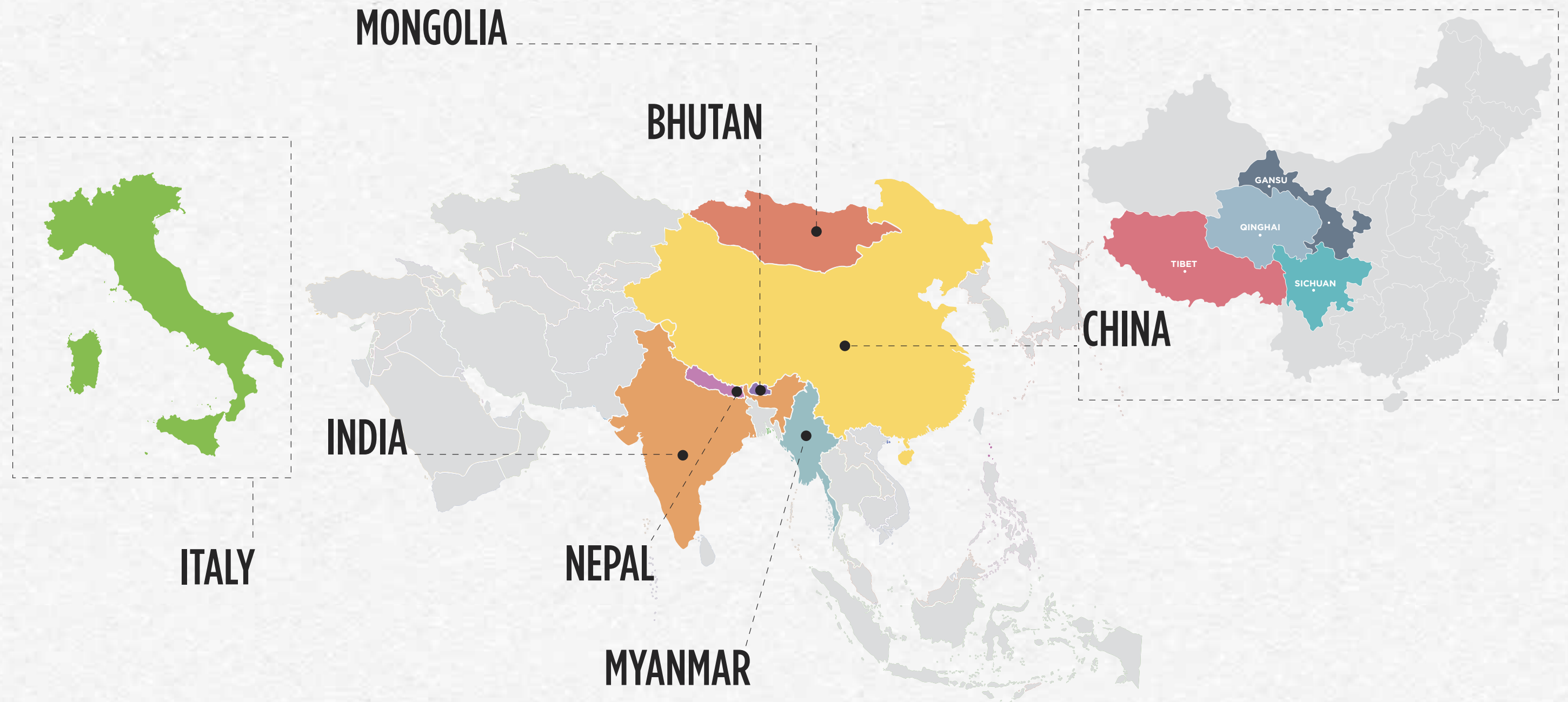


peace, respect and tolerance, embedded in the cultural and spiritual tradition of Tibet. We believe these values represent the heritage of all humankind.



WHERE WE WORK

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



GOVERNANCE

The sovereign body of ASIA is the Assembly of Members. In 2021 there were 35 members of ASIA, 17 women and 18 men, 31 Italians and 4 foreigners (1 American and 3 Europeans), all renewals with one new member.

The Assembly of Members is tasked with identifying and delineating the general aims of the Association, approving the Budget and Final Statements of Accounts for each financial year, that closes on 31 December of each year. Every 3 years it appoints a Board of Directors, the Honorary President, the Audit Committee and the Arbitrators. The Board of Directors appoints the Legal Representative from among its members, who remains in office for three years and can be re-elected. All the corporate offices are unpaid.

Board of Directors

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General Secretary

Costantino Albini

Giorgio Cancelliere

Mark Farrington

Linda Fidanzia

Roberta Marranca

Gabriele Mugnai

Gaetano Ruvolo

Wolfgang Schweiger

Audit Committee Unipersonal Organ

Francesco Lauria

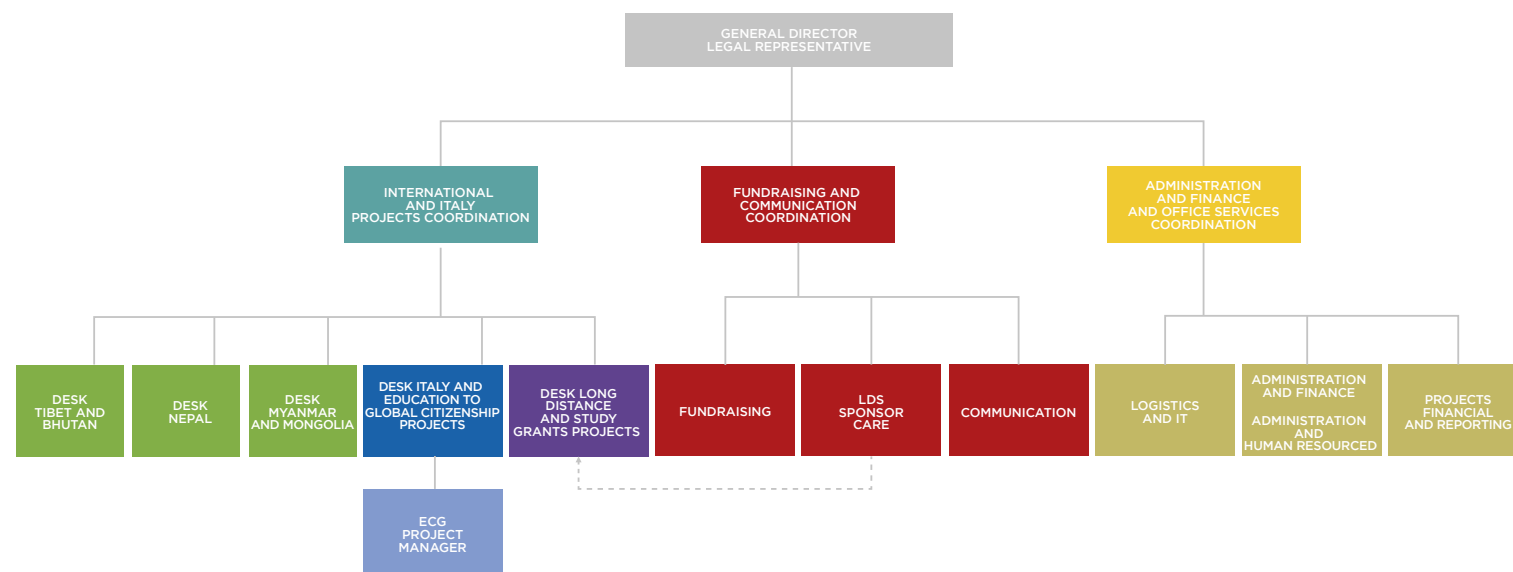
Arbitrators

Marco Almici

Daniela Garbo

Leopoldo Sentinelli

Organization Chart for the Head Office in Rome



HUMAN RESOURCES

COMPOSITION OF THE STAFF

Collaborators	Women	Men	Total
Full-time employees	4	2	6
Part Time employees	0	1	1
Co.co.co in Italy	1	1	2
Co.co.co overseas	2	0	2
Total	7	4	11

COMPOSITION OF THE STAFF BY AGE GROUP

Age group	Women	Men	Total
18 - 30	0	0	0
30 - 40	6	0	6
41 - 55	2	0	2
Oltre 56	0	3	3
Total	8	3	11

SALARIES

Gross Salary	Minimum gai	Maximum gai	Reference gai
Full-time employees	22.951,74	27.930,98	22.951,74
Part Time employees	15.829,32	15.829,82	15.982,82
Co.co.co in Italy	18.000,00	19.200,00	-
Co.co.co overseas	36.000,00	40.344,00	-

COMPOSITION OF THE STAFF BY CATEGORY

Employees by category	Women	Men	Total
Officers	0	1	1
Managers	0	0	0
Employees/collaborators	5	7	12
Total	5	8	13

ETHICS

To guarantee respect of the principles and values underpinning the activities of the Organization, ASIA has adopted a series of codes and procedures that ensure propriety, objectivity and impartiality in the realization of the mission of the Association. In particular, we have adopted:

- a Code of Ethics and Conduct, that includes principles and values that determine the activity of the Organization and the conduct of all staff members, partners and companies providing goods and services;
- an Anti-Fraud Policy and Anti-Corruption Code of Conduct, which formally defines ASIA's commitment not to allow any type of illicit conduct, corruption or fraud and to comply with relative applicable law;
- a Policy for Prevention and Fighting of Sex-

ual Harassment, Mobbing and Discrimination for the protection of personal integrity, which guarantees a working environment based on mutual respect and proper interpersonal relations, to improve the office ambience and workers' safety and performance;

- a Child Protection Policy, including an Ethical Code and Reporting Procedure, mandatory for all those working for and with the Organization;
- and, finally, a series of administrative and technical Procedures (logistics, project management, human resources, safety, etc.) that define clear and impartial standards and processes, for a management of the Organization's activities that is transparent, complete and respectful of the highest national and international standards of the sector.





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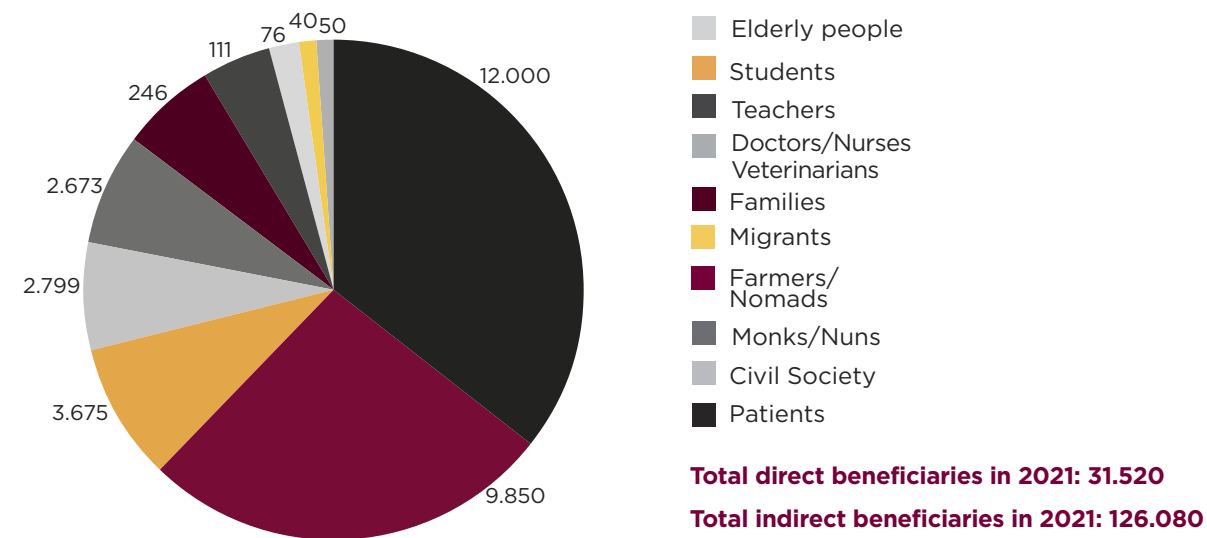


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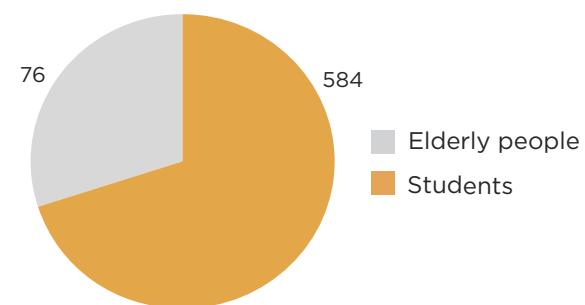
In 2021 we have achieved our objectives thanks to the help and support of donors who provided us with the financial resources needed to implement the projects, the commitment of our partners who contributed with their expertise and knowledge of the areas we operate in, and the enthusiastic participation of the beneficiaries during the projects' identification and implementation phases.



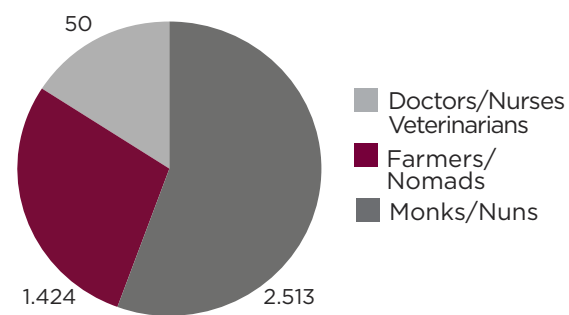
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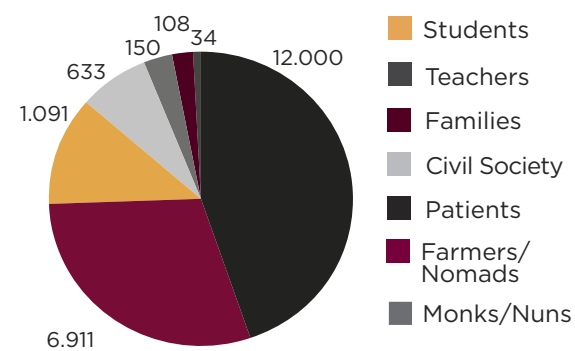
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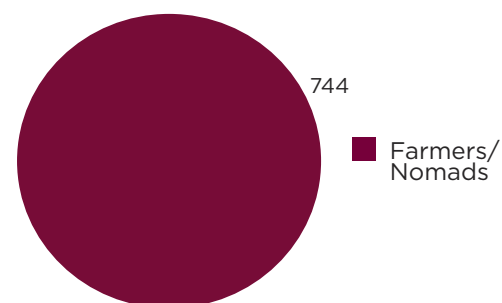
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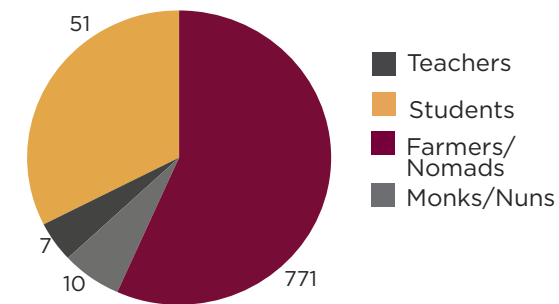
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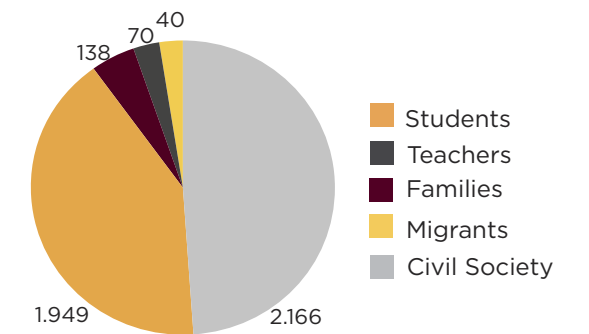
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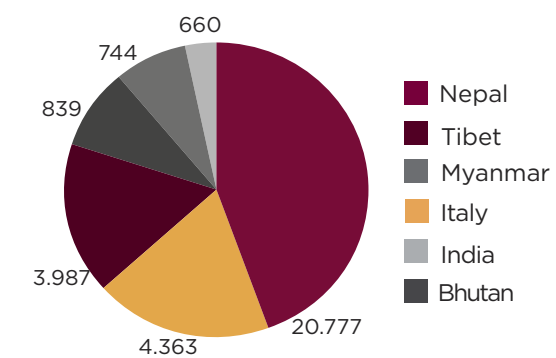
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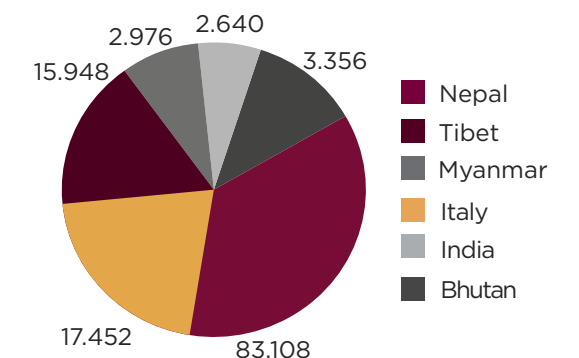
In Italy



Total direct beneficiaries by Country



Total indirect beneficiaries by Country





DONORS

AICS – (Italian Agency for Development Cooperation)

ASIA Germany

Autonomous Province of Bolzano

Autonomous Province of Trento

DANIDA - Danish International Development Agency

Danish Embassy in Beijing

Italian Caritas

Nando and Elsa Peretti Foundation

Prime Minister's Office

Tides Foundation

Treedom S.r.l.

UBI – Italian Buddhist Union

Waldensian Church 8x1000

Thanks to our long distance sponsors and to our private donors – 1730 people.

PARTNERS

Associazione Apicoltori Trentini - Italia

Associazione Forestale del Trentino - Italia

CEAPRED - Center for Environmental and Agricultural Policy Research, Extension and Development - Nepal

Centro di Studi sul Buddhismo presso il Dipartimento Asia, Africa, Mediterraneo dell'Università degli Studi di Napoli, L'Orientale - Italia

DAFNE (Università della Tuscia) - Italia

Department of agriculture of Ura County - Bhutan

Department of Veterinary of Domda district - Tibet

Druk Nyo Foundation - Bhutan

Fondazione Empatia Milano (FEM) - Italia

Gautam Buddha Monastery - Nepal

Government of Domda district - Tibet

Government of Chengduo county of - Tibet

K'Cho Land Development Association – COLDA - Myanmar

Manasarovar Foundation - Nepal

Merigar, Associazione Culturale Comunità Dzogchen - Italia

Monastery of Singkhri - Tibet

Monastery of Sumthrang - Bhutan

Museo dei Bambini SCS Onlus (Explora) - Italia

Namgyal High School - Nepal

Nepal Agroforestry Foundation - Nepal

PIN s.r.l. (Arco) - Italia

Progetto Continenti Onlus - Italia

Programma Integra - Italia

School of Aarukharka - Nepal

School of Dolpo (Ganchen Meri) - Nepal

School of Dupcheshwori - Nepal

School of Namuna - Nepal

School of Thangdoor - Nepal
 Sengedag Service Society - Nepal
 Singkhri Nunnery - Tibet
 Srongtsen High School - Nepal
 STS - Sambhota Tibetan School - India
 Study Grant office of DOE of Tibetan government in exile - India
 Tashi Choeling Monastery - Nepal
 TCV - Tibetan Children's Village - India
 THF - Tibetan Homes Foundation - India
 TIPA - Tibetan Institute for Performing Arts-India
 Tise School - Nepal
 Trentino for Tibet - Italia
 Triten Norbutse Bonpo Monastery - Nepal

ASIA IS PART OF THE FOLLOWING NETWORKS

- La Gabbianella, a network coordinating 45 Long Distance Sponsorship associations
- Tavolo della Pace
- Tavolo Nuova cooperazione - City Committee of Rome
- Mountain Partnership





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In 2021 we submitted 26 projects to public and private donors, of which 7 were approved, 3 are still under evaluation and 16 were rejected.
 The projects presented are thus subdivided in the following way:

	Nepal	Myanmar	China	Bhutan	Mongolia	Italy	Total
Approved	3	1	0	1	0	2	7
Rejected	7	1	0	1	0	7	16
Under consideration	1	1		1			3
Total projects presented by country	11	3	0	3	0	9	26
% Proposals presented/total presented	42%	12%	0	12%	0	35%	100%
% Proposals approved/total proposals presented	12%	4%	0	4%	0	8%	27%
Amount funded in Euro	125.910	53.940	0	32.797	0	79.782	292.429
% funded/total funding obtained in 2021	43%	18%	0	11%	0%	27%	100%

The principal donors approached by ASIA in 2021 were: Tavola Valdese, Autonomous Province of Bolzano, the Tides Foundation, AICS, the Office of the Italian Prime Minister, UBI (Italian Buddhist Union), Treedom Foundation, Cesvi, Unicredit Foundation, Caritas, Lazio Region, Eba Global Fund, Darwin Initiative.



Projects in progress in 2021, in Nepal, China, Myanmar, Mongolia and Italy, numbered 22 in total, of which 15 were concluded during the year and 7 still underway for conclusion in 2022 or later.

Projects for the safeguard of the culture, language and spirituality of Tibet, that are fundamental to ASIA's mission, have been heavily cut back, due both to the difficult geopolitical context in China and because they are not priority issues for donors.

There follows the subdivision of projects realized in 2021 by country and intervention sector.

Sectors/Countries	Tibet	Nepal	Mongolia	Myanmar	Bhutan	Italy	Total
Education		1					
Cultural, spiritual and artistic heritage	1	1			1		
Food security, agriculture and pastoralism	1	6		1			
Environment protection and fight to climate change							
Emergency		2			1		
Water and Health		1					
Global Citizenship Education						3	
Total	2	11	0	1	2	3	19



Prevalent sectors were thus Food Security, Agriculture and Pastoralism, and Emergency, due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Education, and Cultural, Spiritual and Artistic Heritage represent only 14% of the total number of projects realized.
In total during 2021 the direct and indirect beneficiaries helped through our Development and Emergency projects are subdivided as in the following table:

Beneficiaries/Countries	Tibet	Nepal	Myanmar	Bhutan	Italy	Total
Direct						
Students		550		50	1949	2549
Teachers		34		7	70	111
Families		108			138	246
Migrants					40	40
Italian Civil Society		633			2166	2799
Doctors/nurses/vets	50					50
Patients		12000				12000
Farmers/nomads	1424	6911	744	771		9850
Nuns/monks	2513					2513
Total direct beneficiaries	3987	20236	744	828	4363	30158
Indirect						
total indirect beneficiaries	15948	80944	2976	3312	17452	120632

Through our projects in 2021 we participated in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development contributing to the realization of the following objectives:



PROJECTS IN PROGRESS IN 2021

BHUTAN

ASIA started operating in Bhutan in 2021, with Food Security and Emergency projects as well as Cultural, Spiritual and Artistic Heritage projects.

On one side, we intervened to help young Bhutanese hardly hit during the crisis occasioned by the Covid-19 pandemic, which heavily aggravated the already difficult health and socio-economic situation in Bhutan. The consequent lockdown in the country paralysed all activities, with serious repercussions in the economic and social fabric. To support unemployed young people, ASIA supplied 14 greenhouses, seedlings and agricultural tools for setting up of winter orchards in 11 villages and in a school in Ura County. This project aimed also at increasing production of winter vegetables and guaranteeing the minimum economic and food requirements to 81 families, for a total of 771 persons.

On the other side, ASIA concentrated on the preservation of the historical, cultural and spiritual heritage of Bhutan, intervening with a pro-

ject aimed to revitalize the thousand-year-old tradition of Sumthrang through the construction of a learning centre for the transmission of this ancient spiritual tradition and to enhance the knowledge and skills of the local younger population, offering them solid opportunities to better their socio-economic conditions. The project is concentrated on an initial number of 50 students with least 50% of them women. The project has in this first phase, constructed a multi-usage three-storey building. The first storey has three rooms for four students sized about 70 sq. m.; the second is the same size, likewise with three rooms accommodating four students each; on the ground floor there are the kitchen and dining room. Furthermore a small building with toilets and showers has been built, for the use of students at the centre. The total size is c. 200 sq. m.

Also in 2021 a number of different projects were presented to Tavola Valdese, Bolzano Province and the Italian Prime Minister's Office.



