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Namaste,

You certainly acknowledged our new development project (Newsletter n°50). Thank you in advance for taking some time for this 51st version.

- *A first kite taking off in the Nepalese sky: Dharma's kite with whom we just signed the first partnership contract.*
- *The « TIHAR » event, lights for the Nepalese children is being prepared,*
- *A moving testimony from reporter Pierre Mogénier : « Qatar : The World Cup's slaves »,*
- *Thanks note and agenda*

Happy reading. Christine M-D on behalf of Karya's team

➤ A first kite on the route to autonomy



25 children were just saved from a trafficker.

They had the chance to meet different person who helped them to grow and move on in life.

Above all, they had the possibility to go back to their family. They could rebuild themselves, retrieve their roots, and get a sense on how to look at their future.

Some of the children are now entering the adult age. They are peaceful, composed and start to set milestones for their future personal life, their family, village, region and country.

Little reminder on our logo, initially created by Aline JAYR: it encompasses the values that Karya (which means Association in Nepalese) wishes to defend on a daily basis through projects, actions held in France and in Nepal.

« give the smile back to Nepalese children, victims of traffickers », with the following key words :

- **children** : their smiles, playing with kites
- **projects, actions** : the movement perceived in the drawing
- **reunification** : links unifying the children with their family, the moon supporting the sun
- **hope** : candle's light, the light with enlightens, opening the future
- **protection, well being, peacefulness** : the circle symbolising the earth, the nature, a protective home
- **freedom, children autonomy, innovation** : the kite off the circle, flying away to live its life
- **Nepal** : the moon and the sun on the Nepalese flag
- **colors** : ochre-yellow, ochre-red for the earth, the moon, the sun, the light.
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This first kite flew by Dharma may well lead us to the Bajura's district.

Dharma has at least 3 further study years to cover. He wants to elaborate a project under the school education thematic and to set up a « real » school, with, as always, the objective to fight against the children trafficking.

Remember: 14 years old, he already completed a project in creating a library in his village.

At present, he lives in a little flat close to the other Kamali young person. He provided us with detailed budget around his needs and sends every 2 months up to date statement.

In September / October (on their own expense), Christine and Farid will meet Dharma to discuss with him and start to define with him this first project with the scope to eventually implement new partnership with other young person.

They will also head to Humla, Bajura to have a better grasp of the young population's hopes and development projects.

Budget of an 18 year old

For information purpose, please find below a summary of Dharma's budget which he provided us (*to be read by our adolescents always looking for « plus plus » !*).

Installation for the rented apartment :

720 €

- Stove + bottled gas : 120 €
- Pieces of furniture and kitchen utensil : table, chairs, glasses, plates,... pans, bowls, water filter, lights,... 270 €
- Pieces of furniture for the room : bed, mattress, blanket, table, chair,.. 290 €
- Transport 40 €

Monthly fees : 235 €

➤ For living : 170 €

- **Rental and care** 82 €
- **Food :** 57 €

(1 rice bag : 13€, 4kg lentils : 3€, 16 kg vegetables : 16€, 3kg sugar : 3€, 2 tea bags : 3€, 1 bottled gas (reserve) : 14€, various, meat, fruits, yoghourts : 5€)

- **Hygiene, laundry :** 9 €
- **Telephone** 4 €
- **clothing :** 18 €

➤ Scholarship

42 €

- **College related fees** 11 €

(meals, registration and exam fees, visits, practical tools)

- **Photocopies, internet :** 4 €
- **Bus :** 11 €
- **School supply : books, notebooks,12 €**
- **Uniforms :** 4 €

➤ Leasure + 1 yearly trip to Humla : 18 €

(price for a trip/stay to Bajura : 150 €)

➤ Health : 5 €

In order to start his project essay and to facilitate the exchange with Karya, the urgent need is a computer.

➤ Dharma writes us

Any time we can, clothes are sent to Nepal, thanks to trekkers who keep some space (and kilos) in their piece of luggage. For the time being, the clothes are gathered by Dharma at the different hotels. A big thank to everyone supporting children and young adults in need.



« Dear Karya's members,

Everything is going well, as for my studies. I am close to the end of my 1st pharmaceutical lesson. Everything is easier since I got used to my new life and I started to manage my life autonomously.

I received clothes from France on several occasions. When I collect them, I sort them out and verify if they are adapted. Some were not fitting my friends or me, because they were not of the right size. I keep these for the time being and will distribute them later on.

As for the adapted one, I distribute them to people in need not considering their cast of origins.

I handed clothes and shoes to friends in need (NGN's friends) and to a girl related to children in need.

I kept few articles for me (T-shirts) and two pairs of shoe, preventing to use further budget to purchase them. Girls' clothing was handed to NGN's girls.

I also gave sweaters to NGN SLC freshly graduated in order for them to bring them to Humla.

Finally, I kept clothes for my family and people from my village. I will bring them probably for Dassain.

Whilst I am in my village, I plan to start thinking further of our project I need to begin to discuss with local population and think of a efficient approach.

In Nepal, there is a constant habit to think that foreigners will complete everything. Many people try to profit from the external help and we will have to be very vigilant on how we will act. We will

have to consider the durability of the project since inception.

I will keep you informed more precisely on the project when I have the chance to discuss it with local populations.

Dharma Karki. »

➤ INFORMATIONS

- **In regard to the TV program « Envoyé spécial » on channel France 2**

« **Qatar : the World Cup's slaves** » from **Pierre MONEGIER** notes taken on the documentary broadcast, 2nd May 2014 on France 2 Envoyé Special.