BHUTAN 2021 IN NUMBERS



2 projects, one concluded, one in progress



Intervention Sectors:



Education



Artistic, cultural and spiritual heritage



Emergency



Food security, agriculture and pastoralism

Sustainable Development Goals



We have supported



Directly: 828 people



771 farmers



50 students



7 teachers



Indirectly: 3312 people

Working together with

- Druk Nyo Foundation
- Sumthrang Monastery
- Agriculture Department of Ura County

Funds spent



63.997,99 Euro

REVIVAL OF THE SPIRITUAL AND CULTURAL TRADITIONS OF SUMTHRANG MONASTERY AND SETTING UP PROFESSIONAL AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING FACILITIES TO IMPROVE LOCAL EDUCATION STANDARDS AND WORK OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE YOUNGER GENERATION

WHERE: Bhutan, Ura County, village of Sumthrang

INTERVENTION SECTOR: Cultural, spiritual and artistic heritage

TOTAL AMOUNT: € 62.856,00

AMOUNT SPENT IN 2021: € 48.730,71

DONORS: Private, ASIA and Caritas

PROGRESS REPORT: In progress

START/CONCLUSION: 01/01/2021 - 30/04/2022

DURATION: 16 months

DESCRIPTION: This project aims to revive the Sumthrang tradition through building a learning centre concentrated on the preservation and transmission of this spiritual tradition, while also improving the knowledge and skills of the local youth, offering them solid opportunities for the improvement of their economic and social conditions. Enrolment of women will be strongly encouraged, thereby offering them an education that is both spiritual and professional. The project aims to focus on an initial intake of 50 students, 20/30 full-time and 20 part-time, comprising at least 50% women. The project also entails the construction of the following buildings:

- an edifice with dormitories, an office and a small apartment for the teacher. This building, thanks to the help of a Swedish Organization, is now under construction;
- a multi-purpose building over three storey: first storey with three rooms, for four students each, size 70sq.m.; second storey, same size, also with three rooms for four students each; the ground floor with a kitchen and dining room, for a total surface area of around 200sq.m.;
- a library of around 50sq.m.;
- a school building with seven classrooms of 20sq.m. each for a total of 160 sq.m.;
- a hostel for teachers and part-time students
- toilet and shower facilities for 50 students;
- courtyard for ritual dances and other pertinent cultural and spiritual activities.

The project will proceed in two phases: the first will focus on construction of the multi-purpose building and the shower and toilet facilities. The second phase will entail construction of the library, classrooms, hostel and courtyard. This project pertains to phase one, that is to the construction of the multi-purpose building and toilet and shower facilities.

GENERAL OBJECTIVE: the spiritual and cultural tradition of Sumthrang is preserved and transmitted to future generations in Bhutan.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE: a spiritual, cultural and professional centre for nuns, monks, and laypeople with classrooms, dormitories, kitchen, dining room, toilet and shower facilities for



maximum 50 students built in the village of Sumthrang and secular education activities successfully started..

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

A1. Setting up a committee to manage project activities with representatives from Nyo Foundation, Sumthrang village and ASIA.

A2. Building a multi-purpose construction in the traditional architectural style, utilizing enhanced technology to render the building more energy-efficient. The three-storey building will be constructed using local materials like stones, sand and wood. Parts in wood will be carved in the local Bhutanese style and then painted.

A3. Supplying tools and furnishings for the building to make it suitable for the teaching activities specified in the project..

A4. Constructing a building for toilet and shower facilities fitted with solar panels for heating water, to be built following the local architectural tradition using local building materials such as stones and wood, and adding running water services for hand-washing and a septic tank to guarantee correct waste disposal. Hot water will be provided through the installation of solar panels

A5. Organization of basic health and hygiene training courses for the local nuns and distribution of basic hygiene kits. The project committee will appoint a female doctor expert in women's health and hygiene to carry out a 7-day training course. The project will supply basic hygiene kits to all attendees, that will include soap, toothpaste and toothbrush, hand gel, chlorine, washable cotton tampons..

A6. Training the staff of the Nyo Foundation in project assessment, management and monitoring. ASIA will supply, through its staff, remote and on the job training for the Nyo Foundation for support in enhancing their knowledge and skills.

A7. Start long distance sponsorships for the local nuns. These sponsorships are an essential tool enabling ASIA to guarantee the opportunity to receive formal and informal education



while respecting, maintaining and handing on their own cultural identity.

EXPECTED RESULTS:

- R1.** The project committee is set up with representatives from the monastery, the village, the Nyo Foundation and ASIA and manages project activities.
- R2.** A multifunctional building is constructed adhering to the local traditional architectural style using advanced technologies to make it more energy-efficient.
- R3.** Tools and furnishings supplied to make the building fit for the teaching activities specified in the project.
- R4.** Hygiene and shower facilities served with hot water generated by solar panels.



R5. Hygiene conditions for the nuns improved by means of training courses and the distribution of basic kits.

R6. Nyo Foundation staff skills to assess, manage and monitor projects improved.

R7. Long distance sponsorship project for the nuns started up.

RESULTS ACHIEVED IN 2021:

- 1.** Project management committee set up and running during the year's project activities.
- 2.** Building's structure completed. Work is underway on the roof, flooring and decorating, fitting windows and doors, laying the electric wiring and painting all the indoor and outdoor woodwork. Estimated end of building work is April 2022.
- 3.** Amenities will be purchased in 2022 once the building is completed; a list and market research have already been carried out.
- 4.** Designs and specifications have been prepared, the company selected, the foundations laid and walls started. Toilet and shower facilities will be completed during 2022.
- 5.** Capacity building for Nyo Foundation staff is continuing alongside the project activities. ASIA staff did a remote training in administration, ASIA's procedures and project management.
- 6.** The long distance sponsorship project for 10 nuns has been set up and is now running.

BENEFICIARIES REACHED IN 2021:

Direct beneficiaries of this project will be 7 teachers and 50 students who, starting next year once the building work has been completed, will attend courses at the new teaching centre. Indirect beneficiaries will be the 50 families of the students, 7 families of the teachers, 190 families of villages of Beng-Pangkhar-Sumthrang, Ura-Doshi, Shingkhar

PARTNER: Nyo Foundation

SUPPORTING THE MOST VULNERABLE PERSONS IN THE VILLAGES OF URA COUNTY IN BHUTAN TO OVERCOME THE FOOD CRISIS CAUSED BY COVID-19 AND TO KEEP SPREAD OF THE VIRUS UNDER CONTROL

WHERE: Bhutan, Ura County, Bumthang District

INTERVENTION SECTORS: Emergency, food security, agriculture and pastoralism

TOTAL AMOUNT: € 15.267,28

AMOUNT SPENT IN 2021: € 15.267,28

DONORS Autonomous Province of Bolzano, ASIA e Nyo Foundation

PROGRESS STATUS: Concluded

START/CONCLUSIONE: March 2021 - May 2021

DURATION: 3 months

DESCRIPTION: The COVID-19 emergency strongly worsened the already difficult health and socio-economic situation in Bhutan. The consequent lockdown of the country paralysed all activities, with serious repercussions on the social and economic situation. Covid-19 struck the agriculture sector and also the tourist industry was brought to its knees. It is calculated that 18,000 people, most of them of the younger generation, lost their job due to the closedown of the country. The resumption of agriculture could create new jobs but



support is needed to buy farming tools and seedlings to farm marginal and abandoned lands. The monasteries hosting children of poorer families have been hard struck by the Covid-19 pandemic and need food to feed the students. The Nyo Foundation was contacted by the Ura county local government to deal with the emergency. Therefore, in collaboration with local authorities, Nyo Foundation and ASIA have decided to intervene through three actions:

- supplying 12 greenhouses, seedlings and farm tools to construct winter gardens in 11 villages and in the school in Ura County to increase production of winter vegetables;
- distributing food rations to 25 of the most vulnerable families and to 120 children not able to autonomously find sources of sustenance;
- distributing Covid-19 prevention kits to the whole population of the county amounting to 308 families, about 2000 people.

GENERAL OBJECTIVE: Guarantee the food needs of 25 poor families, 120 children and 12 groups of farmers, one of each of the 11 villages plus the Ura County school, for the 3 winter months, and contain the spread of the Covid virus in Ura County in the months following the intervention.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE: 225 families (75 adults) and 120 children receive 195 food ration to face the three winter months; 308 families of around 2000 adults and 120 children receive kits for prevention of Covid in Ura County; 12 groups of farmers receive farm tools and greenhouses to grow winter vegetables and increase their necessary food resources.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

A1. Selection of beneficiaries, setting up a project committee and coordination of project activities.

A2. Preparation of food rations and distribution to 25 poor families (75 people) and 120 children.



A3. Purchase of farm tools and 12 greenhouses for distribution to 12 farmers' groups in Ura County

A4. Selection and purchase of kits for prevention of Covid-19 and distribution to 308 families of about 2000 people of Ura County and 120 students.

A5. Organize distribution in collaboration with Ura County government, Nyo Foundation, Agriculture and Health departments.

A6. Monitoring activities and final reports.

RESULTS EXPECTED:

R1. 11 villages, 2 schools and 25 families selected. Target: 308 families of about 2000 people.

R2. Project committee set up and running in the first two weeks of the project.

Target: A project committee made of one ASIA representative, one from Nyo Foundation, one from the Ura County local government, one each from the Agriculture and Health Departments of Bhutan, for a total of 5 members.

R3. 75 food rations comprising 75 kg of rice; 5 litres of oil; 10 kg peas; 2 kg powdered milk; 5 kg sugar and 1 kg of tea prepared and distributed; 120 food ration kits of 45 kg of rice and 675 ml oil prepared and distributed.

Target: 25 families among the poorest in the county of 75 people and 120 children.

R4. 12 farmer groups set up and 12 greenhouses constructed and distributed. 12 kits of tools and seedlings distributed among all farmer groups.

Target: 11 farmers' villages with 308 families and a school of 110 children supplied with 12 greenhouses and tools for the production of winter vegetables distributed.

R5. 120 health and hygiene kits distributed to 120 children; 308 health and hygiene kits distributed to 308 families; 12 information notices posted in 11 villages and the school; 308 information manuals on proper health and hygiene and prevention practices distributed to 308 families.

Target: 2000 people of the 308 families and 120 children of the monastery school in Ura County.

RESULTS ACHIEVED IN 2021: Regrettably the project did not receive all the funding applied for so activities were reduced as were the results achieved.

1. A partnership agreement signed by Nyo Foundation and ASIA and a committee set up to monitor and supervise the project.

2. 14 greenhouses purchased for a total 1000 sq.m. then distributed to 13 groups of farmers and a school.

3. 200 sacks of first grade chilli peppers; seedlings and plants, 14 tubes (length 50 metres); 14 watering cans; 80 forks; 80 hoes and 80 spades purchased and distributed.

BENEFICIARIES REACHED IN 2021:

Direct: 81 families for a total of 771 people

PARTNERS: Nyo Foundation; Agriculture Department of Ura county



CHINA

2021 saw the end of ASIA working in Tibet and the Tibetan areas annexed to China, after 33 years of continuous activities in these regions. In 2020, the security authorities of Qinghai Province had told ASIA not to present any more projects for 2021 as ASIA didn't obtain the registration necessary to operate in Qinghai under the new laws on INGO of 2017. At the end of 2021, as soon as the projects were terminated, ASIA closed all activities and from that time there was no further contact with its local staff.

In 2021 two projects were continued, one started in 2019 and the other in 2020. On one hand, work proceeded to guarantee food security for highlands nomads: bolstering the local veterinary system; training vets and herders to improve the health of herds and flocks (to produce healthier foods); distributing animals and hay to poorer nomad families; supplying veterinary equipment to village vets and local veterinary centres, thereby empowering the veterinary system in Chengduo County. On the other hand, support activities for women's colleges in the

monasteries of Qinghai continued, in particular in Singkhri Monastery, in Tongde County. Here ASIA organized hygiene training courses for 730 nuns; a three-year course was completed for 50 nuns as hygiene trainers; and 730 health and hygiene kits distributed. Then ways were sought to give greater economic independence to the nuns, completing a three-year training course in tailoring and dressmaking for 20 nuns and equipping a professional tailoring shop with tools and machinery inside the Nunnery itself. Moreover, further 14776 books have been published (1847 new sets of 8 volumes each) pertaining to the spiritual practices of Lonchen Nynting, one of the fundamental texts of the Dzogchen teaching, then distributed among 1800 nuns and monks in Qinghai and Sichuan. During the whole course of the project, 31576 volumes were published.

Long distance sponsorships and study grants activities continued in the schools until June, after then regrettably they were abruptly shut down by the Chinese authorities.



TIBET 2021 IN NUMBERS



2 projects concluded



Intervention Sectors:



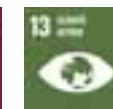
Artistic, cultural and spiritual heritage



Protecting the Environment and Fighting climate change

Food Security, Agriculture and Pastoralism

Sustainable Development Goals



We have supported



Directly: 3987 people



50 Doctors/Nurses/Vets



1424 farmers/nomads



2513 Nuns/monks

Indirectly: 15.948 people

Working together with

- County Government of Chengdu
- District Government of Domda
- Veterinary Department of Domda District
- Nunnery of Singkhri
- Monastery of Singkhri

Funds spent



622.984,12 Euro

ADVANCING GENDER EQUALITY IN TIBETAN RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS, SAFEGUARDING TIBETAN CULTURE AND RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS

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

INTERVENTION SECTOR: Spiritual, cultural and artistic heritage; Health and water; Training and micro-enterprises

TOTAL AMOUNT: € 737.940

AMOUNT SPENT IN 2021: € 222.977,18

DONORS: DANIDA, Danish Embassy in Beijing, ASIA

PROGRESS REPORT: Concluded

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

DURATION: 3 years

DESCRIPTION: The monastery plays a fundamental role in this territory, as it gives Tibetan women access to education, to study traditional Tibetan culture in depth, to learn a trade, and finally the chance to make a better life for themselves. Recent years have seen an increase in enrolments by women coming from remote areas, due both to the scant economic resources of families and also because in Tibetan society women are underprivileged compared to men, specially in terms of access to education.

This has created numerous difficulties, triggering excessive overcrowding in the monastery



accommodation with consequent fall in health and hygiene conditions. Furthermore, any kind of vocational training or apprenticeships or type of economic activity actually able to offer valid life prospects and economic independence are absent.

Aim of the project is to improve health and hygiene and living conditions for the nuns at Singkhri monastery, offering training courses in health and hygiene, and broadening and restoring the infra- structures of the monastery. It then aims to raise the cultural level and the economic conditions of the nuns, by means of training courses in tailoring and publishing, and printing and distributing Tibetan texts.

GENERAL OBJECTIVE: Equal rights for men and women in religious institutions in remote Tibetan areas where women are victims of discrimination.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE: Improve the living, economic, health, hygiene and cultural conditions of 600 nuns attending the College at Singkhri Monastery.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

- A1.** Constructing a two-story building with 60 rooms of 18 sq. m., each for a total of 1080 sq. m.
- A2.** Equipping the new dormitory rooms with furniture and amenities.
- A3.** Organizing training courses in basic health and hygiene for 50 nuns to become trainers themselves and 2 courses in basic health and hygiene for the remaining 550 nuns; supplying all 600 nuns with hygiene kits.
- A4.** Trained (through three tailoring courses) 20 nuns and provided all the necessary equipment for the trained nuns.
- A5.** Gathered and digitized religious texts for publication in 2100 sets of 8 volumes then distributed among the nuns and monks of Singkhri and other religious institutions in the Tibetan zones in China.



RESULTS EXPECTED: The project has been well developed and co-ordinated from its earliest phases.

R1. Improved living conditions of the nuns and reduce the risk of spread of infectious diseases by upgrading the college infrastructures.

R2. Improved health and hygiene conditions for 600 nuns through training courses in health and health education.

R3. Enhanced economic conditions through offering training courses in tailoring for 20 nuns.

R4. Improved education and cultural conditions of the nuns by publishing and distributing Tibetan texts in Singkhri college and in other colleges in the Tibetan regions in China.

RESULTS ACHIEVED IN 2021:

1. After one year the conditions of the dormitory do not show any signs of damage or construction faults and the living conditions of the nuns living in the building show marked improvements.

2. 713 nuns attended a 7-day training course.

3. 50 of the 713 nuns improved their skills as hygiene trainers..

4. 550 nuns that had already received training courses for three years were given the opportunity to deepen their knowledge of hygiene thanks to the new training course. 5.113 new nuns attended training courses in basic health and hygiene taught by 50 trainers, nuns themselves. 3.713 hygiene kits distributed among all the nuns at the convent.

5. 20 nuns attended a refresher course in tailoring and in the basic elements of business management.

6. Purchased and delivered three new sewing machines to enhance sewing activities to Singkhri monastery.

7. 1847 new series of 8 books each (14776 books), printed, transported to Singkhri and distributed in the local convents and monasteries raising the total number of books printed and distributed through the project to 31576 books, for a total of 3947 series of volumes.

BENEFICIARIES REACHED IN 2021:

Direct: 713 nuns at Singkhri College; beneficiaries of the book project: 1800, for a total of 2513 people.

Indirect: 10.052 people

PARTNERS: Singkhri monastery and the nuns' Convent

GUARANTEE FOOD SECURITY AND ECONOMIC SELF-SUFFICIENCY TO THE MOST MARGINALIZED AND POOREST NOMAD COMMUNITIES IN CONSEQUENCE OF CHINESE GOVERNMENT POLICIES



WHERE: PRC, Qinghai Province, Yushu Tibetan Autonomous Province, Tringdu County, Domda District

INTERVENTION SECTOR: Protecting the Environment and Fighting Climate Change; Food Security, Agriculture and Pastoralism; Professional Training and Micro-enterprises

TOTAL AMOUNT: € 435.083,00

AMOUNT SPENT IN 2021: € 400.006,94

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

PROGRESS REPORT: Concluded

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

DURATION: 2 years

DESCRIPTION Poverty, climate change and Chinese government policies having little respect for life and the traditions of Tibetan nomads in the pastoral lands triggering a vicious cycle that

constitutes the main limitation to the development of the local economy and the sustainability of the current pastoral customs. Beneficiaries of this intervention are 300 shepherd families in Domda district, directly engaged in activities aimed at reconstituting flocks, improving rented seasonal community pastures, in training courses and in the distribution of veterinary equipment.

GENERAL OBJECTIVE: Improving and guaranteeing Food Security and the resilience of the pastoral systems in Domda district in Tringdu County.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE: Achieving economic and food self-sufficiency of nomad families and bolstering the resilience of local animal husbandry by means of increasing the sheep popu-



lation; supplying veterinary equipment; offering training courses on prevention and cure of diseases in the flocks, and improvement in the management of pasture fields in Domda district in Tringdu County.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

A1.1 Selection of animals to purchase, by discerning by genealogical profiling to find the best sources.

A1.2 Distribution of livestock (500 sheep and 37 rams) among the beneficiaries in the 2 villages selected.

A2.1 Renting and cultivating 25 hectares of abundant pastures to hand over to the distribution of the livestock to manage.

A2.2 75 tonnes of hay to ensure Food Security of the animals distributed by the project.

A3.1 Training courses for 150 nomads on the ways to manage pasture meadows and the techniques of mowing fodder.



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

A4.1 Training courses for 40 para-veterinary doctors and nomads on the use of movable enclosures for vaccinations, on the correct way to do vaccinations, on the major sheep diseases, on how to improve the flocks genetically.

A4.2 Supplying to the 2 chosen villages 2 movable enclosures, 2 pick-up trucks for transporting the veterinary equipment, and 40 vet kits, to those attending the training courses.

RESULTS EXPECTED:

R1. Increased flock size with about 500 new sheep and 37 rams in the selected villages choosing livestock more able to adapt to the effects of climate change, aimed at increasing heterozygosity and resistance to diseases.

R2. Increasing fodder reserves by renting and cultivating 25 hectares of abandoned pastures making them available to poorer local communities, and distributing 75 tonnes of fodder.

R3. Taught a model for management of flocks that is effective in risk-reduction by means of seasonal use of specific pasture sites (this is the traditional Tibetan approach) and starting use of highly adaptable permanent pasture meadows, in terms of mowing and silage.

R4. Developed basic knowledge useful for increasing the resilience of flocks and herds, by means of training courses and supplying suitable veterinary equipment.

RESULTS ACHIEVED IN 2021: Regrettably from the start of the project, due to restrictions, first legal and then tied to Covid-19, and also to the world geopolitical situation and above all to Chinese domestic policies, the project was not able to complete all its planned activities, and some of the funds not spent on training courses for 300 nomads, on expatriate missions and not spent on the cultivation of the degraded lands were used instead to purchase a greater number of livestock, bolster the veterinary system, and deliver a greater supply of fodder to the nomads. The

project ended in December 2021.

Results obtained were as follows:

Completed the selection of 58 families for distribution of the sheep: 607 animals purchased and distributed.

Purchased and delivered 2 small lorries to the veterinary centre in Domda and Otso Village

Completed the first training course for 40 para-vets.

50 kits distributed, of which 40 for trained vets and 10 for vets at the veterinary centre in Domda.

Medical equipment for the veterinary centre in Domda purchased and delivered in Domda;

Purchased and delivered computers, equipment and furniture for the veterinary centre in Domda;

4 movable enclosures purchased and distributed among the villages of Hongqi and Zhamar.

120 tonnes of sheep fodder purchased and distributed in the villages of Zhamar and Hongqi.

BENEFICIARIES REACHED IN 2021:

Direct:

58 families with 226 people who received the sheep;

58 families with 226 people who received the hay

40 veterinaries trained and given the veterinary kits

10 veterinaries received equipment for the veterinary centre

220 families in the villages of Zhamar e Hongqi for a total of 922 people received 4 movable enclosures and 2 lorries for transporting produce and veterinary equipment

Total direct beneficiaries of the project were 1.424 people

Indirect: 5.696 Tibetans in Domda.

PARTNERS: District government of Domda (Qingshui He); veterinary centre of Domda; villages of Zhamar and Hongqi.

MYANMAR

In Myanmar during 2021, in spite of the coup of 1 February, ASIA has maintained its presence with local and international staff and was able to progress its activities of the project funded by AICS in 2019. The project, whose aim is the sustainable development of the coffee supply chain in the districts of Mindat and Kanpetlet, in Chin Region, was able to proceed, with some stops and inevitable changes, thanks to solid collaboration from our project partners and from the beneficiaries of the project who, sharing the aim of the proposed activities, participated and worked so that the efforts and goals achieved in the first year of the project were not in vain. In 2021, in particular, a nursery of about 2 acres was set up with training courses in nursery management and maintenance and the application of Good Farming Practices. The 250.000 seedlings planted were continuously monitored by ASIA staff and the the villages Committees, previous to their distribution in 2022. In this regard in the meantime the 233.325 coffee seedlings produced during the first year were delivered to

414 beneficiaries.

Despite the political situation complicating our continued presence in the territory, the project staff managed to keep open remote communication channels with the beneficiaries and thus offer them assistance when it was not possible to travel to the villages. Moreover technical assistance was also available through periodic telephone communications, video conferences etc. and also in response to direct requests from the beneficiary farmers. Training activities too, pertaining to sustainable agriculture and cultivations complementary to coffee, were remotely delivered, supported by the distribution of printed didactic material.

Despite the many difficulties, also due to the need and will to keep staff and beneficiaries safe, work for the germination and growth of the coffee seedlings proceeded, as project staff wanted to show their commitment to aid the efforts of the farmers in the construction of a productive base to develop a valid supply chain for the coffee.

MYANMAR 2021 IN NUMBERS



1 project in progress



Intervention sectors:



Emergency

Food Security, Agriculture and Pastoralism

Sustainable Development Goals



People we have supported



Directly 744 people



744 farmers

Indirectly 2976 people

Project partners

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

Funds spent



194.114,32 Euro



COFFEE: OPTIMIZING THE SUPPLY CHAIN AND FAVOURING THE COMBINED ECONOMIES IN SOUTH CHIN STATE (COFFEE - CHIN)

WHERE: Myanmar - State: South Chin - Districts: Mindat and Kanpetlet

INTERVENTION SECTOR: Food Security, Agriculture and Pastoralism

TOTAL AMOUNT: € 1.188.723,68

AMOUNT SPENT IN 2021: € 194.114,32

DONORS: AICS, ASIA, Progetto Continenti Onlus

PROGRESS REPORT: In progress

START/CONCLUSION: 15/11/2019 - 14/07/2023

DURATION: 44 months

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

This proposal is the fruit of a long collaboration among the partners in loco and in Italy. Extensive field research analysing the local context have highlighted it as weak but with potential. In fact, although the natural green coffee of Chin region has recently been praised at cupping tastings in Italy as an excellent coffee in terms of quality, opportunities of sale on



the local and international markets are still very limited and families producing it are not able to generate a substantial income.

Furthermore even though the coffee-growers cultivate the coffee with a semi-natural approach bringing out its high quality and environmental sustainability, as they do not use adequate processing and conservation methods this impairs the quality of the final product and is the cause of continuous loss of forest land by practising shifting agriculture. For these reasons the project aims to enhance the quantity and quality of production and of the final product, to increase work and income opportunities for the coffee-growers, bolster the coffee supply chain and related micro-enterprises (non-wood forest products derived from shade plants), and focus on conscious and sustainable use of resources. Thanks to the involvement of a local partner who has been operating for years in this field, the two Italian partners aim to implement activities that will engender not only the development of the supply chain but also the creation of market networks, focusing in particular on categories of underprivileged beneficiaries, in particular women and the young, and on innovative activities that can enter seamlessly into the local context so as to create a sustainable system still continuing after the conclusion of the project.