A single ticket to hell

Nepal is one of the 10th poorest countries in the world. 1 out of 10 Nepalese leaves to work abroad, daily 2'000 to 3'000 people. They dream of earning money, spare for a better life in Nepal, to pay their children's studies. In some villages, women and children only remain.



500 000 workers are exploited in Qatar.

At the airport, departing, they often pass by the red coffin of a Nepalese on his way home.

200 Nepalese die yearly in Qatar : no investigation is conducted and several doubts remain on the cause of their death. The eyes on the horizon, the leavers do not see what really happens out there.

The World Cup programmed in Qatar in 2022 is a titanic construction site : forecasted budget of 150 billion Euros. Since the start of the building, 400 Nepalese already died. The

migrant workers stand for 80% of the Qatar total population. Their passports are confiscated on their arrival and the green light from the employer is required for the departure's visa.

500 000 workers on site, working under a temperature of 50° Celsius, the Nepalese are the base workers. They carry the heaviest loads. Salaries go from 180€ to 300€ monthly, depending on nationalities, Nepalese getting the worst treatment. Accidents are frequent. Workers often head back home to their family crippled and suicide is one of the escapes.



The site is constantly and closely watched. In the evening, people have 2 hours commuting to reach the camp where they are parked and piled in the middle of the desert : 1 000 people in the camp, « it is the jungle, a well guarded prison ! ». Buildings are ran down, insalubrious : 10 per room, 5 showers for 200 workers, water shortage-

In Kathmandu, over 750 recruiting agencies sell the working abroad benefits. People pay handling fees of 1 000€ (5 months salary) which they borrow with 30% interest rate. The government is conscious of this problem but keeps its eyes shut as it brings 3 billion Euros yearly to the country, a quarter of the GDP. The widow can hope to recuperate 800€ (the price for a live !) from a supporting fund after full reimbursement of all pending.

2 000 Nepalese will die in Qatari before the World Cup's kick off.

FIFA may cancel the World Cup in Qatar if the corruption allegations are confirmed, but not on the World Cup's slave behalf. The criterion is not substantial enough for the decision makers.



(what to say about these stadium projects in the middle of desert !)

• **NGO Médecins du Monde report :**

Further to May 2014 NGO Médecins du Monde newsletter :

« Many women do not access healthcare and do not know their rights.

Despite the government's efforts since 1990, maternity deaths related remains very high (170 death for 100 000 living births, 10 time higher than the average rate in developed countries)

On top of the great poverty, 87% of the Nepalese population lives in rural zone where only 19% of the births are assisted by qualified health workers. Over 4 out of 5 women give birth with no medical assistance of any sort. Furthermore drugs, transportation costs have to be added. »

➤ **AGENDA**

« TIHAR, lights festival » is preparing
22nd et 23rd November 2014 at Forum des lacs in THYEZ (74)

Immediately hold this date in your agenda, for Karya, this friendly moment is important.

This year, the word « RESPECT » will accompany the festival :

Act respecting :

- The person and its Rights,
- The culture, traditions of a country, a region
- Traditional medicine,
- Environment.

At any points, documentaries will support our vision, our values we defend.

Florine & Raphaël,
globes-trotters,
musicians and...parents,
will lead the Sunday's
spectacle, all public,
with le voyage de Tao.



« One of the biggest richness of this world is difference, the essential is then to love each other as we are. » Tao

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➤ Thanks

All members of the Administrative Counsel would like to specially thank the following associations or people :

Association TPH, Tibétain Peuple de l'Himalaya (see the association's presentation in N° 50 Newsletter). During the General Meeting, it was decided to provide us with a 1 500 € cheque. This sum will be used for Dharma project's start

8 students on their 1st year of Gestion et Management des Entreprises with l'IPAC, Annecy.

In March 2014, they introduced Karya to 2 second classrooms of lycée St Michel, Annecy. One group use the film « Soleil sous la mousson » as support, another group the diaporama « Humlakoketakteti ». At each occasion, the projection lead to a debate.

Léo, Rémy and Thomas from Département GEA of IUT, Annecy le Vieux have worked all through the year 2014 on a concert project supporting an international solidarity action for Karya.



The concert took place 28th May in IUT for a profit of 191 €.

A school going through bac pro commerce from lycée des Glières, ANNEMASSE sent us 220 € further to a solidarity project related to Karya over 2 years.

Our clothing stock to be sent to Nepal shrinks : we need T-shirts, pants, fleeces, anoraks, sweaters,... Light trek shoes, sneakers.

(preferably size range 36 to 42)

We also need mobile phones in good conditions with internet connection and photos options.

**Should you plan to travel to Nepal, please contact us. Your help is precious.
Thank you**

How to help these children, adolescents...

Karya relies on donators and sponsors to complete successfully its projects.

Here are few facts of what we can achieve with your money...

- **Food supply** for one child over one month : EUR 55 €
- **Schooling** in private school over one year for one child : EUR 510
- **Total care** of one child over one year (clothing, hygiene, health) : EUR 430
- **Appartment rent** for one month : EUR 80

**Each EURO carries a great value in Nepal !
To assist us :**

Cheque : send in the name of Karya to the attention of :

KARYA,
57 Route de La Plaine,
74300 THYEZ, France.

Electronic transfer : Please contact Karya

Do not hesitate to check our website or to contact us by any other means to obtain more information on our actions.

Thank you for your support !!!