GENERAL OBJECTIVE: Promote sustainable rural development, reducing shifting agriculture, migration and the loss of natural resources (mountain forest) in southern Chin State.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE: Increase work opportunities for rural communities in the remote areas of southern Chin by bolstering the coffee supply chain, in particular among women and the young, also to favour a constant and profitable access to the local and international markets.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

- A1.** Support the start-up of agricultural activities for 80 landless families.
- A2.** Set up nurseries with certified arabica coffee varieties.
- A3.** Study the agro-phytopathological problems pertaining to coffee.
- A4.** Offer training in good farming practice, post-harvesting, and quality control.
- A5.** Set up 20 centres for first processing of the coffee and a centre for harvesting and secondary processing of the coffee.
- A6.** Set up a study sector on the national and international market for Chin coffee.
- A7.** Organize 2 seminars presenting the results of the market analysis.
- A8.** Organize 3 B2B meetings at local, regional and national level.
- A9.** Organization of 3 promotional events for Chin coffee for the local market.
- A10.** Train 4 technicians in Mindat District knowledgeable on the opportunities available on the national market, on marketing and on sales.
- A11.** Identification of 3 supply chains of products complementary to coffee.
- A12.** Train 250 coffee producers on production and marketing agricultural products deriving from coffee-complementary supply chains.
- A13.** Organize 4 presentation and promotion events on selected complementary products..

RESULTS EXPECTED:

- R1.** Augment the quality and quantity of coffee produced in Southern Chin districts.
- R2.** Improve the commercial value of the product on the national and international markets and increase the relative sales opportunities.

R3. Bolster micro-enterprise activities tied to coffee-complementary supply chains.

RESULTS ACHIEVED IN 2021:

- Set up 1 nursery of 2 acres at Kanpetlet.
- Done 1 training in nursery management and maintenance and 1 training in Good Farming Practice..
- Selected 80 families to support the uptake of farming practices.
- Germinated 250.000 coffee seedlings.
- Delivered 233.325 coffee seedlings to 414 farmers
- Found 3 coffee-complementary supply chains.

BENEFICIARIES REACHED IN 2021:

Direct: 744 farmers
Indirect: 2.976 people



PARTNERS: K'Cho Land Development Association ; COLDA Association: Progetto Continenti Onlus.

NEPAL

In Nepal, most activities are aimed at ensuring food security and at developing agricultural and livestock activities in the mountainous areas. ASIA has:

- focussed on training farmers, in particular women, by organising classes and providing the necessary equipment;
- set up some storage and preservation facilities as well as some shops;
- strengthened the value chain of agricultural products, spices and seeds by setting up a seed bank, two community enterprises;
- trained farmers in the establishment and management of nurseries.

Moreover, ASIA has focussed on training yak breeders, distributing animals to farmers and supporting local communities in the development of the livestock sector and the production of dairy products.

ASIA has contributed to the creation of innovative, low-cost irrigation systems, rainwater harvesting tanks for irrigation, spring tapping and installation of faucets to supply running water to several villages.

Hygiene, prevention and health education campaigns have been carried out in these villages. In order to protect the environment and at the same time create new income opportunities, ASIA has planted more than 90,000 trees.

Of these, the majority are coffee and fruit plants – whose produce is sold in local markets – and

forest species – whose foliage is used as fodder for livestock. At the same time, activities were carried out for the promotion of non-timber forestry supply chains in the Langtang Park, with the establishment of nurseries, beekeeping and mushroom farming activities. All activities involved more than 60% of women.

Following the emergency caused by Covid 19 pandemic, ASIA has distributed medical supplies, oxygen concentrators, protective materials for doctors and for prevention in 7 hospitals in different municipalities of Nepal. This allowed to reach 12,000 people and to contribute to reduce the spread of the pandemic, while enabling adequate care for patients. Also, Covid-19 prevention campaigns have been organised. In Kathmandu, ASIA has supported the Manasarovar school, by distributing preservation and sanitising materials, by building a hand washing station and by supplying food parcels to 108 families in financial difficulties.

In the education sector, ASIA has started the construction of a canteen in a school in the rural municipality of Naukunda, Saramthali village.

Lastly, ASIA continues to carry out an intervention in Kathmandu to protect Tibetan culture and will carry out the second stage of the Bönpo school of traditional medicine, which includes building a canteen for their students.



NEPAL 2021 IN NUMBERS



11 projects implemented in 2021, of which 10 completed and 1 in progress to be completed in 2022



Intervention sectors:



Emergency



Environmental Protection and Fight against Climate Change



Artistic, cultural and spiritual Heritage



WASH

Food Security, Agriculture and Pastoralism

Sustainable Development Goals



People we have supported



20.236 direct people



550 students



34 teachers



108 families



12.000 patients



6.911 farmers



633 Italian civil society



80.944 indirect people

Project partners

- Nepal Agroforestry Foundation
- CEAPRED
- Sengedag Service Society
- Manasarovar Foundation
- DAFNE (Università della Toscana)
- PIN s.r.l. (Arco)
- Associazione Apicoltori Trentini
- Associazione Forestale del Trentino
- Trentino for Tibet

Funds spent



781.025,60 Euro

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION AND PROMOTION OF NON-TIMBER FORESTRY SUPPLY CHAINS IN LANGTANG PARK



WHERE: Nepal - Rasuwa District, Rural Municipalities of Naukunda and Kalika, Langtang Park

SECTOR OF INTERVENTION: Food Security, Agriculture and Pastoralism; Environmental Protection and Fight against Climate Change

TOTAL AMOUNT: € 244.136,59

AMOUNT SPENT IN 2021: € 66.275,17

DONORS: Autonomous Province of Trento, ASIA Trento

PROGRESS REPORT: In progress

START/CONCLUSIONE: 01/04/2019 - 30/09/2022

DURATION: 41 months

DESCRIPTION: The project tackles the problem of scarce access to land and the lack of sustainable natural resources models 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 scarcely fertile 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 economic migration phenomenon from rural areas towards the Persian Gulf countries has highly spread: for over 10 years – particularly following the earthquake in 2015 – large part of the menfolk of rural areas left seeking work abroad (about 35%). Women stay at home raising children, cultivating fields and breeding animals as well as paying off

debts incurred to pay for their husbands' travel expenses. In Nepal women are subordinate to men both socially and economically. In rural areas the condition of women is still anchored to the past and to a patriarchal society that denies women the rights to land, health, education and upbringing.

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

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE:

1. Improving women's living conditions, social and economic empowerment in rural areas of Rasuwa district.
2. Spreading usage models of natural resources with high adaptability and resistance to climate change, reclaiming marginal lands after decades of over-exploitation and restoring their productive capacity and the offered ecosystem services.
3. Reducing 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 in order to generate income for families in the buffer zones as well as ecosystem services that are useful to the local and valley communities.
4. Fostering Langtang Park rewilding, through reintroduction of native species in the buffer zones; their gradual spread also inside the Park; controlling the spread of alien forest species and recovery of the habitat for at-risk fauna (*Hemitragus jemlahicus*, *Ailurus fulgens*, *Gallinago nemoricola* are the main species at risk (IUCN) living in the Park).





PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

- A1.** Selecting families with a female householder under the greatest economic hardship conditions.
- A2.** Organising and running a training course by our Nepalese partner in order to raise awareness among women concerning their rights to citizenship, education and land ownership.
- A3.** Organising 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 sqm with fertile soil.
- A5.** Primary basic underlying processing and preparing the seed bed for sowing.
- A6.** Setting up greenhouses lined with polyethylene sheets.
- A7.** Setting up 2 drip irrigation systems.
- A8.** Supplying materials for 2 nurseries, seeds, walk-in polytunnels, material for working the land, equipment for plant care.
- A9.** Drafting a convention with 3 Forest Users Groups; definition of a campaign for Park reforestation; protective and productive reforestation operations with 3 cores of 5 hectares each, totalling 15 hectares.
- A10.** Selecting 60 families of beekeepers or interested in beekeeping; training of 60 beekeepers; supplying of hives and of beekeeping-specific personal protective equipment to the 60 beekeepers.
- A11.** Selecting 12 families interested in the farming of edible saprophytic mushrooms intended for sale; training 12 families interested in mushroom farming; construction of 12 mushroom beds; supplying farming materials for edible mushrooms.
- A12.** Selecting 60 families of breeders, men and women; defining the training content;

training the selected 60 families on animal nutrition and fodder crops; providing the 60 families with 250 fodder forest plants.

In Italy:

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

EXPECTED RESULTS:

- R1.** 80% of female householders facing economic hardship are informed on their rights and trained in farm management, production and sale of farm produce.
- R2.** 2 nurseries for the reproduction of local tree species, for the buffer zones functional rewilding, that are set up, equipped and offered 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 equipped to start up or expand beekeeping activities in the buffer zones.
- R5.** 12 families trained in the farming of edible mushrooms intended for sale.
- R6.** 60 families of breeders are trained in techniques of pruning arboreal plants for animal fodder (planted intercropped on 15 hectares of marginal lands) and provided with 250 seedbeds of trees that are suitable for planting.

RESULTS ACHIEVED IN 2021:

- 1.** 94% of female householders in economic hardship are aware of their rights and trained on agricultural management, production and sale of agricultural produce.
- 2.** 3 trainings on business planning and mediation, 4 trainings on nursery management, 3 trainings on women's rights to citizenship, education and land, 4 trainings in financial literacy were organised for the 4 groups of women involved in the project.
- 3.** 1 ferrocement tank was built.
- 4.** 60 beekeeping families were selected, trained and provided with 2 hives each, a beekeeping kit and personal protective equipment.
- 5.** 12 families were selected and provided with mushroom growing kits; 12 mushroom beds were also built.
- 6.** 15 hectares of marginal areas were planted with native tree species, selected on the basis of technical analyses.
- 7.** More than 260 tree plants seedlings suitable for planting were delivered to 60 breeders' families, with a total of 15,650 leaf seedlings for animal fodder.

BENEFICIARIES REACHED IN 2021:

Direct: 65 women, 30 farmers, 60 beekeepers' families and 60 breeders' families, totalling 215 people

Indirect: 860 people

PARTNERS: Nepal Agroforestry Foundation, Associazione Apicoltori Trentini, Associazione Forestale del Trentino, Trentino for Tibet.

SUPPORT TO POVERTY REDUCTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF FOOD SECURITY THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENT OF CLIMATE CHANGE RESILIENCE AND SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE IN THE DISTRICT OF SINDHUPALCHOK IN NEPAL



WHERE: Nepal - Sindhupalchok District

SECTOR OF INTERVENTION: Food Security, Agriculture and Pastoralism; Environmental Protection and Fight against Climate Change

TOTAL AMOUNT: € 63.791,61

AMOUNT SPENT IN 2021: € 48.489,89

DONORS: Italian Presidency of the Council of Ministers

PROGRESS REPORT: Completed

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

PROJECT PERIOD: 12 months

DESCRIPTION: The project aims to (i) improve seed supply through selection and breeding of valuable local ecotypes and varieties, appreciated on the market and capable of good responses to climate change; (ii) acquire conservative agronomic practices useful to improve soil water retention capacity, organic matter for slow nutrient release and synergistic actions between crops; (iii) strengthen the market and economic relations between farmers/intermediaries/companies, increase added value and commercial penetration of organic products in peri-urban markets.

GENERAL OBJECTIVE: Promoting a sustainable and environmentally friendly production model in Nepal that is capable of responding to climate change through the cultivation of local varieties and ecotypes with high adaptive capacity.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES:

1. Increasing the market share of traditional agricultural produce (vegetables and seeds) through demand stimulation and market awareness.

2. Spreading conservative, sustainable farming practices, having a low environmental impact in terms of carbon footprint and water consumption for the production of traditional agricultural products.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

A1.1 Site selection and implementation of 4 nurseries.

A1.2 Establishment of farmers' groups and co-operatives along the production corridors.

A1.3 Improvement of fresh vegetables and selected spices farming in the production areas.

A2.1 Training for groups/cooperatives on harvesting, processing and sale of produce.

A2.2 Equipping infrastructures for the storage of non-perishable products and identification/enhancement of facilities for collection centres at local level.

A2.3 Promotion of organic insecticides, pesticides and fertilisers.

EXPECTED RESULTS:

R1. At least 180 farmers (of whom at least 50% are women) become members of 3 production co-operatives/groups created during the project activities and their production capacity increases by 15% measured in units of area (t/ha).

R2. Conservation and climate change effective agricultural techniques are promoted and adopted by 180 farmers.

RESULTS ACHIEVED IN 2021:

1. 4 nurseries were built.

2. Creation of 8 production groups with a total of 188 farmers (of whom 76% are women).

3. Carried out trainings: 1 training on co-operative work; 1 training on smart agriculture and setting up nurseries; 1 participatory training on irrigation practices; 1 training on the production of seasonal and non-seasonal seeds and vegetables for consumption, processing and sale; 1 training on the promotion of organic insecticides, pesticides and fertilisers.

4. 1 equipped product storage facility.

5. Increased production capacity of beneficiaries by an average of 25.4%.

6. The 188 farmers produce organic pesticides and insecticides, reduce the use of chemicals and obtain healthier products.

BENEFICIARIES REACHED IN 2021:

Direct: 188 farmers

Indirect: 752 people

PARTNERS: ASIA, CEAPRED



SPEED FOR LIFE - IMPROVING 'SPICES AND SEEDS' VALUE CHAINS FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN NEPAL, ENCOURAGING WOMEN AND YOUTH'S EMPOWERMENT

WHERE: Nepal - Districts of Kavrepalanchok and Sindhupalchok, Rural Municipalities of Dhulikel, Na-mobuddha, Temal, Helambu and Melamchi, Nepal

SECTOR OF INTERVENTION: Food Security, Agriculture and Pastoralism

TOTAL AMOUNT: € 789.738,84

AMOUNT SPENT IN 2020: € 235.468,73

AMOUNT SPENT IN 2021: € 333.002,18

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

PROGRESS REPORT: In progress

START/CONCLUSION: 01/11/2019 - 31/05/2022

PROJECT PERIOD: 31 months

DESCRIPTION: The project was set up starting from the needs of the beneficiary populations in the Kavre and Sindhupalchok Districts, where there are problems with quality seed production, poor knowledge of marketing channels, methods and production techniques. A huge number of men migrate to foreign countries looking for a job and this has left a void in family and business management. Special attention will be given to the role of women in business management, ensuring full and effective participation and equal leadership opportunities at all levels of decision-making in political, economic and public life. Local and governmental authorities will be supported in building agricultural strategies in the territory and to strengthen popular participation in local policies.

The involvement of the University of Tuscia Department of Agricultural and Forestry Sciences will bring added value in the introduction of new techniques and technologies for the production and conservation of quality seeds and in the creation of a seed bank to safeguard



local varieties genetic heritage.

Beneficiaries will receive support from marketing experts from the Prato University Campus in preparing useful business plans for the sale of agricultural products that will guarantee self-sustainability over time, as well as a study of the selected products value chain that will help create a sustainable marketing system.

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

In the long term, through the increase in agricultural production and income as a consequence, the beneficiary farmers - men and women - will be able to provide for their families and will be able to benefit from basic services, contributing to the development of the welfare system.

GENERAL OBJECTIVE: Improving farmers' living conditions by increasing agricultural production and the sale of high-value vegetables and seeds in Nepal Central region.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE:

1. Promoting women and young people's empowerment in the Kavrepalanchok and Sindhupalchok districts by introducing improved technologies to increase the production of quality seeds and spices.
2. Strengthening the system of harvesting, sorting, packaging and sale of seeds, vegetables and spices by means of community social enterprises (60% women) created by improving the management process of local authorities in the 2 selected districts.





PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

- A1.** Identification and participatory selection of potential seed species and areas for seed production of local varieties.
- A2.** Strengthening farmers' skills for commercial seed production.
- A3.** Strengthening farmers' skills for the commercial production of spices.
- A4.** Dissemination of Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) for the use of pesticides in Agriculture (synthetic and natural).
- A5.** Creation of a seed bank.
- A6.** Establishment of 2 social enterprises for marketing and preparation of the necessary premises for the two enterprises.
- A7.** Capacity building for community social enterprises.
- A8.** Participatory planning and meetings with Rural Municipalities and Agriculture Knowledge Centre.
- A9.** Mobilisation and capacity building of Community Resources Persons.
- A10.** Strengthening weekly seed and vegetable markets.
- A11.** Study of the spice and seed value chain for at least 7 seed varieties and 3 spice varieties.
- A12.** Development of a business plan for the sale of processed and semi-processed seeds and spices.
- A13.** Dissemination of agricultural bulletins via FM Radio and SMS.

EXPECTED RESULTS:

- R1.** Production for sale of seeds and spices of high commercial value species increased by 20% using appropriate production techniques and the involvement of local farmer groups.
- R2.** Successful implementation of a business plan for community social enterprises self sustainability.
- R3.** Strengthened local authority management through participatory planning on the sale of local products, ensuring ownership of the development process. .
- R4.** Creation of a sustainable seed and spice marketing system through value chain improvement and proper use of the agricultural market information system

RESULTS ACHIEVED IN 2021:

- 1.** 3192 farmers were trained (1,758 women and 987 men).
- 2.** Renovation and adaptation of the seed bank premises completed.
- 3.** Renovation works on the premises of the 2 community enterprises completed.
- 4.** Continuation of social mobilisation through Community Resources Persons.
- 5.** 132 representatives participated in 7 events in 5 municipalities (Temal, Namobuddha, Melamchi, Helambu and Dhulikel).
- 6.** 2 B2C events organised in Kavrepalanchowk and Sindhupalchowk districts.
- 7.** 1 seminar and 1 round table organised in each of the 2 districts (total 2 seminars and 2 round tables).
- 8.** 500 registered farmers received 312,953 texts and 33 agricultural bulletins

BENEFICIARIES REACHED IN 2021:

Direct: 3.192 farmers (55,07% women); 132 community representatives; 71 participants in seminars and round tables (producers, buyers, traders, retailers, wholesalers, intermediaries and government officials)

Indirect: 13.580 farmers (family members of the beneficiaries involved)

PARTNERS: ASIA, CEAPRED, DAFNE (Università della Tuscia), PIN s.r.l. (Arco)

REDUCING FOOD INSECURITY AND IMPROVING WOMEN AND FARMERS' LIVING CONDITIONS IN THE RASUWA DISTRICT

WHERE: Nepal, Rasuwa District, Rural Municipality of Naukunda

SECTOR OF INTERVENTION: Environmental Protection and Fight against Climate Change; Food Security, Agriculture and Pastoralism.

TOTAL AMOUNT: € 81.221,00

AMOUNT SPENT IN 2021: € 34.654,76

DONORS: Autonomous Province of Bolzano: granted funding € 51.043,00

PROGRESS REPORT: Completed

START/CONCLUSION: 01/06/2019 – 31/12/2021

PROJECT PERIOD: 12 months + 18 months extension

DESCRIPTION: In recent years, the phenomenon of economic migration from rural areas to the Persian Gulf countries has become highly prevalent: for more than 10 years – and particularly in the aftermath of the 2015 earthquake – large part of the menfolk of rural areas left seeking their fortune abroad (about 35%). Women stay at home raising children, cultivating fields and breeding animals as well as paying off debts incurred to pay for their husbands' travel expenses. In Nepal, women are socially considered a minority and subordinate to men in both social and economic positions. In rural areas, the condition of women remains anchored to the past and to a patriarchal society in which women are subordinate to men and have no right to land, health, education and upbringing. The project addresses the problem of poor access to land and the lack of sustainable yet adequate natural resource usage models to ensure a decent standard of living for communities in the buffer zones of Langtang Park. In these areas, marginal land, areas subject to intense exploitation in previous



decades, so they are in a condition of low fertility, both biotically and chemico-physically, with minimal soil thickness and reduced by decades of accelerated erosion. These areas are now very likely to desertify, the soil conditions undermine normal productive uses, not only agricultural ones but also extensive pastoral ones. For this reason, a plan of activities has been planned to restore forest cover in marginal areas and improve the living conditions of communities in these areas through the development of opportunities to increase income (beekeeping, agricultural production resilient to climate change, fodder production for animal feed, reforestation of marginal areas). The envisaged actions will foster the development of a diversified production model that is resilient to the effects of climate change.

GENERAL OBJECTIVE: Reducing food insecurity and improving the living conditions of women and their families through income opportunities related to environmental conservation, agricultural production and the promotion of non-timber forestry chains in the Langtang Park in Nepal.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE:

1. Promoting the improvement of women's status, social and economic empowerment in rural areas of Rasuwa district.
2. Disseminating highly adaptable agricultural and forestry resource usage models and resilience to climate change, recovering marginal lands and restoring their productive capacities and the offered eco-system services.





3. Promoting the Langtang Park rewilding, through the reintroduction of native species in buffer zones and their gradual dissemination also within the Park.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

A1. Identification and selection of women and trainings on the right to land and basic financial education; training on nursery management, business plan and mediation.

A2. Selection of 60 families and training of 60 beekeepers (distribution of beehives and beekeeping kits).

A3. Identification and training of 60 breeder families and distribution of 3,000 animal feed plants.

A4. Establishment of 4 nurseries with 4 irrigation systems and distribution of seed kits and nursery start-up.

A5. Start-up of a reforestation campaign in Langtang Park buffer zone of and distribution of 7,000 trees.

A6. In Italy: Organisation of a photo exhibition with the photographs taken during the implementation of the activities and projection of videos to share the project results and to raise awareness on the issues of food security, poverty, migration, Nepalese women's condition, environmental conservation and climate change.

EXPECTED RESULTS:

R1. Creation of income opportunities for 110 families including 30 with a female householder.

R2. Increased quality agricultural production through the creation of nurseries with irrigation systems.

R3. Starting a reforestation and rewilding campaign in Langtang Park buffer zones.



RESULTS ACHIEVED IN 2021:

1. Income opportunities created for 164 families by training 60 beekeeping families, to whom beekeeping kits were distributed.

2. Increased quality agricultural production through the creation of 2 nurseries with tanks and irrigation systems.

3. 2620 additional plants planted as part of Langtang Park buffer zone reforestation and rewilding campaign and 3450 plants distributed as fodder for livestock feeding.

4. Online exhibition organised (due to Covid-19) in Italy, to disseminate the results and photographs taken during the project implementation.

BENEFICIARIES REACHED IN 2021:

In Nepal: direct: 1260 – **indirect:** 5040

In Italia: direct: 633 – **indirect:** 2532

PARTNERS: ASIA and Nepal Agroforestry Foundation (NAF)

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

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

SECTOR OF INTERVENTION: WASH; Food Security, Agriculture and Pastoralism.

TOTAL AMOUNT: € 125.620,00

AMOUNT SPENT IN 2021: € 86.216,10

DONORS: Autonomous Province of Bolzano, ASIA: granted funding € 87.058,00 euro

PROGRESS REPORT: In progress

START/CONCLUSION: 01/06/2019 – 31/12/2021

PROJECT PERIOD: 12 months + 18 of extension

DESCRIPTION: The old water system in Saphukhane, in Sindhupalchock district 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 was 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 remained uncultivated due to sloping, there were no irrigation systems and farmers had little knowledge of production of profitable crops.

The yield of staple foods can only cover family needs for at most 3 months.

Agricultural produce are grown only for family consumption and there is no market activity. Also, Chauri – crossbred yaks and mountain cows (Aule gai) – and/or Kirko (bull) and Nak (female yak) have little availability of pasture and fodder due to the deforestation of the oak forest, which is now disappearing. 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 dairy products, herders are not satisfied by the pricing and marketing systems and want to increase the annual pro-capita production. About 5 years ago the Bhotekhoshi community sustained itself by Chauri breeding but now they are forced to choosing among various options, including:

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

The project was aimed at improving the living conditions of these rural communities through the construction of a water system and by strengthening the hygiene knowledge of the Bhotekhoshi rural community, as well as strengthening the Chauri farming system and dairy products sale, in order to foster the socio-economic development in these remote mountain areas.



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

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE: Providing 49 families with drinking water and improve their knowledge of hygienic and sanitary practices, increasing livestock production by 20%, decreasing morbidity by 35% and mortality by 15% in livestock owned by 160 small farmers in the communities of 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 herders and identification of grazing land for Chauri breeding.
- A5.** Purchase and distribution of Chauri.
- A6.** Management of pastures for long-term sustainability.
- A7.** Capacity building - training to improve technical breeding practices.
- A8.** Training on quality and healthy production of dairy products and distribution of essential equipment.
- A9.** Guidance on the modalities and benefits of livestock insurance to mitigate the risks of death from accidents and/or diseases.
- A10.** Access to health care and nutrition management.
- A11.** Training on creating a business plan for Chauri farmers.

A12. Dairy products sale.

A13. In Italy: organisation of a photographic exhibition on the project's themes in order to raise awareness of the problems of access to water and the lack of livelihoods in Nepal.

EXPECTED RESULTS:

R1. The communities in Sapukhane have access to drinking water.

R2. Improved hygiene conditions of the beneficiary communities.

R3. Organised livestock breeders and pastures identified for the improved breeding of 60 chauri to the 3 communities (20 chauri per community).

R4. Health conditions of the herds in the 3 communities improved through training and support to public veterinary services.

R5. Strengthened link between farmers and the market.

RESULTS ACHIEVED IN 2021:

1. Construction of 2 water distribution systems for the Sapukhane communities, and a tank with 8,000 litres capacity; installation of 11 public taps and construction of a pipeline system.

2. Organised a hygiene awareness campaign and training for communities in Sapukhane.

3. Formed three sub-groups of chauri breeders and registered the main group; mapped potential summer and winter grazing areas and distributed 57 chauri and 3 bulls.

4. Three nurseries were built, with the aim of producing fodder plants, and 3,000 fodder saplings distributed, with the creation of three improved pastures.

5. Also trained farmers on breeding and reproduction techniques and the production of quality milk products, as well as on the modalities and benefits of livestock insurance to reduce the risk of animal death.

6. Conducted training for farmers on methods of diagnosis and treatment of animal diseases



and organised two mobile clinics. Also trained farmers on preparing a business plan and carried out market research for dairy products, which was then shared with local stakeholders.

7. Realised a virtual photo exhibition to disseminate the results of the project and make society about Nepal's cultural traditions.

BENEFICIARIES REACHED IN 2021:

In Nepal: direct: 697 - **indirect:** 2788

In Italia: direct: 633 - **indirect:** 2532

PARTNERS: ASIA and Sengedag Service Society (SSS)



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

WHERE: Nepal - Rasuwa District, Naukunda Municipality, villages of Saramthali, Patikharka, Langbu, Bhorle and Khalchet.

SECTOR OF INTERVENTION: WASH

TOTAL AMOUNT: € 52.984,00

AMOUNT SPENT IN 2021: € 34.082,44

DONORS: Chiesa Valdese Otto per Mille, ASIA

PROGRESS REPORT: Completed

START/CONCLUSION: 01/02/2020 - 30/06/2021

PROJECT PERIOD: 12 months + 5 months extension

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

- shortage of drinking water, mainly in Langbu village: it takes each family about 33 minutes to fetch water 7 times a day and the average per capita water consumption is not sufficient;;
- high rate of pollution from solid waste, which damages the soil and intensifies the risk of diseases related to poor hygiene.

The project sought to ensure access to drinking water in the village of Langbu and to help to improve the hygienic and sanitary conditions in the villages of Langbu, Parchyang, Patikharka, Saramthali, Bhorle and Khalchet in the Rasuwa district, Nepal. Thanks to the construction of an aqueduct and the installation of a tap in each house, access to drinking water has been ensured for 45 families.

A Management Committee has been set up to maintain the aqueduct. Training and Hygiene education sessions have been organised, with the distribution of bins and waste collection



kits in 6 villages. In addition, cleaning and hygiene campaigns have been organised in the villages and a Hygiene Committee has been set up to continue the activities after the end of the project.

Beneficiaries were able to have water in their homes and live in a healthy environment, limiting the pollution of their soils and the proliferation of diseases.

GENERAL OBJECTIVE: Ensuring access to water and improving hygiene conditions for the Tamang population in Rasuwa district, Nepal.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE:

1. Ensuring access to water for 300 people living in Langbu village
2. Improving the hygiene standards of the population in Bhorle village and spreading good practices to neighbouring villages.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

- A1. Implementation of a water system in Langbu.
- A2. Establishment of Water Point Management Committees.
- A3. Environmental hygiene campaigns.

EXPECTED RESULTS:

- R1. Increasing the availability of drinking water in Langbu village.
- R2. Setting up of 9 hygiene and environmental campaigns and distribution of 50 waste bins.

RESULTS ACHIEVED IN 2021:

1. 3 trainings on the maintenance and fixing of the water system have been carried out. The spring has been registered and 67 public drinking fountains have been built.
2. Organized 9 hygiene and environmental campaigns and distributed 50 waste bins.

BENEFICIARIES REACHED IN 2021:

Direct: 350 people

Indirect: 1400 people

PARTNERS: ASIA and Nepal Agroforestry Foundation



‘BECOMING ‘AMCHI’: A SCHOOL OF TRADITIONAL TIBETAN MEDICINE IN NEPAL AS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE YOUTH AND POPULATION OF THE HIMALAYAN AREA’. SECOND STAGE: BUILDING A CANTEEN, A KITCHEN AND A WAREHOUSE

WHERE: Nepal, Kathmandu

SECTOR OF INTERVENTION: Cultural, spiritual and artistic Heritage

TOTAL AMOUNT: € 229.000

DONORS: Tides Foundation, Tritten Norbutse Institution, ASIA and private donors

PROGRESS REPORT: In progress

START/CONCLUSION: 01/09/2020 – 30/04/2023

PROJECT PERIOD: 32 months

DESCRIPTION: This project has been carried out in cooperation with the Tritten Norbutse Institution, the one and only institution legally registered in Nepal for the purpose of keeping the traditional methods of Tibetan medicine alive. Traditional Tibetan medicine has proven to be an excellent medicine with no side effects, effective for many types of illnesses including flu and viruses such as COVID-19. It is also a type of medicine that is accessible to the poorest sections of Nepalese population. Ancient Tibetan medicine is rooted in the Bön culture, which predates the arrival of Buddhism in Tibet and Nepal by several centuries. It is a comprehensive traditional medical system based on complex diagnoses and relying on renowned textual sources. After the diagnosis, Tibetan doctors (Amchi) recommend that patients avoid harmful behaviours and eat healthy and suitable food. Remedies are mainly composed of medicinal herbs having healing properties and minerals, while body therapies include acupuncture and moxibustion.

The school of medicine in Kathmandu is the first to teach the entire Bon Bumshi medical system outside Tibet and will thus maintain and preserve this unique medical tradition. The training programme is open to anyone who is interested in becoming an Amchi doctor, especially young Tibetans in exile and young Nepalese who share an interest in Tibetan culture and the healing arts. The school aims to offer these young people a professional perspective and in the medium term will contribute to improving health services for the population in the remote mountainous regions of Nepal, in particular the districts of Dhorpatan, Dolpo and Mustang. The curriculum is initially aimed at young people in these areas, where educational provision is totally lacking. Here, the population has a Tibetan background and the cultural and spiritual tradition of Yungdrung Bon is still alive.

The ‘Becoming Amchi’ project was developed with the aim of supporting the Himalayan population with little or no access to health facilities and to keep alive very effective traditional methods and medicines to treat and prevent various types of illnesses.

The project is divided into 3 stages:

1. The first has involved the construction of a dormitory, consisting of a floor for girls and a floor for boys;



2. the second – now in progress – envisages the construction of a canteen, with a kitchen and refectory;

3. the third, which will begin upon completion of the canteen, envisages the construction of a library and classrooms for the students of the school of traditional medicine.

GENERAL OBJECTIVE: Improving primary health care in remote areas of Nepal through the establishment of a school of traditional medicine and the training of qualified Himalayan traditional doctors.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE:

1. Creating learning opportunities by building facilities for traditional medical education and capacity building for students and traditional doctors in the Himalayan region.
2. Enabling the poorest segment of the population in rural Nepal to have access to adequate treatment.
3. Preserving traditional Tibetan culture and cross-cultural exchange between Western and traditional medicine.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

- A1. Formalisation of the project design and quotes with local authorities.
- A2. Selection of tenders and contractors.
- A3. Construction of the building.
- A4. Government structural approval during and after completion of the building.
- A5. Delivery of the building.
- A6. Workshop to promote traditional Tibetan medicine.

EXPECTED RESULTS:

- R1. Completion of one building of the entire school of traditional medicine campus.
- R2. Opening of classes in the new school of traditional medicine.
- R3. Promotion of intercultural dialogue between Western and Eastern medicine.

RESULTS ACHIEVED IN 2021: The project has been slowed down due to COVID-19 pandemic, making it impossible to carry out activities during 2021. During this period, the project design has been prepared, specifications have been drawn up to launch a national tender to choose the construction company, and the municipality has delivered permits waiting to start building in spring 2022.

PARTNERS: ASIA and Tritten Norbutse Institution.

MENSANA: CHILDREN ARE GUARANTEED PROPER NUTRITION IN DUPCHESWORI SCHOOL, NEPAL

WHERE: Nepal, Rasuwa District, Naukunda rural Municipality, Saramthali village

SECTOR OF INTERVENTION: Education; Food Security, Agriculture and Pastoralism

TOTAL AMOUNT: € 102.104,00

AMOUNT SPENT IN 2021: € 1.393,00

DONORS: Autonomous Province of Bolzano, ASIA: granted funding € 60.153,00 euro

PROGRESS REPORT: In progress

START/CONCLUSION: 01/01/2021 - 31/12/2022

PROJECT PERIOD: 12 months + 12 months extension

DESCRIPTION: The project addresses the problem of malnutrition and food insecurity in Naukunda rural Municipality, in Rasuwa district, where parents have difficulty feeding their children and even sending them to school. Poverty and food insecurity are overflowing in Naukunda rural Municipality, due to high food prices and to a series of natural disasters that have destroyed farmers' crops. Vulnerable families are forced to skip meals or sell valuable goods to buy food. Although Nepal is a farming country, the majority of poor farmers live below the poverty line. They do not have sufficient funding or resources to adapt to climate change. This is a very serious problem in a nation that is both farming and one of the most vulnerable countries to the effects of climate change that severely affect these delicate eco-systems.

Raising a child in a poor rural village in Nepal entails many challenges. Every day, children walk for an hour crossing streams to go to school. For children who make the long journey from small villages, schools are not only buildings, but also places that can help them making their hopes and dreams come true. For children who benefit from regular school meals, it means getting nutritious meals and staying in school.

The project aims to improve the 250 children's nutritional conditions in Dupcheswori school in Rasuwa district by building and equipping a canteen to ensure at least one meal during school hours and reduce the risk of malnutrition. Nutrition education and training in basic hygiene practices will be carried out in the school in the presence of the children and their mothers. The implementation of a school garden will have the dual value of educating children about agricultural work and the importance of nutritious food as well as sustaining the canteen provision over time. An awareness-raising campaign on proper nutrition, the practice of basic hygiene and the importance of education and of school attendance will help limit the damage caused by the conditions of poverty, hunger and malnutrition in Rasuwa area.

GENERAL OBJECTIVE: Reducing hunger, malnutrition and poverty, and improving education quality among the poorest families in Rasuwa district, Nepal.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE:

1. Improving the 250 students' nutritional status in Dupcheswori school in Naukunda rural Municipality.
2. Increasing the schooling rate in Dupcheswori school.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

- A1. Canteen construction and furnishing.
- A2. Food supply for 12 months.
- A3. Training on canteen maintenance and sustainability.
- A4. Implementation of a school garden.
- A5. Creation of a school garden Management Committee.
- A6. Nutrition training for parents and students.
- A7. Training on good hygiene practices.
- A8. Creation of a Monitoring Committee on proper nutrition and hygiene.
- A9. Nutrition and hygiene awareness campaign.
- A10. Raising-awareness campaign on school regular attendance.

EXPECTED RESULTS:

- R1. 250 students follow a proper daily diet.
- R2. At least 250 families are trained on proper daily diet and hygiene practices.
- R3. At least 275 students enrolled in school for the following year.

EXPECTED RESULTS: The project has been slowed down due to COVID-19 pandemic, making it impossible to carry out activities during 2021. During this period, the project design has been prepared, specifications have been drawn up to launch a national tender to choose the construction company, and the municipality has delivered permits waiting to start building in spring 2022.

PARTNERS: ASIA and Nepal Agroforestry Foundation



COVID-19 EMERGENCY- SUPPORT TO STUDENTS, TEACHERS AND CHILDREN'S FAMILIES IN MANASAROVAR SCHOOL



WHERE: Nepal, Kathmandu - Boudhanath

SECTOR OF INTERVENTION: Emergency

TOTAL AMOUNT: € 23.934,42

AMOUNT SPENT IN 2021: € 4.938,94

DONORS: Private

PROGRESS REPORT: Completed

START/CONCLUSION: 01/06/2020 - 30/03/2022

PROJECT PERIOD: 22 months

DESCRIPTION: In Nepal, as in so many other countries around the world, the pandemic has spread quickly, creating serious difficulties given the very rapid deterioration of a quite fragile economic system, which was already severely tested. In order to address the crisis, the Manasarovar School - which since 1999 has been offering primary education to Tibetan children living in the Boudhanath district and has been an important reference point for families in this area - has asked ASIA for help. ASIA has been supporting the school since the beginning with its distance support project. All schools were closed on 19 March 2020, forcing more than 8 million students to stay at home. This included the 550 students and 34 staff members of Manasarovar school, who found it very difficult to carry out their educational activities due to a lack of multimedia tools and poor computer skills. In order to prepare for the reopening and to resume classes by properly applying safety measures, investments have been made to purchase the necessary tools for prevention and to ensure sufficient distances between children to avoid contagion. In addition, 108 of the school children's families - having lost their jobs and no longer having the means to support themselves - turned to the school for help. ASIA has intervened by distributing food rations for 1 month, building a hand-washing station and distributing medical supplies to face the pandemic.

GENERAL OBJECTIVE: Preventing suffering, saving human lives and protecting the health of

Manasarovar School children and their families.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE:

1. Supporting the school, students and families to prevent the spread of Covid-19 Nepal lockdown.

2. Reducing hunger and supporting poor families impacted by the pandemic.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

A1. Creation of a hand-washing station.

A2. Monitoring and guidance to students on the correct way to wash their hands.

A3. Purchase of safety devices for the school.

A4. Reorganisation of classes and additional wage for teachers.

A5. Purchase and distribution of food parcels including: 5 kg rice, 2.5 kg Atta - wheat flour, 2.5 kg Maida, 2 kg Dal - black + red lentils, 1.5 litres cooking oil, 1 kg Chana - chickpeas, 1 kg beans, 1 kg sugar per person for 1 month.

EXPECTED RESULTS:

R1. The Manasarovar School is equipped in compliance with WHO guidelines.

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

R2. 108 poor families supported in food provision for 1 month.

RESULTS ACHIEVED IN 2021: Students organised into separate shifts and classes, involving teachers in overtime hours so that all children can attend in classrooms with reduced capacity. All other activities were implemented in 2020.

BENEFICIARIES REACHED IN 2021:

Direct: 550 students, 34 Manasarovar school staff member and 108 families

PARTNERS: ASIA and Manasarovar Foundation



TREE IN A CUP: A FORESTRY PROJECT TO IMPROVE THE ECONOMIC SITUATION IN A NEPALESE RURAL AREA THROUGH COFFEE PLANTS, FRUIT SPECIES AND MULTIPURPOSE TREES

WHERE: Nepal, Rasuwa District

SECTOR OF INTERVENTION: Food Security, Agriculture and Pastoralism; Environmental Protection and Fight against Climate Change

TOTAL AMOUNT: € 92.545,50

AMOUNT SPENT IN 2021: € 72.571,87

DONORS: Treedom s.r.l.

PROGRESS REPORT: Completed

START/CONCLUSION: 01/01/2021 – 31/12/2021

PROJECT PERIOD: 12 months

DESCRIPTION: Traditional agroforestry practices in the Rasuwa and Nuwakot districts play an important role in farmer livelihoods, since agricultural productivity is declining and traditional forest resources are not able to meet the increasing demand for food, fodder and timber. Furthermore, environmental deterioration is becoming a new problem in Nepal as well in the project areas. Therefore, agroforestry is one of the best ways to cope with this situation and local knowledge in agroforestry, education and development practices are essential to improve this activity. This project promotes the economic growth of Rasuwa and Nuwakot districts by increasing productivity and profit from the cultivation of coffee, fruit and multipurpose trees. It is a multi-year project running since 2017.

GENERAL OBJECTIVE: Reducing poverty in Nepal thanks to increased competitiveness of international trade and the domestic coffee market.

Improving marginal land use in Rasuwa and Nuwakot districts through fruits, fodder and multipurpose trees.

Creating employment opportunities for the community's youth and provide them with a source of sustainable income, mitigating the trend of migration to urban areas and the Persian Gulf.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE:

1. Expanding the area of coffee orchards and increasing coffee production in the country.
2. Supporting marginal land use and exporting products.
3. Improving forest areas in Rasuwa and Nuwakot districts through the planting of productive species.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

- A0.** Preparatory stage.
- A1.** Installation of 2 nurseries in Nuwakot district.
- A2.** Purchase and production of seedlings.
- A3.** Training on soil preparation and follow-up of seedling establishment.
- A4.** Seedling establishment: transport of seedlings, soil preparation and planting.
- A5.** Geolocation of seedlings.

A6. Training on organic farming practices and fair-trade principles.

A7. Training on reforestation and restoration of marginal land.

A8. Training on proper animal nutrition.

EXPECTED RESULTS:

R1. Coffee plantation areas are expanded in Rasuwa district and an effective management model is adopted to reduce the impact of diseases on coffee orchards.

R2. Increased forest productivity in terms of biodiversity and marginal land use by planting new species.

R3. Increased quality and productivity at the cooperative level and promotion of decent working conditions.

R4. Improved farmers' production and support to the management of product sale.

RESULTS ACHIEVED IN 2021:

1. 2 nurseries installed in Nuwakot district.

2. 78,700 seedlings have been distributed and geolocated.

3. 806 farmers trained on soil preparation, organic farming practices, reforestation and proper animal nutrition.

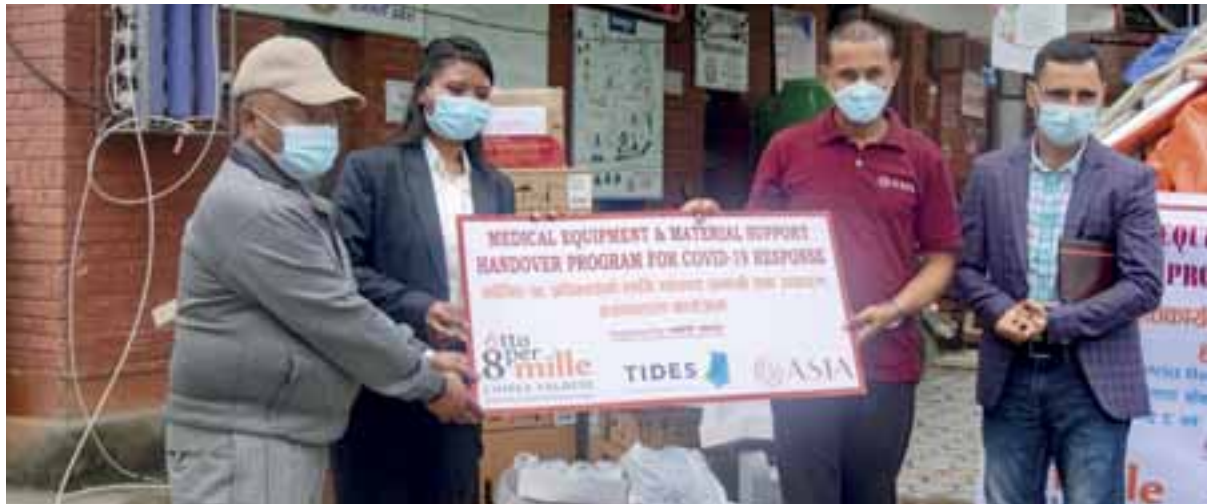
BENEFICIARIES REACHED IN 2021:

806 direct beneficiaries. 3224 indirect beneficiaries

PARTNERS: Nepal Agroforestry Foundation; Beautiful Coffee Nepal



NEPAL - COVID-19 EMERGENCY



WHERE: Nepal - Sindhupalchock, Rasuwa, Arghakanchi and Kavrepalanchok districts

SECTOR OF INTERVENTION: Emergency

TOTAL AMOUNT: € 105.850,79

AMOUNT SPENT IN 2021: € 99.401,25

DONORS: Chiesa Valdese Otto per Mille, Tides Foundation, ASIA

PROGRESS REPORT: Completed

START/CONCLUSION: 01/08/2021 - 30/09/2021

PROJECT PERIOD: 2 months

DESCRIPTION: In April 2021, a second wave of COVID-19 hit Nepal, overloading public and private hospitals and affecting the country with a mortality rate above 40%. ASIA received requests for support from 7 community and district hospitals in Sindhupalchock, Rasuwa, Arghakanchi and Kavrepalanchok. The community hospitals lacked oxygen supplies, personal protective equipment for healthcare professionals and patients, and rapid swab kits. People were afraid of being infected and were not treated in hospital due to lack of equipment. The support to community hospitals allowed to lighten the burden on hospitals in Kathmandu and to save lives in rural areas. ASIA therefore supported the 7 hospitals by providing materials including oxygen concentrators, home care kits, hand sanitiser and surgical masks.

GENERAL OBJECTIVE: Responding to Covid-19 emergency in rural Nepal.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE: Supporting 7 community and district hospitals through the distribution of medical supplies in Rasuwa, Sindhupalchowk, Arghakhanchi and Kavrepalanchok districts.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

A1. Purchase and transport of oxygen concentrators and health facilities from Europe to Nepal.

A2. Purchase and transport of medical supplies and protective materials to Nepal.

A3. Coordination with local authorities.

A4. Distribution of oxygen concentrators and medical supplies to the 7 hospitals.

A5. Visibility.

EXPECTED RESULTS:

R1. 12,000 direct beneficiaries have been provided with the following items:

40 oxygen concentrators and materials for oxygen therapy
24 pulse oximeters
60 oxygen masks
40 home care kits (including pulse oximeters, digital thermometers) 1,000 antigen test kits
24,000 Surgical Masks
4,000 pairs of gloves
6,000 N95 Masks
16 protective suits
80 Hand Sanitiser 500ml bottles
200 visors
200 safety goggles
30 pairs of double gloves
3,000 shoe covers
3,000 surgical caps
20 pairs of rubber boots
40 cadaver bag sets

RESULTS ACHIEVED IN 2021:

In 2021, the 7 hospitals have been provided with the following medical supplies:

40 oxygen concentrators
200 oxygen sets
7 CPAP machines
40 breathing tubes
135 oxygen masks
135 fire prevention valves
58 pulse oximeters
19,000 surgical masks
1,400 N95 masks
2,300 pairs of gloves
50 pairs of double gloves
600 antigen test kits
48 home care kits
14 Hand Sanitiser 500ml bottles
400 visors
2400 shoe covers
35 pairs of rubber boots
31 protective suits
400 safety goggles
3000 surgical caps
60 cadaver bag sets

BENEFICIARIES REACHED IN 2021:

Direct: 12000

Indirect: 48,000 indirect beneficiaries supported in the 7 hospitals

PARTNERS: ASIA



ITALY

In Italy, for the Global Citizenship Education sector, 2021 marked another step forward in the development of topics related to the Buddhist cultural tradition applied to education.

The AICS-funded 'Diverse but Not Distant' project has continued in the first half of the year with a series of activities that spread its values of empathy, non-violence and interdependence among civil society: from the 'Human Library' events to the Conference on Interdependence, from the Non-Violent Communication paths to other initiatives online and in schools. A special mention goes to the project's final event, 'Let's break down barriers', in which all partners participated with workshops and experiential activities and which ended with a concert by the jazz duo Paolo Fresu and Daniele di Bonaventura. The 'Seeds of awareness' project, implemented in partnership with Merigar and financed by UBI, also continued in 2021, both with activities in schools (Yantra Yoga/Kumar Kumari and awareness and empathy courses) and with

in presence seminars on Buddhist values organised in Merigar. A total of 534 people directly benefitted from the project, including 484 primary school.

In 2021, another project started in partnership with Merigar and with funding from the UBI: 'Breathing the Earth. Resilient children become aware of themselves and the environment', which aims to foster resilience in younger generations by cultivating awareness of their inner space and the external environment. The project started in the last few months of the year with Yantra Yoga/Kumar Kumari activities in primary schools in the municipalities of Amiata and inspections in schools in Rome for the creation of vegetable gardens.

During the year, another project was presented to the UBI: 'Educating to defend animal rights and protect the environment for a sustainable future of Planet Earth' in partnership with Merigar and LAV, aimed at raising awareness among primary and secondary school students, teachers and civil society to respect all sentient beings. Outcome pending.



ITALY 2021 IN NUMBERS



3 projects in progress



Sectors of intervention:

Global Citizenship Education

Sustainable Development Goals



Our beneficiaries

4.363 direct people



1.949 students



70 teachers



138 students' families



40 migrants



2.166 civil society



17452 indirect people

Together with

- Fondazione Empatia Milano (FEM)
- Programma Integra
- Centre for Buddhist Studies at the Department of Asian, African, Mediterranean Studies - University of Naples, L'Orientale
- Museo dei Bambini SCS Onlus (Explora)
- Merigar



Spent funds

217.958,11 Euro

DIVERSE BUT NOT DISTANT – BUDDHIST PRINCIPLES AS A MEANS OF BREAKING DOWN INNER BOUNDARIES AND MAKING DIVERSITY A GREAT GIFT

WHERE: Rome, Naples, Milan and national territory

SECTOR OF INTERVENTION: Global Citizenship Education

IMPORTO TOTALE: € 518.535,26

AMOUNT SPENT IN 2021: € 188.973,06

DONORS: AICS (70%)

PARTNER (30%)

• Fondazione Empatia Milano (FEM)

• Programma Integra

• Centre for Buddhist Studies at the Department of Asian, African, Mediterranean Studies – University of Naples, L'Orientale

• Museo dei Bambini SCS Onlus (Explora)

PROGRESS REPORT: Completed

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

PROJECT PERIOD: 26 months

DESCRIPTION: Italy is a crossroads for migrants, a destination for disembarkation and first



reception for many people coming from countries in a state of emergency, and its civil society is divided: on the one hand, there is a desirable sense of solidarity and encounter of cultures, but on the other hand there is an often-distorted perception of 'the other'. Phenomena of hatred, intolerance and discrimination towards foreign communities in Italy have become increasingly frequent.

The 'Diverse but Not Distant' project was an awareness-raising path to promote inclusion and participation, through education on the universal principles of empathy, interdependence and non-violence, and to value diversity, seen as a source of enrichment and growth rather than fear and separation, as well as educational and communication activities, events, trainings, conferences. These were aimed especially at teachers, educators, students and their families, citizens of foreign origin, in contexts where it is essential to work to develop the skills and competences that are essential to live in an increasingly interdependent and changing world. The initiatives had over 7 thousand direct beneficiaries and over 60 thousand indirect ones. The territories involved were Milan, Rome and Naples – the most representative cities in terms of number of foreign residents – and the entire national territory – thanks to online activities.

GENERAL OBJECTIVE: Contributing to the growth of a sense of belonging to a global community through the dissemination of Buddhist-specific principles.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE: Promoting knowledge among people belonging to different cultures by encouraging the spread of diversity concept as a value and by raising awareness among civil society on the principles of empathy, interdependence and non-violence in the cities of Milan, Rome and Naples.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

A1. Human Library: one cannot judge a book by its cover – 4 living library events on the theme of migration and discrimination in Rome and Milan.

A2. Today you are going to school: children teach empathy' – training and socio-educational activities for primary schools in Rome organised in partnership with the Museo dei bambini – Explora.

A3. 2 show cooking events: cuisines from the world, with the participation of young migrants, Italians over 60 and famous chefs.



A4. Conference on Interdependence: dialogues between Buddhist masters and international experts on the concept of interdependence in scientific, ethical and environmental terms (L'Orientale University of Naples).

A5. Animation videos on the concept of interdependence.

A6. Today you are going to school: children teach interdependence' – training and socio-educational activities for primary schools in Naples organised in cooperation with Città della Scienza.

A7. Yoga activities for children in Naples and Rome primary schools.

A8. Participatory videos on Hate Speech produced by high school students – Rome.

A9. Training for teachers on non-violent communication – Milan, Rome, Naples.

A10. Today you are going to school: children teach non-violence' – training and socio-educational activities for primary schools in Milan organised in cooperation with Ad Artem and the Museo del Novecento in Milan.

A11. Final Event - Concert 'Let's break down barriers' – Rome.

EXPECTED RESULTS:

R1. Increased and improved sense of empathy, understanding and knowledge of the other through workshops, events and awareness-raising activities.

R2. Increased sense of interdependence between people and improved perception of the other's diversity through awareness-raising events and activities.

R3. Increased and improved non-violent communication, physical and verbal, through workshops, events and contests.

RESULTS ACHIEVED IN 2021:

- Human Library': 2 events, one was held online, with virtual guests of the Library at Palazzo delle Esposizioni in Rome, and one was held in presence, at the Etruscan Museum in Rome. The last awareness-raising meeting on the topic of migration was held online. Production of 4 podcasts inspired by the stories of 4 of the human books of the last 2 editions. A total of 220 people participated and about 40 people of foreign origin or linked to the world of migration were trained and involved.

- Completion of 'Today you are going to school: children teach empathy' course for teachers, children and their families of the schools involved in Rome with the launch of a virtual training course on empathy, aimed at educators, parents and primary teachers. 412 people enrolled in the course in 2021.

- The last show cooking was live-streamed at Artusi classroom – Eataly Roma, and was viewed by over 500 people.

- The Interdependence Conference was held as 5 webinars over 5 days, attended by 1,719 people from 66 countries – 1,457 from Italy.

- Participation of the short film 'The Cow in the Sky' in the ShorTS festival in Trieste and in the Cartoons on the Bay festival.

- The last (online) meeting of the activity 'Today you are going to school: children teach interdependence' for 5 fifth grade classes of the elementary schools involved in Naples.

- The last 2 training courses on Non-violent Communication for students and teachers of high schools in Rome were held both online and in presence. Active participation of 565 students and 54 teachers.

- Completion of the 4th and last meeting of the course 'Today you are going to school: children teach non-violence' for children, teachers and families of the schools involved in

Milan. Participation of 138 families, 220 students and 23 teachers.

- The final event of the 'Let's break down barriers' project took place in Rome. All project partners participated in preparing afternoon workshops and activities for children – 'The Labyrinth of Emotions', 'Tibetan Momo Workshop', 'Tell Me a Story', Yoga Kumar Kumari – and for adults – a preview of 'FEM Human Library', dance performance and reading on empathy, exhibition of illustrations and viewing space, both on the short film on interdependence 'The Cow in the Sky'. The event ended with a concert by the jazz duo Paolo Fresu and Daniele di Bonaventura. The afternoon activities were attended by 47 children and about 80 adults, the concert by over 500 people.

BENEFICIARIES REACHED:

Direct (2021):

STUDENTS – from all levels and degrees: 1,335

TEACHERS – from all levels and degrees: 70 students' RELATIVES of the schools involved: 138

HUMAN LIBRARY PROTAGONISTS – people of foreign origin or linked to the world of migrants: 40

CIVIL SOCIETY – participants in different events: 2,116

Direct (total – in the 26 months of the project):

STUDENTS that are beneficiaries of at least 1 activity: 4,143 TEACHERS that are beneficiaries of at least 1 activity: 280 students' RELATIVES of the schools involved: 347

HUMAN AND LIBRARY BOOKS – Human Library protagonists: 55

SHOW COOKING PROTAGONISTS – foreign citizens and over 60s: 16

CIVIL SOCIETY – participants in the various events: 2,378

PARTNERS:

Fondazione Empatia Milano (FEM) Programma Integra

Centre for Buddhist Studies at the Department of Asian, African, Mediterranean Studies – University of Naples, L'Orientale

Museo dei Bambini SCS Onlus (Explora)



SEEDS OF AWARENESS: STARTING FROM SELF KNOWLEDGE TO REDISCOVER THE DEEP CONNECTIONS THAT EXIST BETWEEN HUMAN BEINGS AND CULTIVATE EMPATHIC RELATIONSHIPS



WHERE: Rome, Amiata municipalities, Naples

SECTOR OF INTERVENTION: Global Citizenship Education

TOTAL AMOUNT: € 99.790,00

AMOUNT SPENT IN 2021: € 27.515,89

DONORS: Italian Buddhist Union (UBI) 70%, Partner (Merigar - International Dzogchen Community Cultural Association and ASIA) 30%

PROGRESS REPORT: In progress

START/CONCLUSION: 01/09/2020 - 31/03/2022 1

PROJECT PERIOD: 19 months

DESCRIPTION: At a time when intolerance, discrimination and hate phenomena are spreading throughout society, it is essential to 'sow' values that underlie Buddhist philosophy, such as mindfulness and interdependence, in order to create a healthier and more harmonious sociality. Through this project and with a view to rediscover common humanity and greater self knowledge, ASIA, together with the lead partner Merigar, addresses both adult and young people with a series of activities that aim to spread the values of awareness and interdependence

in several Italian municipalities.

GENERAL OBJECTIVE: Helping improve young people's social emotional skills and create a more inclusive and welcoming society by spreading knowledge on the principles of mindfulness and interdependence.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

A1. Photo exhibition 'Tibetan Treasures' - with pictures and stories of spiritual masters, sacred places and ordinary people from Tibet, to create a bridge with a distant culture, make the 'diverse' known and increase the sense of belonging to the same humanity.

A2. Cycle of 2 seminars on the principles of Awareness and Interdependence aimed at civil society with the purpose of introducing them to the principles of Awareness and Interdependence from the Buddhist perspective.

A3. Workshop on drawing and fairy tales from around the world in elementary school: a reading path of fairy tales from around the world that introduces children to the principle of interdependence from the perspective of different cultural traditions through interactive storytelling and artistic expression.

A4. Mindfulness and empathy path in elementary school, to educate children to listen to themselves, their bodies and their emotions as a starting point for establishing empathic relationships based on non-judgmental understanding of the other.

A5. Yantra Yoga - Kumar Kumari classes in elementary school, to foster the harmonious development of children's personalities and promote the attitude of listening, debate and respect for others.

EXPECTED RESULTS:

An increased ability to feel empathy, a heightened sense of interdependence and increased awareness of one's body and emotions, as well as improved interpersonal skills among children and adults participating in the activities.

RESULTS ACHIEVED IN 2021:

- 2 courses on empathy and mindfulness implemented in elementary school in Rome and 161 students reached.
- Yantra yoga/kumar kumari classes implemented in elementary school in Rome and Naples and 323 students reached.
- Seminars on Buddhist values held in Merigar, 'The Other, My Mirror' and 'The Way of the Heart' and 50 people reached.

BENEFICIARIES REACHED IN 2021:

Direct: total of 534 direct beneficiaries

PARTNERS: Merigar - International Dzogchen Community Cultural Association (leading)



RESPIRARE LA TERRA. BAMBINI RESILIENTI ABITANO IN MODO CONSAPEVOLE SE STESSI E L'AMBIENTE

WHERE: Rome and province, Grosseto and province

SECTOR OF INTERVENTION: Global Citizenship Education

TOTAL AMOUNT: € 57.409,00

AMOUNT SPENT IN 2021: € 1.469,16

DONORS: Italian Buddhist Union (UBI) 70%, Partners (Merigar - International Dzogchen Community Cultural Association and ASIA) 30%

PROGRESS REPORT: In progress

START/CONCLUSION: 01/10/2021 - 30/09/2022

PROJECT PERIOD: months

DESCRIPTION: The basic vision inspiring the project is Interdependence: human beings and their environment are not separate, they are one. Rediscovering this unity with the Earth and other living beings, overcoming the sense of separateness, is a source of psychophysical well being and helps to develop a fuller conception of citizenship. However, this connection is first and foremost with oneself; it starts with awareness of what we think, the feelings we have and the sensations we feel in the body. Helping children become considerable and caring simultaneously for their inner world and the plants and fruits of the Earth is at the heart of this project.

GENERAL OBJECTIVE: Spreading in first grade schools the values of awareness, respect for the environment and the interdependence of all living beings as in the Buddhist vision, increasing the students and teachers' resilience and environmental awareness.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE: Fostering the social-emotional development, resilience and environmental awareness of primary school children and their teachers through pathways to awareness of their inner space (mindfulness and yoga) and of the outer environment (creation of school gardens/ vegetable gardens and climate change workshops).

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

A1. Mindfulness paths for children and teachers (differentiated paths carried out by specialized trainers).

A2. Kumar Kumari, Yantra Yoga for children.

A3. School gardens (with differentiated modalities based on the availability or not of open space and land by the school).

A4. The Earth as seen from space (workshops for children on respecting the environment and raising awareness on climate change)..

EXPECTED RESULTS:

R1. Children who participate in the mindfulness course show better emotional regulation, a calmer and more alert mind.

R2. Teachers who participate in the mindfulness course show increased self-awareness, better ability to manage stress and relationship with pupils and colleagues.

R3. Children who participate in yoga classes show increased awareness of their bodies and emotions and reduced anxiety and stress.

R4. Children who participate in the creation of school gardens show increased knowledge of



the plant life cycle, increased sensitivity to the environment and other life forms, and improved ability to cooperate.

R5. Children who participate in 'the Earth as seen from space' workshops show a better understanding of the causes and effects of climate change.

RESULTS ACHIEVED IN 2021:

- Project dissemination among schools, definition of participants and collaborators, scheduling of activities.
- 8 grades in 3 schools in the Grosseto province (Arcidosso, Castel del Piano and Seggiano) completed yoga classes.
- A first survey was carried out in the involved schools in Rome and province for the implementation of school gardens

BENEFICIARIES REACHED IN 2021:

Direct: 130 children (yoga)

PARTNERS:

Merigar - International Dzogchen Community Cultural Association (leading)
ASIA

LONG-DISTANCE SPONSORSHIP

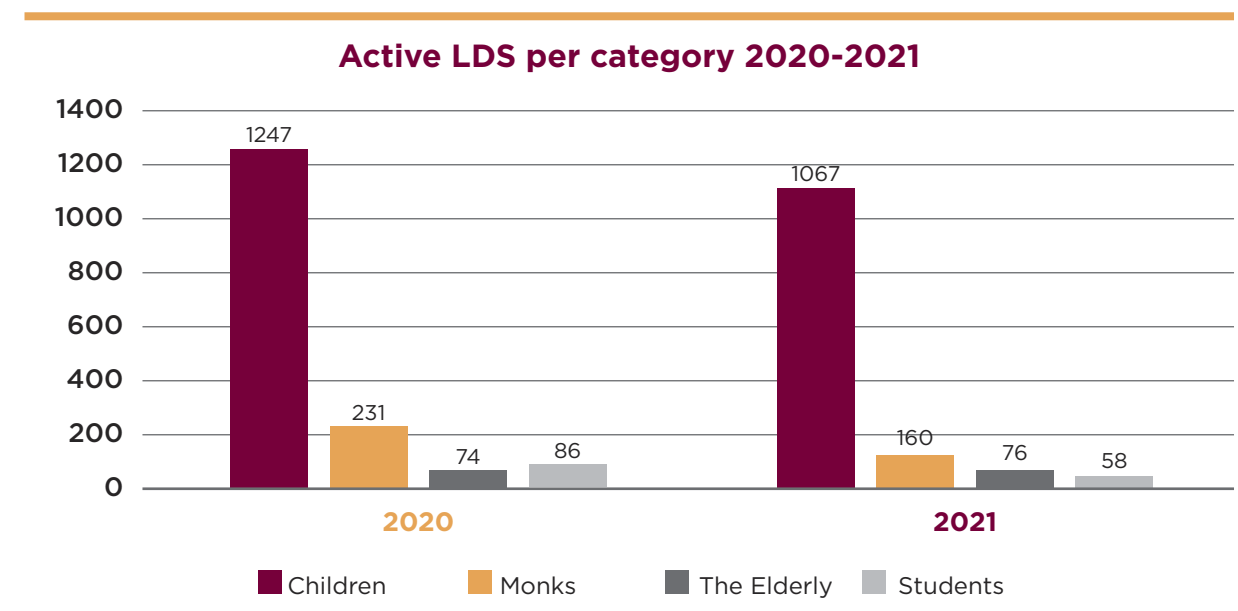
LONG-DISTANCE SPONSORSHIP

Long-Distance Sponsorship (LDS) is an act of solidarity that each year allows us to support schools, monasteries, university students and residential care homes for the elderly, improving the living conditions of people in need in the cultural and social environment to which they belong. Long distance Supporters pledge to send a stable and constant economic contribution to these children, youth, elderly and monks, ensuring them decent living conditions and the possibility of receiving an education that is respectful of their cultural identity, with the aim of maintaining and passing it on.



Thanks to Long-Distance Sponsorship we participate each year in the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, particularly contributing to achieving SDGs 1, 3 and 4.

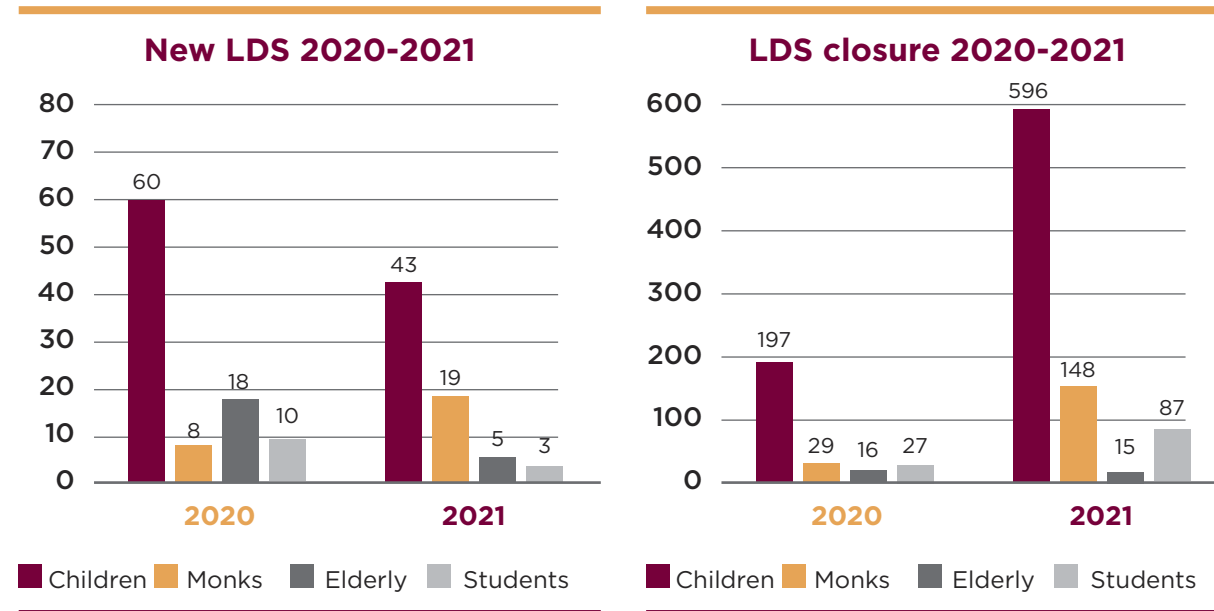
Each year the number of active LDS changes according to various factors, the main ones being: number of new starts, number of closures, number of renewals, opening/closing of projects. This year, the factor that most affected the trend of distance support was the closure of projects in Tibet. In fact, with a total of **1,361 active supports and 938 supporters**, 2021 registered a sharp decrease in the number of sponsorships compared to 2020 – which had ended with 1,638 active LDS and 1,152 supporters – but at the same time there was an increase in the number of new project openings: 5 – 2 monasteries, 1 elementary school and 2 secondary schools. Given the number of discontinued LDS in Tibet – 685 – and the economic difficulties caused by the pandemic, this is an unsatisfactory but predictable result, still provisional.



2021 LDS IN FIGURES

New LDS and Closures

2021 was marked both by a **decrease in requests to start new sponsorships** (70 in 2021 compared to 96 in 2020) and by an increase of Long-Distance Sponsorship closures (846 in 2021 compared to 269 in 2020) – strongly influenced by the closure of projects in Tibet.



As for the new LDS started in 2021, there was a remarkable increase in support for monks, while applications for children remained unchanged, those for students and the elderly decreased instead.

Of the 846 closures, 60 are sponsor-related while 786 are due to the beneficiaries' changed conditions. Here are the specific reasons:

- **as for the 60 sponsor-related closures:**

- 33 for protracted insolvency;
- 23 for economic difficulties;
- 4 for other reasons.

- **as for the 786 closures due to the beneficiaries' changed conditions:**

- 27 due to graduation/termination of studies;
- 26 due to transfer to other schools/monasteries;
- 2 due to relocation to other countries;
- 23 due to discontinuation of studies (family reasons, health, personal choices);
- 685 due to project closure;
- 13 for other reasons.

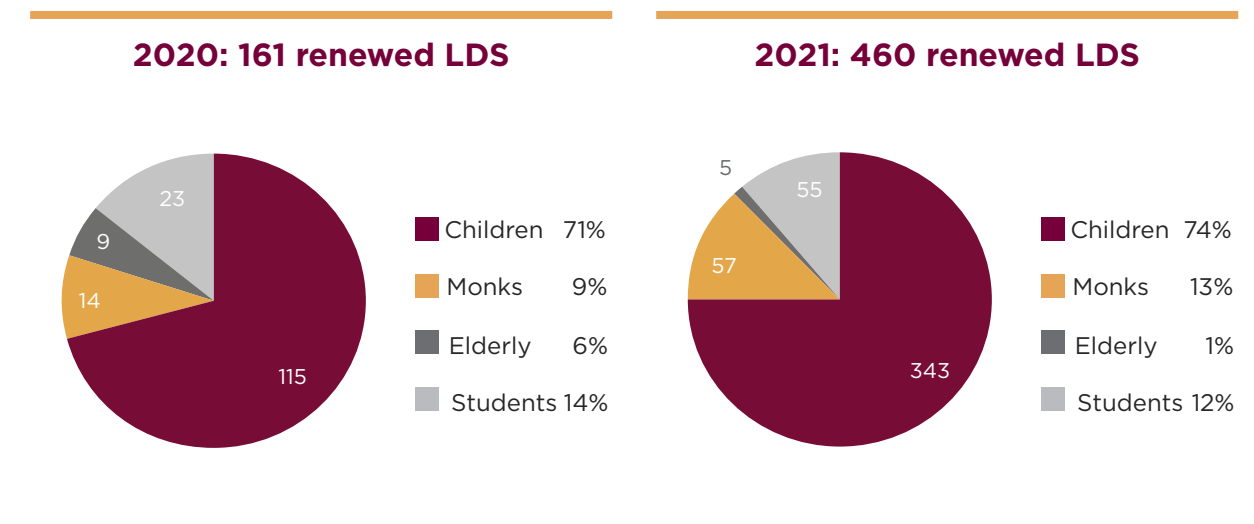
Sponsor-related closures increased (+9 compared to 2020), which was to be expected given the consequences of the pandemic. Compared to 2020, **closures due to economic difficulties decreased** (-5) but closures due to insolvency increased to 33 compared to 19 in 2020.

Closures due to the beneficiaries' changed conditions increased significantly compared to the previous year (+568 compared to 2020), as already noted, the largest the beneficiaries' changed conditions, 460 were renewed (see next paragraph), reducing the actual number of

closures to 326. We expect to continue reducing this number by urging the supporters who were notified of the closures and were asked to start new LDS to replace them (many have not yet responded).

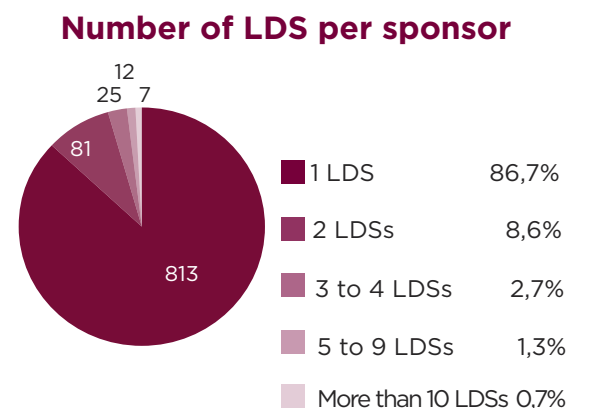
Renewed LDS

During 2021, **460 LDS were renewed**, i.e. started following the departure of beneficiaries (including 6 new supports from closures related to 2020). Of the 460 renewed supports, 343 are in support of children, 57 in support of monks, 5 in support of the elderly and 55 in support of high school or university students (scholarships). This figure is strongly influenced by the type of beneficiary who has left the programme: in most cases, sponsors choose to renew their Long-Distance Sponsorship in support of another beneficiary in the same category.



Long-distance sponsors

2021 welcomed **58 new sponsors** – of which 10 are former supporters – **for a total of 938 long-distance sponsors**. During the year as many as 12 sponsors with active sponsorship – compared to 8 in 2020 – decided to increase their commitment, supporting 22 more beneficiaries – compared to 14 in 2020 – which is extremely positive considering the difficulties faced in 2021 both within ASIA – due to the closure of the projects in Tibet – and outside due to the economic crisis. Of the 938 distance sponsors with active sponsorship, the majority – about 87% – sponsor a single beneficiary, but it is noteworthy that



as many 81 people sponsor at least 2 beneficiaries while the number of supporters with more than 10 increased to 7, +1 compared to 2020.

ASIA's sponsors come from many parts of the world, the majority residing in Europe but 90 people sponsor us from outside Europe. Among the most represented countries we have Italy ranking first – 708 sponsors out of 938 – followed by Germany (39), France (37), the USA (19), Spain (17), and the Czech Republic (see table below).

Number of sponsors per country of origin

Italy	708	Poland	5	Canada	1
Germany	39	Saudi Arabia	4	Chile	1
France	37	Mexico	4	China	1
USA	19	Ireland	3	United Arab Emirates	1
Spain	17	Taiwan	3	Estonia	1
Czech Republic	14	Argentina	2	Japan	1
United Kingdom	12	Finland	2	Latvia	1
Australia	8	Greece	2	Malta	1
Netherlands	7	Romania	2	Norway	1
Switzerland	7	Russia	2	Qatar	1
Austria	5	Slovak Republic	2	San Marino	1
Brazil	5	South Africa	2	Singapore	1
Luxembourg	5	Hungary	2	Ukraine	1
Peru	5	Belgium	1	Venezuela	1

ASIA in the world

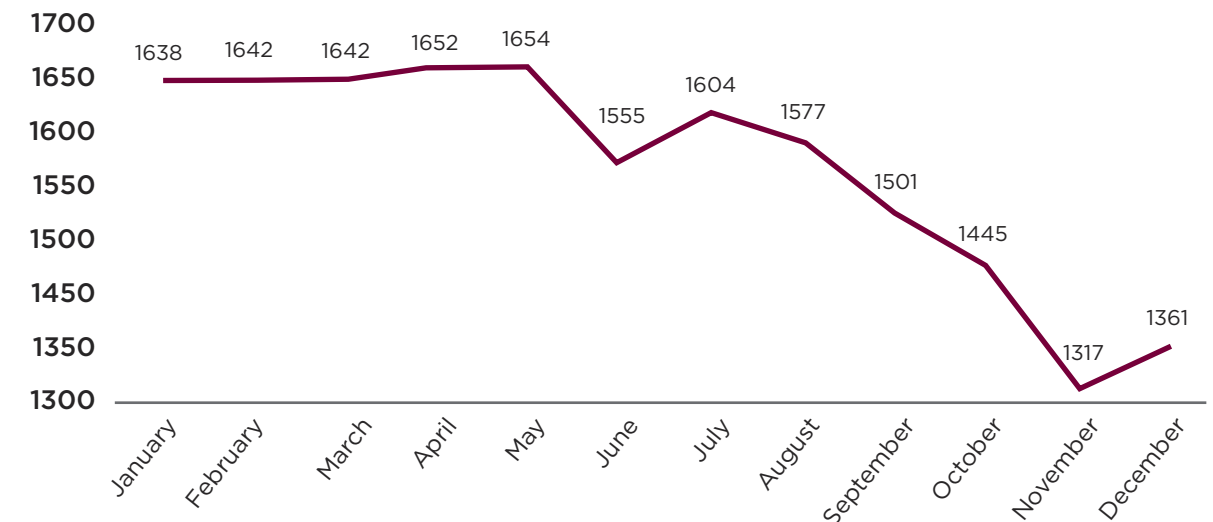
As regards the countries where **ASIA** has an office **in the world**:

- in **France**, the number of active LDS and sponsors has remained unchanged since 2020: 36 sponsors and 46 active LDS: 32 children, 11 monks, 1 student (scholarship) and 2 elderly people;
- in the **United States**, on the other hand, the number of sponsors decreased from 10 to 5, while the total number of active LDS dropped from 24 to 13. This strongly negative trend is a consequence of the closure and dissolution of **ASIA America** and the transfer of at least 3 LDS from ASIA America to ASIA Rome;
- in **Germany**, the number of active sponsors and LDS has decreased. In 2021, there are 70 sponsors and 74 active LDS – including 25 non-personal sponsorships, linked to the German Fund. Namely, the German sponsors support 42 students through scholarships, 10 mothers and 22 children.

LDS trend over the year

The development of the Long-Distance Sponsorship project in 2021 was strongly influenced by the closure of projects in Tibet, as already mentioned. With respect to LDS starts and closures throughout the year, **the number of active LDS has fluctuated** – see figure below – but steadily decreasing, as in the second half of the year ASIA started communicating to supporters the closure of projects in Tibet. From January to May 2021, the number of LDS was constant, followed by a sharp decrease in July, which remained unvaried until November and then increased at Christmas, as usual.

LDS trend in 2021



LDS per Country

2021 was marked by the closure of 19 projects in Tibet – including schools, monasteries and scholarships – and the start of 5 new LDS projects in Nepal in 2 secondary schools (Srongsden and Namgyal), 2 monasteries (Gautam Buddha and Tashi Choeling) and 1 primary school (Tise). Below is a summary table of the number of active sponsorships in each project over the last 3 years – as of 31 December each year.

LDS PROJECTS	LDS 2019	LDS 2020	LDS 2021
4 COUNTRIES TOTAL LDS	1657	1638	1361
INDIA - 22 (7)	498	502	660
0501 THF (School))	135	131	148
0503 TKIS	1	1	1
0506 STSS Chauntra			
0507 STSS Paonta	58	57	77
0554 STSS Petoen			
0509 THF Elders	76	74	76
0510 TIPA	16	14	15
0511 CST Shimla			
0516 CST Darjeeling			
0517 CST Mussorie	18	13	5
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	194	212	338
0520 TCV Outreach			

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LDS PROJECTS	LDS 2019	LDS 2020	LDS 2021
0524 TCV Outreach Bylakuppe			
0531 TCV Chauntra			
0548 TCV Selakui			
NEPAL - 12	422	437	691
0502 Triten Norbutse Monastery	83	88	103
0508 Manasorovar Foundation	212	214	221
0549 Dolpo School (Ganchen Meri)	30	31	37
0563 Gautam Buddha Monastery			13
0564 Tashi Choeling Monastery			34
0570 Aarukharka School	24	28	26
0571 Thangdoor School	23	23	20
0572 Namuna School	5	6	6
0573 Dupcheshwori School	45	47	61
0574 Tise School			112
0594 Srongtsen High School			26
0598 Namgyal High School			32
TIBET - 19	737	689	
QINGHAI - 10	532	500	
0505 Dongche School—	75	67	
0523 Tanggan School—	91	83	
0527 Rigmo School—	47	48	
0534 Gelek School—	122	106	
0537 Yungog School—	42	47	
0538 Genesai School—	47	38	
0562 Rma Zhol School (Hebei)—	16	25	
0591 Xining University—	81	67	
0592 Hainan High School—	8	11	
0596 Guide High School—	3	8	
SICHUAN - 5	115	107	
0532 Derge School—	50	47	
0540 Galenteng Monastery—	28	27	
0543 Trama College—	15	12	
0555 Baiya Monastery—	12	12	
0557 Yena School—	10	9	
TAR - 4			
0539 Dzolung Monastery—	54	49	
0542 Dzongtsa Monastery—	15	14	
0546 Khamdogar Monastery—	3	2	
0547 Senghe Monastery—	18	17	
BHUTAN - 1			10
0580 Sumthrang Monastery		10	10



BHUTAN

In 2021, support for Sumthrang Monastery and its 10 nuns continues in Bhutan through the LDS project..

Where: Ura County

Active Projects: 0580 Sumtrhang Monastery

Description: Long-Distance Sponsorship for nuns who live, study and practise at one of the oldest Buddhist monasteries in Bhutan. The sponsorship ensures the coverage of basic needs, study and practice materials.

General objective: Contributing to the preservation and dissemination of Himalayan cultures through distance support of Bhutanese students and monks.

Specific objective: Contributing to the preservation and dissemination of Himalayan cultures through distance support of Bhutanese students and monks.

Expected results: Improving the quality of nuns' education and living conditions by activating sponsorship for all 10 nuns within the monastery.

Results achieved in 2021: Improved living and study conditions for resident nuns, regular exchanges and updates with all distance sponsors.

Beneficiaries reached in 2021: 10 nuns

Partners: Bhutan Nyo Foundation

Spent funds: € 2.400,00



CHINA



2021 was the last year for LDS projects in the Tibetan regions of China (Qinghai, Sichuan and RAT, Tibetan Autonomous Region). Thus, the 19 projects from the previous year remained nominally active, but as the projects are closing, the number of LDS has decreased significantly. Since the second half of 2021, supporters have been informed of the imminent closure of the country and their distance support has been phased out.

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

Active 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, the LDS project is implemented in 9 Tibetan schools (primary and secondary), 7 boarding schools and monasteries, and also includes a scholarship project for Tibetan high school and university students. In schools, sponsorships help to improve the quality of teaching as well as children's living and studying conditions. In boarding schools and monasteries, the project supports primary studies for the youngest children and the monastic path for the oldest ones – young people and adults who have chosen to follow and/or spread Buddhist teachings. Finally, the scholarships provided directly to the students cover a large part of their board, lodging and tuition/university fees.

General objective: Contributing to preserving and disseminating the Tibetan language and culture through Long-Distance Sponsorship to students and monks.

Specific objective: Ensuring study sponsorship to the most disadvantaged children and young people of the Tibetan communities in the areas of intervention. Increasing education quality in the schools where the project is active. Improving LDS students and monks' living and study conditions. Raising awareness among sponsors concerning the issues of international solidarity/cooperation and the importance of safeguarding cultures at risk.

Expected results: Improving education quality in schools and LDS children, young people and monks' living conditions by ensuring continuous sponsorship to the institutes and by maintaining a constant number of active LDS.

Results achieved in 2021 (first semester only): : Improved living and studying conditions in 9 schools and 7 colleges and monasteries; preserved knowledge of the Tibetan language and culture in the areas of intervention; ensured study sponsorship to 471 primary school children, 127 monks and 87 high school and university students; maintained regular updates with all long-distance sponsors.

Beneficiaries reached in 2021 (first semester only): 471 primary and lower secondary school students, 127 monks and 87 high school and university students.

Partners: N/A

Spent funds: € 71.161,83



INDIA

There are 22 active projects in this country – 7 if we consider the TCV, CST and STS schools as unified under the 3 acronyms. As of December 2021, the number of active LDS is 660, 158 more than in 2020, also due to the closure of projects in Tibet. 5 projects are temporarily suspended (TCV Scholarship, STSS Bhuntar, CST Sonada, Dalhousie and Mundgod).

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

Active 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

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 exile of the Dalai Lama and attended by children and young people from the main Tibetan settlements. LDS helps to cover the costs for the subsistence, education – from kindergarten to university – and training of these students, who live in school accommodation or at home, and who are also provided with medical care and a living and studying environment that is as familiar as possible. In addition to student sponsorship, India also has the only LDS project for the elderly, who live in residential homes of the Tibetan Homes Foundation or in settlements all over India. The project helps to cover the costs for the subsistence and care of elderly Tibetans who are left alone or who are ill and therefore can no longer support themselves.

General objective: Contributing to preserving and disseminating the Tibetan language and



culture through LDS to Tibetan students and elderly people.

Specific objective: Ensuring study sponsorship to the most disadvantaged children and young people of the Tibetan community in exile. Increasing education quality in the schools where the project is active. Improving LDS students and elderly people's living conditions. Raising awareness among sponsors concerning of the issues of international solidarity/cooperation and the importance of safeguarding cultures at risk.

Expected results: Improving education quality in schools and LDS children, young people and elderly people living conditions by ensuring continuous sponsorship to the institutions and maintaining a constant number of active LDS

Results achieved in 2021: Ensured study sponsorship for 158 new students, improved education quality in 21 schools, improved living conditions of 584 students and 76 elderly Tibetans, maintained regular exchanges and updates with all distance sponsors.

Beneficiaries reached in 2021: 584 students and 76 elderly Tibetans

Partners: sponsorship office of TCV, THF, TKIS, CST, STS and TIPA

Spent funds in 2020: € 91.264,00

NEPAL



There are 12 active projects in Nepal, almost doubled compared to 2020. In fact, 5 new projects were started in favour of 2 new monastic colleges (Gautam Buddha Vihara and Tashi Choeling), 2 high schools (Srongtsen Bhrikuti and Namgyal) and one primary school (TISE). The latter – although geographically located in India, on the border with Nepal – is run by a Nepalese non-profit organisation and is therefore considered among the projects in Nepal. Thus, the increase in the number of LDS projects in this country is confirmed again this year – 691, i.e. 254 more compared to 2020.

Where: Distretti di Kathmandu, Rasuwa, Kaski and Dolpo, Siliguri (West Bengal, India)

Active Projects:

- 0502 Triten Norbutse Monastery
- 0508 Manasorovar Foundation
- 0549 Dolpo School (Ganchen Meri)
- 0563 Gautam Buddha Vihara Monastery
- 0564 Tashi Choeling Monastery
- 0570 Aarukharka School
- 0571 Thangdoor School
- 0572 Namuna School
- 0573 Dupcheshwori School
- 0574 Tise School (Siliguri)
- 0594 Srongtsen Bhrikuti High School
- 0598 Namgyal High School

In Nepal, the LDS project is implemented in 9 schools – 4 Tibetan and 5 Himalayan, 2 of which are high schools – and 3 monasteries. In schools, LDS helps to cover the school fees for the poorest students, from kindergarten to high school, and enables the institutes to ensure a



TSERING CHOEZOM'S STORY

Tsering Choezom is a girl, a former student at Manasarovar, who has been constantly sponsored by ASIA for 12 years – from 2004 to 2016, for the entire length of her schooling. Born in 1997 in Nepal, in the Humla district, to parents who fled Tibet, she has 3 brothers, 2 who now have their own families and 1 who lives with her and her father in Kathmandu. Tsering Choezom's mother died of cancer 8 years ago, when she was 17 years old. The Manasarovar headmistress, Ms Tsultrim Sangmo, is very proud of her and describes her as a very determined, intelligent and kind girl. After attending Manasarovar up to 5th grade of primary school, she studied at Namgyal High School in Kathmandu and after graduation she enrolled in the Faculty of Economics, where she obtained her degree a few months ago. Over the years, she has often returned to her village to volunteer with the youngest children, and she affirms: 'Seeing the difficult situation of the schools in my village makes me feel helpless and very sorry. I am just a student now, but after my Master's degree, I will come back here and help people in need like my sponsors helped me'. Now Tsering Choezom's wish is to attend a Master's course abroad in order to have different and new life experiences and to be able to come back to make her dreams come true.



quality education and study environment. At the monasteries, the project supports youngest children's primary studies and young people and adults' monastic path.

General objective: Contributing to the preservation and dissemination of Himalayan cultures through LDS to Tibetan and Nepalese students and monks.

Specific objective: Ensuring study sponsorship to the most disadvantaged children and young people in the Himalayan communities in the areas of intervention. Increasing education quality in the schools where the project is active. Improving LDS students and monks living and study conditions. Raising awareness among supporters of the issues of international solidarity/cooperation and the importance of safeguarding cultures at risk.

Expected results: Improving education quality in schools and LDS children, young people and monks the living conditions by ensuring continuous sponsorship to the institutions and by keeping constant the number of active LDS.

Results achieved in 2021: Ensured study sponsorship to 254 new beneficiaries, improved education quality in 9 schools and 3 monasteries, improvement of the living and studying conditions of 541 students and 150 monks, regular exchanges and updates with all distance supporters.

Beneficiaries reached: 541 students and 150 monks

Partners: Manasarovar Academy, Bönpö Triten Norbutse Monastery, Nepal Agroforestry Foundation (NAF), Sangsung Meri Bon Culture Society, Shree Gautam Buddha Vihara Monastery, Pal Tashi Chhoyling Monastery, Sherig Phuntsok Ling Bon Society, Namgyal Higher Secondary School, Srongsens Bhrikuti Boarding High School

Spent funds: € 134.154,79

NOT ONLY LONG-DISTANCE SPONSORSHIP

In China, India, Nepal and Bhutan, a high level of education is the only opportunity for young people to build a future for themselves and actively contribute to the society in which they live. However, the best schools, universities and colleges are located in the big cities where, in addition to tuition fees and the cost of teaching materials, high living costs are to be considered. Many families, often shepherds, farmers or seasonal workers, cannot afford to help their children, and although students sometimes work part-time jobs for their livelihood, the small income generated by these jobs is never enough. Moreover, public scholarships are difficult to obtain and those students who manage to get into the most prestigious universities, but cannot afford to pay fees, have to drop out and in some cases abandon their studies, with serious consequences for themselves, their families and the entire community.

ENRICO DELL'ANGELO FUND



The Enrico Dell'Angelo Fund – set up to honour Enrico Dell'Angelo's memory and legacy – is a project created with the main objective of sponsoring university or vocational studies of young Himalayans having proven skills and strong motivation, in order to improve the overall quality of life in the areas where they live and to spread their culture and traditions throughout the world. The total amount of each scholarship granted by the Fund depends on the total fees each recipient has to pay until the end of their study cycle. The scholarship amounts to 75% of this total cost, the remaining 25% must be covered by the student as proof of their commitment.

Where: Cina, Nepal, India, Bhutan

General objective: Enhancing the knowledge, skills and career opportunities of young people from Tibetan and Himalayan communities.

Specific objective: Supporting university and specialised studies of young Tibetans and Himalayans in their countries and around the world; raising donor awareness concerning international solidarity/cooperation issues and the importance of safeguarding cultures at risk.

Expected results: Starting at least one new scholarship.

Results achieved in 2021: A new scholarship (EDA008), in addition to the 4 already active from previous years.

Beneficiaries reached in 2021: 5 students. The details below:

Name	Identification Code	F/M	Country	Degree course	Duration (years)
Tsomo	EDA002	F	China	Tibetan medicine and prevention (MA)	3
Tenzin	EDA003	F	India	Computer science (BA)	3
Tashi	EDA004	F	China	Tibetan literature (BA)	3
Chonyi	EDA006	M	India	Tibetan medicine (MA)	5
Dendup	EDA008	M	Bhutan	Master's degree in Master in Safeguarding Cultural Heritage (MA)	2

Partners: DOE Study Grant office of the Tibetan government-in-exile and the Central European University (CEU) and NYO Foundation

Spent funds: € 12.764,53

FRANCESCO AND MARIA CATALDI FUND

The fund collects donations from a private donor with the aim of starting an increasing number of scholarships to support the academic and postgraduate studies of deserving and needy Tibetan and Himalayan students who are attending universities and postgraduate courses in India, Nepal, China and the rest of the world. The fund covers 100% of the beneficiaries' studies fees.

Where: China, Nepal and India

General objective: Enhancing the knowledge, skills and career opportunities of young people from Tibetan and Himalayan communities in Asia.

Specific objective: Supporting young Tibetans and Himalayans' university and postgraduate studies in their countries and around the world. Helping young people build a future for themselves and improving their living conditions and those of the community in which they live.

Expected results: Continuing to support the student who won the first scholarship.

Results achieved in 2021: Sponsoring one student through a scholarship; increasing and improving career opportunities and knowledge for 1 young Himalayan beneficiary.

Beneficiaries reached in 2021: 1 student

Partners: N/A

Spent funds: € 833,58



FUNDRAISING AND COMMUNICATION

FUNDRAISING AND COMMUNICATION

In 2021, the activities of this sector were affected by a number of external difficulties, related to the prolonged pandemic and continuous closures. Though, the causes of these difficulties were mainly internal. The closure of Tibet – the heart of ASIA's mission – entailed a change in the communication strategy, which had always focused on the need to protect the cultural identity of the Tibetan people in Tibet, and a consequent redefinition of fundraising campaigns. But above all, the untimely death of Communications Manager Maura Valerio – following a long illness – was an emotional trauma for the entire ASIA team, as well as a serious professional loss.

In the first months of the year, the 'Semi di Futuro' (Seeds of the Future) campaign has continued. It was launched at Christmas 2020 to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and contribute to the food security of 100 farming families in Haku village, Rasuwa district, Nepal. Subsequently, in addition to the annual institutional campaigns such as 5x1000altibet, long distance adoptions and Friends of ASIA, a number of other campaigns were launched in response to requests for help received from the field. These include EmergenzASIA and Surgery for Living, and by the end of 2021 for Christmas, the Not Only in Tibet campaign, aimed at supporting Tibetan refugee communities in exile in India and Nepal.

In total there were 794 donors, of which 184 were acquired in 2021.

Events

After the suspension in 2020, we resumed organising events and meetings with supporters and donors, both online and in-person.



Together with all the Italian Dzogchen Community centres, we organized 'Happy Losar' online, to celebrate the beginning of the Tibetan New Year of the Metal Ox, in order to raise awareness on different aspects of the Tibetan culture and to reconnect with friends and supporters. The event was a success with around 200 people attending. In June, with the help of Dzamling Gar and as part of the EmergenzASIA campaign, we organised a fine art auction of pieces offered by various artists and ASIA itself, in order to raise funds to support seven health centres in rural area of Nepal brought to its knees by pandemic. The auction ended with the



awarding of a high-value work.

At the beginning of December, the ASIA group in Modena reinstated the usual Christmas fundraising dinner, during which they presented the Not Only in Tibet campaign and organised a Christmas market. The initiative was much appreciated and 38 people attended.

The usual Christmas event was also held in Rome, together with Zhenphenling – an opportunity to raise funds and meet donors and friends of ASIA. This year, the Aperitibet was preceded by the conference 'La storia dimenticata di Jamyang Khyentse Chökyi Wangchuk' (The Forgotten History of Jamyang Khyentse Chökyi Wangchuk) by Giacomella Orefino – University of Naples L'Orientale.

Finally, the Fundraising and Communication sector have worked together to organise a number of important events held within the framework of the projects. In particular, in the framework of 'Diverse but not distant' funded by AICS, 'The Buddhist view of interdependence in the contemporary world' conference and 'Abbatere i muri' (Breaking down barriers), the final event with a concert by



Paolo Fresu and Daniele Di Bonaventura at the Casa del Jazz in Rome, where a total of almost 2000 people attended.

Finally, to be mentioned are the 2 virtual photo exhibitions 'Nepal Stories' and 'A nomad's life in Tibet' organised respectively within the framework of the projects 'Reducing food insecurity and improving living conditions for women in Rasuwa, Nepal', 'Drinking water and promoting livestock breeding for the community of Bhotekoshi, Nepal' and 'Nomad shepherds of Domda, new environmental migrants', financed by the Autonomous Province of Bolzano.

Campaigns

During 2021, we continued to raise funds for Covid-19 emergency. The Indian variant of Coronavirus in fact caused a second wave of infection, even more dramatic than the first one in all countries where ASIA is present. We



have also responded to other requests for help received from the field and we have continued with our institutional campaigns, such as 5x1000 and distance adoptions.

- **Surgery for Living.** In the first months of the year we have received an urgent request for help for a young Nepalese man who was facing major and expensive surgery. In Nepal, as in other countries where ASIA works, a large part of the population cannot afford to access medical care. Thanks to donors' prompt response to our appeal, we were able to raise the amount needed to cover all of the young man's medical bills.
- **EmergenzaASIA.** Thanks to this campaign from May to September, we were able to send 40 oxygen concentrators from Germany to 15 hospitals in rural and remote areas of Nepal, and to equip the health centre in the Tibetan refugee settlement of Bylakuppe, India, with all the required safety equipment.
- **5x1000,** dedicated again in 2021 to the Himalayan children, our internal target was



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segmented into 4 different groups: LDS sponsors, donors, former LDS sponsors and contacts who have never donated, who were reached with paper mailings and DEM. The campaign was also disseminated on social media and by text messages.

- **Not Only in Tibet**, the new campaign to support Tibetan refugee communities in India and Nepal, was launched at Christmas with a paper mailing, as well as the usual online and social communication. It is a campaign with a twofold objective: on the one hand to help these communities cope with the impoverishment caused by the pandemic, on the other hand to protect the heritage of Tibetan language and culture which, given the situation in China, can only be brought to life thanks to the diaspora.

All these campaigns were promoted through DEM to our internal target audience and through social media, using videos and stories to show results and bring donors and friends closer to the beneficiary populations and their cultural backgrounds. The total amount raised through the campaigns is 158,007.96 Euros.



Communication

In addition to reporting on ASIA's work in the field and promoting fundraising campaigns as well as a series of important events such as the Conference on Interdependence and the 'Abbattere i muri' (Breaking down barriers) concert, communication in 2021 was enriched with cultural columns such as 'Cham, the ritual dance of the Tibetan New Year' and 'The Bön and its sciences', which disseminate traditions and knowledge of Tibetan cultural heritage.



These are the results in terms of visibility (with changes compared to 2020):

- Facebook page: coverage 430,551 (+139%), visits 6,461 (+170%), new Likes 776 (+145%);
- Instagram profile: coverage 11,211 (+72%), visits 1.333 (+136,8%), new followers 53.

Solidarity Gifts

As every year, we promoted solidarity gifts at Christmas. 2 new items were added to the existing ones, such as akshamalalas, bracelets and rings Messages from Tibet, calendar (dedicated to Nepalese women in 2022 edition) the EcoCUBES (wooden cubes containing mint

sunflower and wildflower seeds and dedicated to the 2 values of kindness and awareness) and the interdependence shopper, also dedicated to the values of Tibetan culture such as empathy, compassion, non-violence etc., all connected by the infinite knot symbolising the interdependence of all phenomena.

Total proceeds from solidarity gifts: € 22,945.30





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Balance Sheet as of 31 December 2021

	Year 2021	Year 2020
Assets		
A. DUE MEMBERSHIP FEES	330,00	0,00
2021 Membership fees	330,00	-
B. FIXED ASSETS	42.069,29	46.607,48
I Intangible fixed assets	0,00	0,00
II Tangible fixed assets	35.522,85	37.767,72
1 Equipment	20.114,35	20.114,35
2 Sinking Fund Communication Systems	(14.291,50)	(12.046,63)
3 Art works	29.700,00	29.700,00
4 Communication Systems	-	6.100,00
5 Sinking Fund Communication Systems	-	(6.100,00)
III Financial assets	6.546,44	8.839,76
2 Receivables		
d. from others - security deposits beyond financial year	6.546,44	8.839,76
2. CURRENT ASSETS	1.910.923,31	1.897.425,39
II Receivables	475.476,90	334.814,5v
2.1 from LDS sponsors	10.280,00	6.364,80
2.2 from public bodies	61.256,83	14.940,13
2.4 from private individuals for contributions	216.429,42	98.043,39
2.5 from associative network bodies	37.017,25	27.767,05
2.5 from third sector bodies	146.948,19	179.613,98
2.9 tax receivables	948,00	3.006,00
2.11 deferred taxes	1.853,68	-
2.12 from others	743,53	5.079,20
III Financial assets non current assets	590,00	590,00
other assets - Banca Etica shareholding	590,00	590,00
IV Cash	1.434.856,41	1.562.020,84
1. bank and postal deposits - Italy	1.275.487,57	1.201.346,63
1.2 bank and postal deposits - abroad	142.173,32	342.062,53
3. unrepresented effects - Italy	10.778,12	12.435,67
3.1 unrepresented effects - abroad	6.417,40	6.176,01
TOTAL ASSETS	1.953.322,60	1.944.032,87

Balance Sheet as of 31 December 2021

	Year 2021	Year 2020
Liabilities		
A NET WORTH	1.375.609,76	1.181.121,02
I Endowment Fund	30.093,13	15.402,64
II Tied assets		
3. Tied assets for projects	1.237.047,12	1.151.027,89
IV Operating surplus/deficit	108.469,51	14.690,49
B PROVISIONS FOR RISKS AND CHARGES	9.827,33	10.036,74
3. Other	9.827,33	10.036,74
C SEVERANCE PAY - EMPLOYED JOB	71.449,17	57.876,56
Severance Pay	71.449,17	57.876,56
D LIABILITIES	103.028,96	265.780,48
7. Liabilities to suppliers	19.091,31	214.899,14
9. Tax liabilities	4.689,83	4.073,69
10. Liabilities to social security institutions	9.235,37	10.484,95
11. Liabilities to employees and collaborators	21.076,00	23.500,47
12. Other liabilities	48.936,45	12.822,23
4. ACCRUALS AND DEFERRED INCOMES	393.407,38	429.218,07
1. Deferred income - Long-Distance Sponsorship	300.689,34	247.002,24
2. Accruals - Long-Distance Sponsorship institutions	92.718,04	117.352,76
3. 5x1000 quotas next financial year	0,00	64.863,07
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1.953.322,60	1.944.032,87

Management Statement as of 31 December 2021

Income		
	Year 2021	Year 2020
A) INCOME FOR INSITUTIONAL ACTIVITIES	2.507.115,48	2.201.261,74
1 Income from membership fees	1.590,00	2.735,00
4 Donations		
From individuals for projects	146.036,58	78.532,91
From individuals for Long-Distance Sponsorship	298.375,09	329.945,97
Free donations	178.127,40	100.283,60
5 5x1000 income	125.304,23	70.875,17
6 Income from private individuals		
From foundations	166.366,76	80.361,04
From private bodies	393.078,66	254.018,28
From Asia in the world	11.964,80	12.652,00
8 Income from public bodies	1.092.426,08	1.160.100,20
10 Other income		
Various income for projects	93.845,88	111.757,57
Surplus/deficit for general activities (+/-)	302.662,24	187.102,21
B) INCOME FOR VARIOUS ACTIVITIES	-	-
6 Other income	-	-
Surplus/deficit for various activities (+/-)	-	-
C) INCOME FOR FUNDRAISING	-	-
1 Income from ordinary fundraising		
2 Income from occasional fundraising		
3 Other income		
Surplus/deficit for fundraising activities (+/-)	-	3.789,97
D) INCOME FROM FINANCIAL AND CAPITAL ASSETS	2.357,47	2.620,61
1 banking relationships	2.357,47	2.620,61
2 loans		
3 other assets		
4 other income		
Surplus/deficit financial activities e (+/-)	(3.843,91)	(16.765,34)
E) INCOME FOR GENERAL SUPPORT	137.696,72	214.403,90
2. other income for general support		
From long-distance sponsorship	76.711,20	93.310,20
From project management activities	60.029,96	106.054,14
other	955,56	15.039,56
Surplus/deficit general support (+/-)	(190.348,82)	(151.856,41)
TOTAL INCOME	2.647.169,67	2.418.286,25

Management Statement as of 31 December 2021

Income		Year 2021	Year 2020	Variation
A) INCOME FOR INSTITUTIONAL ACTIVITIES		2.507.115,48	2.201.261,74	305.853,74
1 Income for membership fees		1.590,00	2.735,00	- 1.145,00
Donations		622.539,07	508.762,48	113.776,59
5 5x1000 income		125.304,23	70.875,17	54.429,06
6 Income from private individuals		571.410,22	347.031,32	224.378,90
8 Income from public bodies		1.092.426,08	1.160.100,20	- 67.674,12
10 other income		93.845,88	111.757,57	- 17.911,69
B) INCOME FROM DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES		-	-	-
6 Other income		-	-	-
Surplus/deficit different activities (+/-)		-	-	-
C) INCOME FROM FUNDRAISING		-	-	-
1 Income from ordinary fundraising				-
2 Income from occasional fundraising				-
3 other income			347.031,32	224.378,90
D) INCOME FROM FINANCIAL AND CAPITAL ASSETS		2.357,47	2.620,61	- 263,14
1 On banking relationships		2.357,47	2.620,61	- 263,14
E) INCOME FOR GENERAL SUPPORT		137.697,72	214.403,90	-
2 Other income for general support		137.697,72	214.403,90	-
TOTAL INCOME		2.647.170,67	2.418.286,25	305.590,60

Management Statement as of 31 December 2021

Charges

	Year 2021	Year 2020
A) CHARGES FROM INSTITUTIONAL ACTIVITIES	2.204.453,24	2.014.159,53
1 Subsidiary raw material, consumables and freight		
Equipment	373.935,23	214.918,04
Buildings	118.296,28	470.152,01
2 Services		
On-site training	41.148,91	27.067,23
4 Staff		
Charges for expatriate staff	155.546,89	90.514,65
Charges for local staff	404.776,12	276.676,04
Charges for staff in Italy	109.235,22	121.500,66
5 Depreciation	-	-
6 Provisions for liabilities and charges	-	-
7 Various management charges		
Other direct charges	475.797,64	215.522,35
Project administrative funds	49.169,56	84.897,07
Monitoring	11.705,54	13.411,97
Operating costs	132.335,86	107.872,18
Local contributions	13.338,08	29.443,67
Visibility	22.587,29	27.696,05
Long-Distance Sponsorship charges	296.580,62	334.487,61
B) CHARGES FOR VARIOUS ACTIVITIES	-	-
7 Various management charges	-	-
C) CHARGES FOR FUNDRAISING	-	3.789,97
1 charges for occasional fundraising		3.789,97
2 charges for ordinary fundraising		
3 other charges		
D) CHARGES FROM FINANCIAL ASSETS	6.201,38	19.385,95
4.1 on banking relationships	7.564,54	9.180,99
4.2 exchange rate difference	4.336,30	6.122,70
4.3 tax and duties	5.360,38	2.440,88
4.4 contingent	11.059,84	1.641,38
E) GENERAL SUPPORT CHARGE	328.045,54	366.260,31
1 Services		
Fees and utilities	23.292,88	32.103,14
Provision of services	16.242,47	48.080,37
4 Staff and collaborations	193.468,89	183.028,06
5 Depreciation	2.244,87	2.722,61
6 Provisions for liabilities and charges	18.441,80	19.979,84

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Management Statement as of 31 December 2021

Charges

	Year 2021	Year 2020
7 Various management charges	18.441,80	19.979,84
Information and promotion charges	26.941,84	30.557,05
Various charges	46.112,79	49.359,40
LDS charges	1.300,00	429,84
	2.440,88	245,72
TOTAL CHARGES	2.538.700,16	2.403.595,76
MANAGEMENT RESULT	108.469,51	14.690,49

Management Statement as of 31 December 2021

Charges	Year 2021	Year 2020	Variation
A) CHARGES FROM INSTITUTIONAL ACTIVITIES	2.204.453,24	2.014.159,53	190.293,71
1 Subsidiary raw material, consumables and freight	492.231,51	685.070,05	- 192.838,54
2 Services	41.148,91	27.067,23	14.081,68
4 Staff	669.558,23	488.691,35	180.866,88
5 Depreciation	-	-	-
6 Provisions for liabilities and charges	-	-	-
7 Various management charges	1.001.514,59	813.330,90	188.183,69
B) VARIOUS ACTIVITIES CHARGES	-	-	-
7 Various management charges	-	-	-
C) CHARGES FROM FUNDRAISING	-	- 3.789,97	- 3.789,97
1 Charges from occasional fundraising		3.789,97	- 3.789,97
2 Charges from ordinary fundraising			-
3 Other charges			-
D) CHARGES FROM FINANCIAL AND CAPITAL ASSETS	6.201,38	19.385,95	13.184,57
4.1 on banking relationships	7.564,54	9.180,99	- 1.616,45
exchange rate difference	4.336,30	6.122,70	- 1.786,40
Tax and duties	5.360,38	2.440,88	2.919,50
contingent	- 11.059,84	1.641,38	- 12.701,22
E) GENERAL SUPPORT CHARGES	328.045,54	366.260,31	38.214,77
2 Services	39.535,35	80.183,51	- 40.648,16
4 Staff and collaborations	193.468,89	183.028,06	10.440,83
5 Depreciation	2.244,87	2.722,61	- 477,74
6 Provisions for liabilities and charges	18.441,80	19.979,84	- 1.538,04
7 Various management charges	74.354,63	80.346,29	- 5.991,66
TOTAL CHARGES	2.538.700,16	2.403.595,76	135.104,40
TOTAL INCOME	108.470,51	14.690,49	170.486,20

MISSION REPORT

GENERAL INFORMATION

ASIA, Association for International Solidarity in ASIA, is a Non-Governmental Organisation founded in December 1988 by the will and commitment of a group of Tibetan culture scholars. The president and founder of the organisation was Prof. Namkhai Norbu Rinpoche, from whom ASIA continues to draw inspiration in promoting initiatives to safeguard Tibetan culture. The main objective of ASIA's work is to promote the economic, social and health development of Asian ethnic minorities whose cultural identity is threatened.

ASIA is accredited with the following decrees at:

- Italian Agency for Cooperation and Development, with decree no. 2016/337/000136/0;
- Italian Register of Charities, at the Regional Revenue Office of Tuscany, decree no. 12076;
- Prefectural Register of Legal Persons of Grosseto, decree no. 190;
- Regional Register of Associations of Lombardy, International Relations section, no. 89.

In addition, ASIA is recognised as eligible for funds from EU agencies for cooperation and development.

ASIA operates in Italy, China, Nepal, India, Myanmar, Bhutan and Mongolia.

Mission

ASIA operates in the Asian continent and in particular in China, India, Nepal, Mongolia, Myanmar and Bhutan and has helped more than 1,400,000 people in all these years. In addition to having acquired professionalism and experience in the management of development and emergency projects, ASIA and all its staff in Italy and around the world have taken in and adhered to the values encountered in many of these ancient cultures. Values such as awareness, compassion, altruism, openness to different cultures and direct involvement of local communities have become an integral part of ASIA's work. The objective of our Association aims not only to fight poverty but also to create a culture of peace and tolerance in order to participate in the creation of a better society, that is respectful of the people and of the environment in which they live.

Activities of general interest under Article 5 of the Third Sector Code (Legislative Decree 117/2017) referred to in the Articles of Association

- Development Cooperation, pursuant to Law No. 125 of 11 August 2014, as amended;
- Long-Distance Sponsorship;
- promotion of the culture of legality, peace among peoples, non-violence and unarmed defence;
- promotion and protection of Human, Civil, Social and Political Rights.

Where we are

Description	City	Address
Registered office	Arcidosso - 58031 - Italia	Loc. Podere Nuovo Merigar - sede legale e operativa
Main office.	Roma - 00185 - Italia	Via San Martino della Battaglia 31
Operating office	Como - 22070 - Italia	Via Casale Rocco 1
Operating office	Milano - 20141 - Italia	Via Sibari 15
Operating office	Favaro Veneto - 30173 - Italia	Via Indri 31b
Operating office	Bolzano - 39100 - Italia	Via della Vigna 56
Local office	Xining - 810000 - Cina	Room 141, Building 26, Mingcuiliu Shanzhuang, Nanshan Road
Local office	Kathmandu -44600 - Nepal	W.N. 2 Lanzipat House n.85/62
Local office	Ulaan Baatar - Mongolia	Room 141, Building 26, Mingcuiliu Shanzhuang, Nanshan Road
Local office	Yangoon - Myanmar	Excel Tower 305, n.520 Kabar Aye Pagoda Road and Shwee Gone Bahan

Carried-out activities

Asia promotes development projects in Asian Himalayan countries in the fields of education, culture, health, training, sustainable agriculture and environmental sustainability. It promotes the right to study through Long-Distance Sponsorship and operates in Italy with Global Citizenship Education projects.

Governance

The statutory bodies are::

- Members' Assembly;
- Board of Directors;
- Secretary General;
- Superviory Body, currently Single-member Supervisory Body;
- Board of Arbitrators.

The office of Honorary President is also currently vacant.

ASIA had 35 members at the end of the financial year, 17 of whom were women and 18 men, in addition to the founding members. On a democratic principle, Asia members participate in the Assemblies convened to approve the financial statement, for statutory changes deemed necessary. They participate in the association as stipulated in Article 10 of the current Articles of Association.

The Members' Assembly is the statutory body that deliberates on the general direction of activities to achieve the Organisation's purposes, approves the financial statements and the social report, appoints and revokes the members of the Board of Directors, the Board of Arbitrators and the Supervisory Body. The General Assembly is convened at least once a year for the approval of the financial statement, the possible renewal of officers and the presentation of the budget.

The Board of Directors adopts all necessary and appropriate measures to achieve the association's purposes, according to the directives of the Assembly. It consists of a minimum of 5 to a maximum of 9 Board members. It approves the financial statement and budget to be submitted to the General Assembly. Board positions are not remunerated.

The Secretary General is elected by the Board of Directors from among its members, holds office for 3 years and may be reappointed. The Secretary General is ASIA legal representative for all acts of ordinary and extraordinary administration decided by the Board of Directors, as well as the power of signature.

Board of Directors members

Andrea dell'Angelo	Legal Representative
Costantino Albini	Board Member
Giorgio Cancelliere	Board Member
Ruvolo Gaetano	Board Member
Marranca Roberta	Board Member
Fidanzia Linda	Board Member
Mugnai Gabriele	Board Member
Wolfgang Schweiger	Board Member
Farrington Mark	Board Member

The Supervisory Body has the task of monitoring compliance with the law and statute and compliance with the principles of correct administration, the suitability of the organisational, administrative and accounting structure as well as its actual functioning. It monitors the observance of the solidarity and socially useful purposes; it certifies that the social report is drawn up in accordance with the guidelines; it draws the attention of the Board of Directors to situations of conflict of interest in which the Secretary General may be; it gives to the Board recommendations and indications deemed appropriate for the fairness and transparency of the association's work and for the consistency of activities with the statutory purposes.

Supervisory Body Members

Francesco Lauria	Single-member Supervisory Body
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The Board of Arbitrators consists of 3 members, who have been members of the association for at least 7 years, elected by the General Assembly outside the Board of Directors. It is appointed for the same term of office as the Board of Directors. Any social dispute between the members and the association or its bodies shall be submitted to the Board of Arbitrators jurisdiction, to the exclusion of any other jurisdiction. The Arbitrators shall judge ex bono et aequo without any procedural formalities and their ruling shall be final.

Board of Arbitrators members

Sentinelli Leopoldo	Board President
Almici Marco	Board Member
Garbo Daniela	Board Member

Criteria applied in the items shown in the financial statement

The Reform of the Third Sector, introduced by the enabling act no. 106 of 6 June 2016, implemented in the summer of 2017 by Legislative Decrees, including Decree no. 117 of 3 July 2017 concerning the 'Third Sector Code', has led to a new definition of the financial statement for Third Sector Entities.

The most obvious is the new reclassification of the financial statement drawn up in accordance with the criteria issued by the Ministry of Labour and the Mission Report that replaces the previous Explanatory Notes. The main items in the financial statement have been evaluated as briefly described.

- **FIXED ASSETS.** This item includes all tangible, intangible or financial assets at the disposal of the Association, with pluriannual duration. Tangible fixed assets are stated at purchase cost, including any directly attributable ancillary charges and VAT, since this is not deductible pursuant to Article 72 of Presidential Decree 633/72. Financial fixed assets include security deposits and the counter value of a shareholding in Banca Popolare Etica.
- **CURRENT ASSETS.** Current assets include cash in hand and at banks both in Italy and abroad valued at their nominal value, receivables from lenders on the basis of conventions or contracts for ASIA advances on projects, other ordinary operating receivables.
- **ACCRUED INCOME AND PREPAID EXPENSES.** They are calculated on an accrual basis and in accordance with the accrual accounting principle.
- **SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY.** Shareholders' equity consists of the operating results of the previous and current years, and of funds, deferred to the following year, which are tied up in the relevant projects on the basis of contracts or agreements with the financing body or private donors.
- **PROVISIONS FOR COMMITMENTS AND RISKS.** This item includes provisions to cover severance indemnities and risks on projects and/or currency exchange.
- **PAYABLES.** This item includes payables related to ordinary current operations.

The value of accounting items in foreign currencies has been adjusted to the exchange rate in force on 31 December 2021 communicated by the Bank of Italy.

Fixed assets

Intangible fixed assets

No intangible fixed assets are recorded in the financial statement.

Tangible fixed assets

Fixed assets are entered at their purchase cost, showing the total amount of depreciation in progress; works of art are entered at their estimated realisable value. The value of equipment recorded net of depreciation is 35,522.85 euros..

Item	Category	Depreciation quote 2021	Backlog depreciation	% Depreciation
Unico Olimpia				
Air Conditioners	Scutching and furnishing	1,189,50	1,387,45	12,00
Office chairs	Scutching and furnishing	416,93	1,598,23	12,00
Epson v850	Electronic equipment			
Scanner	Electronic equipment	93,48	358,35	20,00
HP T140	Electronic equipment			
Server	Electronic equipment	339,16	1,187,06	20,00
Dell	Electronic equipment			
Inspiron	Electronic equipment	205,80	445,90	20,00
Total depreciation		2.244,87	4.976,99	

Financial fixed assets

The financial fixed assets recorded in the financial statements relate to security deposits for the rent of the Rome office, local offices and the security deposit with Poste Italiane S.p.A. used for the shipment of publications to sponsors. Below is a comparison with the previous year's data.

Description	31/12/2021	31/12/2020	Variations
Rent security deposit	4.486,75	4.486,75	0,00
On site security deposit	1.953,33	1.953,33	0,00
Poste Italiane security deposit	106,36	2.399,68	- 2.293,32
Totals	6.546,44	8.839,76	2.131,11

Current assets

Current assets amount to 1,910,923.31 euros of which 475,476.90 euros relate to receivables due within 12 months, securities worth 590 euros for Banca Etica shareholdings and cash amounting to 1,434,856.41 euros for bank and cash holding in Italy and abroad (see tables attached). There are no receivables shown in the balance sheet with a duration of more than 5 years.

Accrued expenses and deferred income

Accrued expenses come from expenditure commitments pertaining to the closing financial year and which will be paid in 2021 to the Long-Distance Sponsorship Institutions for a total of 300,689.34 euros.

Accrued expenses	Amount as at 31/12/2021	Amount as at 31/12/2020	Variations
For LDS	300.689,34	247.002,24	53.687,10
Total	300.689,34	247.002,24	53.687,10

Deferred income relates to income for Long-Distance Support and membership fees pertaining to future years and received in the reporting year amounting to 97,718.04 euros.

Deferred income	Amount as at 31/12/2021	Amount as at 31/12/2020	Variations
For LDS	92.718,04	117.352,76	- 24.634,72
5x1000 quota	0,00	64.863,07	- 64.863,07
Total	92.718,04	182.215,83	- 89.497,79

Other provisions

These provisions relate to the staff severance pay calculated as at 31 December 2021 and the provision for project risks.

Other provisions	Amount as at 31/12/2021	Amount as at 31/12/2020	Variations
Severance Pay	71.449,17	57.876,56	13.572,61
Provision for project risks	9.827,33	10.036,74	-209,41
Total	81.276,50	67.913,30	13.363,20

Net assets

ASIA's net assets consist of 2 main sub-items:

- **Restricted assets**, resulting from donor-restricted funds for projects and distance support;
- **Unrestricted assets**, consisting of the operating surplus from previous financial years transferred to the Endowment Fund;
- **Operating surplus/deficit**, of the current year.

Net assets at year-end was € 1,375,609.76.

The following table shows the changes during the year in the individual items:

Restricted Assets	Amount as at 31/12/2021	Amount as at 31/12/2020	Variations
For projects	1.199.634,00	1.140.707,63	58.926,37
For LDS	37.413,12	10.320,26	93.779,02
Total	1.237.047,12	1.151.027,89	194.488,74
Unrestricted assets			
Endowment Fund	30.093,13	15.402,64	14.690,49
Total Unrestricted Assets	30.093,13	15.402,64	14.690,49
Surplus / deficit of financial year	108.469,51	14.690,49	93.779,02
Total Net Assets	1.375.609,76	1.181.121,02	194.488,74

Indication of expenditure commitments or reinvestment of funds or contributions received for specific purposes

Funds received for a specific purpose and not used during the year are shown in Net Assets under item A.II. 3 restricted funds for projects. Such funds, when used, are entered in the financial statement under income under item A.4.

Liabilities

The liabilities shown in the financial statement under item D. are all due within 12 months. The movement in detail:

Liabilities	Amount as at 31/12/2021	Amount as at 31/12/2020	Variations
To suppliers	19.091,31	214.899,14	- 195.807,83
To INPS - INAIL	4.689,83	4.073,69	616,14
To INPS - INAIL	9.235,37	10.484,95	- 1.249,58
To Employees and Collaborators	21.076,00	23.500,47	- 2.424,47
Various Liabilities	48.936,45	12.822,23	36.114,22
Total	103.028,96	265.780,48	- 162.751,52

Analysis of the main items of the management statement

Income

A) INCOME FOR INSTITUTIONAL ACTIVITIES	2.507.115,48
1 Income from membership fees	1.590,00
4 Donations	
From individuals for projects	146.036,58
From individuals for Long-Distance Sponsorship	298.375,09
Free donations	178.127,40
5 5x1000 income	125.304,23
6 Income from private individuals	
From foundations	166.366,76
From private bodies	393.078,66
From Asia in the world	11.964,80
8 Income from public bodies	1.092.426,08
10 Other income	
Various income for projects	93.845,88

- 2021 Membership fees charged on 2021 financial year.
- Income for institutional activities amounts to 2,507,115.48 euros, 622,539.07 from private individuals' donations divided by type of destination
- 5xmille income affected by the use of last year's provision of 64,863.07 euros.
- Contributions from private entities related to donations and financing for projects allocated by use and broken down by type of donor

- This is where income is allocated, by category of use, from public bodies, such as the Presidency of the Council of Ministers, AICS, the Autonomous Province of Bolzano.
- Other income relates to contributions made by Asia and local partners for the projects.

Attached are details of income divided into donor.

D) INCOME FOR FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	2.347,47
1 On bank accounts	2.347,47

Income from bank and postal interest income in Italy and abroad amounting to 2,347.47 euros.

E) INCOME FOR GENERAL SUPPORT	137.696,72
2 Other income for general support	
From LDS activities	76.711,20
From project management activities	60.029,96
others	955,56

In section E.2 we find income from the recovery of administrative charges from projects and distance support..

Charges

A) INCOME FOR INSTITUTIONAL ACTIVITIES	2.204.453,24
1 Subsidiary raw material, consumables and freight	
Equipment	373.935,23
Buildings	118.296,28
2 Services	
On site training	41.148,91
4 Staff	
Charges for expatriate staff	155.546,89
Charges for local staff	404.776,12
Charges for staff in Italy	109.235,22
5 Depreciations	-
6 Provisions for liabilities and charges	-
7 Various management charges	
Other direct costs	475.797,64
Project administrative funds	49.169,56
Monitoring	11.705,54
Operating costs	132.335,86
Local contributions	13.338,08
Visibility	22.587,29
Long-Distance Sponsorship charges	296.580,62

The charges in Table A depict, by expenditure category, what projects implemented during 2021 for a total of 2,204,453.24 euros.

D) CHARGES FROM FINANCIAL AND CAPITAL ASSETS	6.201,38
4.1 Staff	7.564,54
4.2 Staff	4.336,30
4.3 Staff	5.360,38
4.4 Staff	- 11.059,84

Table D shows the charges for financial and capital assets. Contingent liabilities are shown in the negative as they are accounted for in the balance sheet as a difference to contingent assets.

E) GENERAL SUPPORT CHARGES	328.045,54
2 Services	
Fees and utilities	23.292,88
Provision of services	16.242,47
4 Staff and collaborations	193.468,89
5 Depreciation	2.244,87
6 Provisions for liabilities and charges	18.441,802
7 Various Management Charges	
Information and promotion charges	26.941,84
Various charges	46.112,79
LDS charges	1.300,00

Table D shows the expenses pertaining to the Organisation that are not directly attributable to Asia's institutional projects and activities.

Description of the nature of the donations received

The donations that Asia receives are made by private individuals earmarking the donations for institutional activities such as projects, LDS and free donations. In general, these donations are of small and medium amounts. Every year, Asia notifies the Italian Revenue Agency of the donations made by private individuals and issues due certification of the funds received each year from sponsors.

AVERAGE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES

Collaborators	Women	Men	Total
Full Time Employees	4	2	6
Part Time Employees	0	1	1
term-contract workers Italy	1	1	2
term-contract workers Abroad	2	0	2
Totals	7	4	11

AVERAGE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES, DIVIDED PER CATEGORY

Employees per category	Women	Men	Total
Directors	0	1	1
Managers	0	0	0
Employees/collaborators	5	7	12
Total	5	8	13

The national collective agreement for trade in the Third Sector, for distribution and services applies to employees, within the Framework Agreement concluded with the Trade Unions and renewed on 9 April 2018, which provided greater guarantees for sickness and maternity protection to this category of worker.

Board of Directors, Supervisory Body and Legal Auditors Wages

Details are given of the wage due to the executive body, the Supervisory Body and the person appointed to carry out the Legal Audit, as well as the difference in wage between employed workers:

- **BOARD OF DIRECTORS:** Directors do not receive any wage.
- **SUPERVISORY BODY:** no wage.
- **LEGAL AUDITOR:** Studio Priorini Stefano euro 3.206,00.

Difference in employee wage:

Maximum gross wage: € 52.416,00

Minimum gross wage: € 15.989,00

Ratio 1:8 3,28

Proposal for Surplus Allocation or Deficit Coverage

The General Assembly receives the proposal that the surplus of the financial year totalling € 108,469.51 is to be allocated to the Association's Endowment Fund, the use of which will be decided by the Board of Directors.

Illustration of the Organisation's situation and management performance

Asia's priorities in 2021:

- developing an ecologically sustainable agriculture to counter the effects of climate change;
- improving access to education;
- supporting gender equality and women's empowerment;
- preventing and preparing the most fragile populations for pandemics;
- protecting cultural minorities' cultural, spiritual and linguistic heritage

Our activities were carried out in Asia, and with the exception of China, we focused on the least developed and most vulnerable countries, based on predominantly agro-pastoral, family-run economies and with a low degree of technological innovation.

The management performance was positive despite the great difficulties encountered due to the continuation of the Covid pandemic, which slowed down the implementation of projects

Furthermore, ASIA's exit from Tibet and the Tibetan areas forcibly annexed to China, takes away an advantage from the Association, which is strengthening its commitment in the countries where it is already present.

Foreseeable evolution in operations and forecasts to maintain economic and financial balance

From a geographical point of view, in the years to come, the Organisation will have to strengthen its position in all the countries of Tibetan culture, in the Himalayan areas of Nepal, India and Bhutan. ASIA will have to continue to protect the environment of these mountain areas – which are so fragile and sensitive to climate change – by helping farmers to develop sustainable and environmentally friendly agriculture. This, in order to guarantee food security and to invest in the education of local populations with great attention to all minorities so as to preserve their traditions, culture and spirituality. We should increase Long-Distance Sponsorship to slow down school drop-outs – which have tragically increased during the pandemic period – and projects aimed at protecting the Himalayan cultural, artistic and spiritual heritage, as well as presenting new development projects to institutional and private donors. This focus on increasing activities in Italy for both fundraising and awareness-raising will bring new funds, which will allow the financial balance to be maintained for the coming year as well.

How the statutory purposes will be pursued, with specific reference to activities of general interest

The pursuit of the statutory purposes will be undertaken through the implementation of projects in the countries in which we operate, following the statutory themes and methods. The same will be done by increasing communication to raise awareness of the issues by broadening the audience of private supporters, both individuals and foundations, and with an eye to the for-profit sector that reveal ethical sensitivity to our mission.

Attachment no. 1 – Detailed table on banks and cash registers

Available Liquidity	31/12/2021	31/12/2020	Variations
CASH REGISTER, ITALY	10.778,12	12.435,67	- 1.657,55
Cash Register Euros	1.320,41	2.524,08	- 1.203,67
Cash Register Dollars	1.360,59	1.663,27	- 302,68
Cash Register Renminbi	126,84	113,75	13,09
Cash Register Paypal	7.716,16	7.882,73	- 166,57
Cash Register MNT - Mongolia	2,48	2,61	- 0,13
Cash Register Paypal USD	246,5	156,49	90,01
Cash Register MMK Myanmar	5,14	6,48	- 1,34
Cash Register Rupie Nepal	0	86,26	- 86,26
CASH REGISTER, FOREIGN OFFICES	6.417,40	6.176,01	241,39
Cash Register Derge		858,93	- 858,93
Cash Register Xining	4.232,67	3.666,30	566,37
Cash Register Chengduo		585,85	- 585,85
Cash Register local projects	42,46	87,30	- 44,84
Cash Register Kathmandu	265,46	312,61	- 47,15
Cash Register Ulaan Baator	450,34	910,96	-460,62
Cash Register Yangon	1.409,67	214,68	1.194,99
BANK C/A IN ITALY	1.275.487,57	1.201.346,63	74.140,94
MPS BANK c/a 3893.50	333,70	22.507,94	- 22.174,24
MPS BANK c/a 5622.72	2.859,97	16.382,52	- 13.522,55
MPS BANK c/a 6069.79	96.288,47	133.760,78	- 37.472,31
Credito Valtellinese c/a 0213	131.211,32	90.388,39	40.822,93
Credito Valtellinese c/a 1302	17531,54	46926,07	- 29.394,53
Credito Valtellinese c/a 1303	129.575,54	188.484,62	- 58.909,08
Credito Valtellinese c/a 1304	134.958,99	120.415,49	14.543,50
Credito Valtellinese c/a 1305	706.506,39	557.973,68	148.532,71
Credito Valtellinese c/a 1048	45.751,61	275,27	45.476,34
Postal C/A 89549000	2.645,60	12.358,80	- 9.713,20
Postal C/A 78687001	7.824,44	11.873,07	- 4.048,63
BANK C/A ABROAD	142.173,62	342.062,53	- 199.888,91
Derge Rmb	0,00	1.016,56	- 1.016,56
Xining 3380 Rmb	0,00	215.062,08	- 215.062,08
Kathmandu Euro	58.995,37	27.025,36	31.970,01
Kathmandu - Npr - 02	18.249,78	30.077,12	- 11.827,34
Kathmandu - Npr - 03	17.862,61	658,7	17.203,91
Kathmandu - Npr - 04	1.339,72	2.266,46	- 926,74
Kathmandu - AICS - 05	1.195,87	5.948,20	- 4.752,33
Kathmandu 96101 Npr - 01	32.945,77	27.842,14	5.103,63
Ulaan Baatar Euro	27,59	21,11	6,48
Ulaan Baatar Mnt	11,44	503,55	- 492,11
Yangoon PC ASIA euro meb	1.791,35	24.931,46	- 23.140,11
Yangoon PC ASIA usd	88,33	90,12	- 1,79
Yangoon PC ASIA MMK	1.347,47	6.619,67	- 5.272,20
Yangoon PC ASIA euro	7.473,98		7.473,98
Yangoon PC ASIA usd	844,34		844,34

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Attachment no. 2 – Detailed table on assets committed to projects

Project	Restricted Assets as at 31/12/2020	Restricted Assets Increase	Restricted Assets Decrease	Restricted Assets as at 31/12/2021
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation				
AICS	479.653,24	889.213,73	716.089,56	652.777,41
2248 AICS Myanmar	122.580,68	537.439,95	194.114,32	465.906,31
2250 AICS Speed Nepal	173.851,95	346.021,33	333.002,18	186.871,10
3016 ECG - Diverse but not Distant	183.220,61	5.752,45	188.973,06	-
Presidency of the Council of Ministry	46.895,81	1.594,08	48.489,89	-
2249 PCdM Nepal	46.895,81	1.594,08	48.489,89	-
Autonomous Province of Bolzano	184.481,06	147.054,20	156.836,86	174.698,40
2251 BZ Langtang	18.598,51	16.056,25	34.654,76	-
2252 Bhotekoshi	48.293,35	37.922,75	86.216,10	-
2253 Domda Yushu	34.573,00	-	34.573,00	-
2264 MenSana Nepal	83.016,20	748,00	1.393,00	82.371,20
2279 Myanmar Gardensi	-	37.758,00	-	37.758,00
2280 Rasuwa Coffee	-	31.611,30	-	31.611,30
2281 digital class	-	22.957,90	-	22.957,90
Tavola Valdese	9.582,44	24.500,00	34.082,44	-
2255 Rasuwa TV	9.582,44	24.500,00	34.082,44	-
Italian Caritas	20.000,00	-	20.000,00	-
2270 Haku Emergency Italy	-	-	-	-
2272 Buthan Sumthrang	20.000,00	-	20.000,00	-
Nando and Elsa Peretti Foundation	56.044,25	109.638,69	165.682,94	-
2253 Domda Yushu	56.044,25	109.638,69	165.682,94	-
Tides Foundation	21.758,30	-	-	21.758,30
2257 Galenting Emergency	-	-	-	-
2259 Triten 2nd stage	21.758,30	-	-	21.758,30
ASIA Trento	1.994,43	83.787,93	66.275,17	19.507,19
2243 Langtang	1.994,43	83.787,93	66.275,17	19.507,19
ASIA Germany	800,00	-	800,00	-
2272 Buthan Sumthrang	800,00	-	800,00	-
Unione buddista Italiana	100.834,07	178.530,22	228.736,05	50.628,24
2261 Mongolia Media Literacy	40.097,10	-	-	40.097,10
2271 Dongche	59.925,30	139.825,70	199.751,00	-
3017 Seeds of Awareness	811,67	26.704,22	27.515,89	-
3018 Breathing the Earth	-	12.000,30	1.469,16	10.531,14
Private Donors	218.664,10	261.766,98	200.166,54	280.264,54
0552 Manasarovar	512,39	1.728,00	669,59	1.570,80
0086 Dzongtsa	2.400,00	-	-	2.400,00
0089 Khamdogar	1.586,58	-	-	1.586,58
0094 Dzolung	480,00	-	-	480,00
0614 Surgery for Living	-	5.199,91	4.117,07	1.082,84
0615 EDA Scholarships	29.084,83	5.082,14	12.764,53	21.402,44
0616 Cataldi Scholarships	1.644,80	-	833,58	811,22
2259 Triten 2nd stage	129.021,45	5.000,00	-	134.021,45
2266 Covid Manasarovar	4.938,94	-	4.938,84	0,10

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Projects	Restricted Assets as at 31/12/2020	Restricted Assets Increase	Restricted Assets Decrease	Restricted Assets as at 31/12/2021
2269 COVID19 Italian Hospitals	1.753,30	-	-	1.753,30
2272 Buthan Sumthrang	15.000,00	16.763,96	5.557,00	26.206,96
2274 Treedom 2021	-	144.311,00	138.300,17	6.010,83
2275 Treedom Beacon	-	7.165,11	5.536,23	1.628,88
Myanmar Projects	901,95	-	-	901,95
4016 Merigar	16.388,80	-	-	16.388,80
4017 Solidarity Trip	1.995,00	-	1.560,00	435,00
4019 Mensana	83.016,20	748,00	748,00	-
4021 Covid 19 Emergency	83,88	-	-	83,88
4023 Seeds of future	12.872,18	4.952,00	-	17.824,18
4024 Asia Emergency	-	57.236,66	25.141,53	32.095,13
4025 Not Only in Tibet	-	13.580,20	-	13.580,20
Total	1.140.707,70	1.696.085,83	1.637.159,45	1.199.634,08

Proceeds detail

Proceeds detail	Euro
Institutional donors	1.092.426,08
Italian Agency for Cooperation and Development (AICS)	686.448,43
Prime Minister's Office	47.797,74
Denish Embassy	189.196,75
Autonomous Province of Bolzano	168.983,16
Foundations	166.366,76
Tides Foundation	16.380,51
Nando and Elsa Peretti Foundation	149.986,25
Private Donors	622.539,07
Long Distance Sponsorship proceeds	298.375,09
Private donors for projects	146.036,58
Free donations	178.127,40
ASIA in the world	11964,8
Asia Germany	11.752,80
Asia France	212,00
5x 1000 Proceeds	125.304,23
Other institutions and associations	393078,66
Waldensian Church	94.771,65
Italian Caritas	20.000,00
Asia Trento	66.275,17
Italian Buddhist Union	212.031,84
Other Proceeds	93845,88
Local partners contributions	40.706,96
ASIA contributions	53.138,92

AUDIT REPORT

The undersigned, with an engagement letter dated 12 June 2022, has carried out the audit of the Financial Statement for the year ended 31.12.2021

My activity was inspired by the provisions of the law and the Rules on the Auditing of Third Sector Entities issued by the National Council of Certified Public Accountants and Accounting Experts, published in December 2020.

We bring this activity and the achieved results to your attention with this report.

The annual financial statements of 'A.S.I.A. – Associazione per la Solidarietà Internazionale in Asia' [Association for International Solidarity in Asia] as at 31.12.2021, prepared for the first time in compliance with Art. 13 of Legislative Decree No. 117 of 3 July 2017 (henceforth Third Sector Code) and the Ministerial Decree of 5 March 2020 issued by the Ministry of Labour and Social Policies, as supplemented by OIC 35 ETS Accounting Standard, which govern its preparation. 2021 financial statement shows a surplus amounting to 108,469.51 euros.

Pursuant to Article 13, par. 1, of the Third Sector Code, it consists of a balance sheet, a management statement and a mission report.

Since it was a matter of verifying the aforementioned Financial Statement in their financial extension and individual accounting items, this audit was carried out in accordance with the established auditing principles and, in compliance with these principles. Reference was made to the correct accounting principles set forth by the National Councils of Certified Public Accountants and Bookkeepers and to the operating practices and accounting principles issued by the OIC.

In line with these standards and criteria, the audit was planned and performed to obtain all information that was necessary to determine whether the Financial Statement was materially misstated and proved to be reliable as a whole.

Report on the Financial Statement Audit

Professional judgment

I have audited the financial statement of 'A.S.I.A. – Associazione per la Solidarietà Internazionale in Asia' (hereinafter also referred to as the 'Body'), which includes the balance sheet and the management statement as at 31.12.2021, as well as the sections 'General Information' and 'Analysis of the main items of the management statement' included in the mission report. The aforementioned financial statement was prepared for the first time in accordance with Article 13 of Legislative Decree No. 117 of 3 July 2017 (Third Sector Code).

In my opinion, the annual financial statement gives a true and fair view of the financial position of 'A.S.I.A., Associazione per la Solidarietà Internazionale in Asia' as at 31.12.2021 and of the results of its operations for the year then ended in compliance with the Italian regulations governing the preparation criteria.

The foundation of this judgment

I have conducted the audit pursuant to International Standards on Auditing (ISA Italy). My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the section '*Auditor's Responsibilities for the Financial Statement Audit*' in this report. I am independent with respect to 'A.S.I.A., Associazione per la Solidarietà Internazionale in Asia' in accordance with the ethical and independence rules and principles applicable to financial statements audit in Italy. I believe I have gathered sufficient and appropriate evidence to formulate my opinion.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Financial Statement Audit

My objectives were to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or unintentional conduct or events, and to issue an audit report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is defined as a high level of assurance which, however, does not ensure that an audit performed in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISA Italy) will always detect a material misstatement, if any. Errors may result from fraud or unintentional conduct or events and are considered significant if they could reasonably be expected to influence – individually or as a whole – the economic decisions that users take on the basis of the financial statements.

In performing this audit in compliance with International Standards on Auditing (ISA Italy), I have expressed a professional judgment and maintained professional scepticism throughout the audit. In addition:

- I have identified and assessed the risks of material misstatement in the financial statement, whether due to fraud or unintentional conduct or events; defined and performed audit procedures in response to those risks; and obtained sufficient appropriate audit evidence on which to base my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from unintentional conduct or events, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omission, misrepresentation or contrivance of internal control;
- I have gained an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit for the purpose of designing audit procedures that are appropriate in such circumstances and not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Body's internal control;
- I have assessed the appropriateness of the accounting principles used and the rationality of the accounting estimates made by the Board of Directors, including the related notice;
- I have reached a conclusion on the appropriateness of the Board of Directors' use of the business continuity requirement and, based on the audit evidence gathered, on whether there is a material uncertainty about events or circumstances that may cast significant doubt about the Body's ability to continue as a going concern. My conclusions are based on the evidence gathered up to the date of this report. However,

subsequent events or circumstances may result in the Body ceasing to operate as a going concern;

- I have obtained information – to the extent of my competence – on the adequacy and functioning of the administrative and accounting system, as well as on the reliability of the latter to correctly represent management events, by obtaining information from the heads in charges and examining company documents, and in this regard, I have no particular observations to report;

- I have assessed the presentation, structure and content of the annual financial statement as a whole, including the disclosures and the Mission Report, and whether the annual financial statement presents the underlying transactions and events in order to provide a fair representation.

Report on other legal and regulatory provisions

Judgment pursuant to Article 14, Paragraph 2, Letter e) of Legislative Decree 39/10

The Board of Directors of 'A.S.I.A., Associazione per la Solidarietà Internazionale in Asia' is responsible for the preparation of the section 'Explanation of the Organisation's economic and financial performance and of the ways in which it pursues its statutory aims' included in the mission report of 'A.S.I.A., Associazione per la Solidarietà Internazionale in Asia' as at 31.12.2021, including its consistency with the relevant annual financial statement and its compliance with the law.

I have performed the procedures specified in Auditing Standard (SA Italy) 720B in order to express a professional judgment on the consistency of the section 'Explanation of the Organisation's economic and financial performance and of the ways in which it pursues its statutory aims' included in the mission report together with the financial statement of 'A.S.I.A., Associazione per la Solidarietà Internazionale in Asia' as at 31.12.2021 and on its compliance with legal requirements, as well as to issue a statement on any material misstatements.



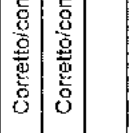
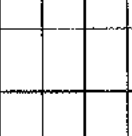
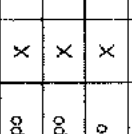
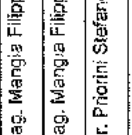
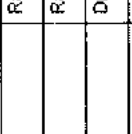

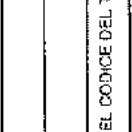
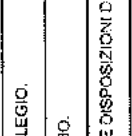
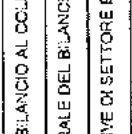
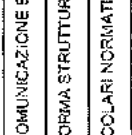
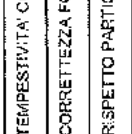
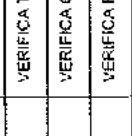
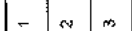
In my opinion, the section 'Explanation of the Organisation's economic and financial performance and of the ways in which it pursues its statutory aims' included in the mission report is consistent with the financial statements of 'A.S.I.A., Associazione per la Solidarietà Internazionale in Asia' as at 31.12.2021 and is drawn up in compliance with the rules contained in the Third Sector Code.

With reference to the statement referred to in Article 14, paragraph 2, letter e), of Legislative Decree 39/10, issued on the basis of the Body's knowledge and understanding and its context acquired during the audit activity, we have nothing to report.

Therefore, this report reflects an update of the entire work performed, which we believe provides reasonable foundation to express the final professional judgment as indicated in the paragraph above.

Rome, 20 September 2022

Stefano Priorini

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FASE	DESCRIZIONE DELLE ATTIVITA'	Responsabile	SI	NO	N/A	OSSERVAZIONI	Firma	Data		
1	VERIFICA TEMPESTIVITA' COMUNICAZIONE BILANCIO AL COLLEGIO.	Rag. Mangia Filippo	X			Corretto/conforme				
2	VERIFICA CORRETTEZZA FORMA STRUTTURALE DEL BILANCIO.	Rag. Mangia Filippo	X			Corretto/conforme				
3	VERIFICA RISPETTO PARTICOLARI NORMATIVI DI SETTORE E DISPOSIZIONI DEL CODICE DEL TERZO SETTORE	Dr. Priorini Stefano	X							
4	VERIFICA PRESUPPOSTI CONSOLIDAMENTO.				X					
5	CONTROLLO EVENTUALE CONSOLIDAMENTO.				X					
6	ESAME POSTE BILANCIO: ATTIVO/PASSIVO/COSTRIZIONI C. ORDINE.	Dr. Priorini Stefano	X			Corretto/conforme				
7	PRESTAZIONE CONSENSO ALLA ISCRIZIONE DI PARTICOLARI POSTE.									
8	VERIFICA APPLICABILITA' DEROGHE ALLA REDAZIONE DEL BILANCIO.	Dr. Priorini Stefano	X			Corretto/conforme				
9	VERIFICA INSERIMENTO EVENTUALI OPERAZIONI STRAORDINARIE.	Dr. Priorini Stefano	X			Corretto/conforme				
10	SEGNALAZIONE ECCEZIONI: ALLA CORRETTEZZA DEL BILANCIO.			X						
11	VERIFICA STRUTTURA ED ESAME DELLA RELAZIONE DI MISSIONE.	Rag. Mangia Filippo	X			Corretto/conforme				
12	COMPARAZIONE DATI BILANCIO/INDICAZIONI RENDICONTO GESTIONALE	Rag. Mangia Filippo	X			Corretto/conforme				
13	VERIFICA STRUTTURA ED ESAME RENDICONTO GESTIONALE.	Rag. Mangia Filippo	X			Corretto/conforme				
14	SEGNALAZIONE EVENTUALI ECCEZIONI IN MERITO.			X						
15	ESAME EVENTUALI ALLEGATI DI BILANCIO.	Dr. Priorini Stefano	X			Corretto/conforme				
16	VERIFICA RISPETTO CRITERIO COMPETENZA ECONOMICA.	Dr. Priorini Stefano	X			Corretto/conforme				
17	VERIFICA UNIFORMITA' E RISPETTO CRITERI DI VALUTAZIONE.	Dr. Priorini Stefano	X			Corretto/conforme				
18	VERIFICA APPLICAZIONE NORMATIVA CIVILISTICA.	Rag. Mangia Filippo	X			Corretto/conforme				
19	VERIFICA APPLICAZIONE PRINCIPI CONTABILI.	Dr. Priorini Stefano	X			Corretto/conforme				
20	VERIFICA RISPONDEZZA DATI: BILANCIO/SCRITTURE CONTABILI.	Dr. Priorini Stefano	X			Corretto/conforme				
21	VERIFICA APPLICAZIONE NORMATIVA FISCALE.	Dr. Priorini Stefano	X			Corretto/conforme				
22	VERIFICA PRESUPPOSTI ISTITUZIONE PARTICOLARI SCRITTURE.			X						
23	VERIFICA APPLICAZIONE AGEVOLAZIONI TRIBUTARIE.	Dr. Priorini Stefano	X			Corretto/conforme				
24	VERIFICA DETERMINAZIONE RISULTATO ED IMPOSTE.	Dr. Priorini Stefano	X			Corretto/conforme				

Report of the Unipersonal Organ

To the Assembly convened for approval of the Financial Statement for 2021 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 2021 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, 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 Mission Report, 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 occurrences 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 particular observations to report.

With regard to the financial statement closed on 31 December 2021 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 for the first time in accordance with art. 13 of D.Lgs, n. 117 of 3 July 2017 (Third Sector Code) and of D.M. 5 March 2020 of Ministry of Labor and Social Policies as integrated by OIC 35 Accounting Principle ETS that govern the drafting; the financial statement outlines a surplus of 108.469,51.

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 21 September 2022 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 2021, who issued Certification of the Audit for the A.S.I.A. financial statement for 2021 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 2021 and the Mission Report giving a favourable opinion to the proposal regarding the allocation of the surplus as deliberated by the Assembly.

Rome, 22 September 2022

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