

Newsletter No. 6 2020 from KMCH Support Group

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Hello, Namaste and Thashi Delek

The school

home and the surroundings



The photo gives an overly image of KMCH's school home and its surroundings. No. 1 is KMCH's school home, No. 2 the village of Yangar, No. 3 the children's school, No. 4 is HCS's (Humla Children Society) school home and No. 5 is the monastery where Chembal was a monk. You can see some of the houses of Yalbang in the far right side of the photo. At the bottom of the picture, the Karnali River runs and the bright line below KMCH's school home is the road between Tibet and Simikot that is under construction. The difference in altitude between point 1 and 2 is about 90 meters. At the bottom left of the river, you can see the fields of the village of Yangar. They are relatively large compared to the ordinary fields in upper Humla.

The photo is taken from the article "On the road in Humla" in the magazine "**the Record**" from June 2018. The article is very informative and is written by [Nyima Dorjee Bhotia](#), a Research Associate at Social Science Baha and [Phurwa Dhondup Gurung](#), **who** studies Geography at the University of Colorado Boulder. Those who are interested to read the article can find a link to it at the end of the newsletter.

From the school home

The school has closed again, now due to a covid-19 outbreak. We had just distributed Newsletter no 5 when we received information that some children at the school had been infected by COVID-19. Even at the monastery, in the same village as the school, there were some infected monks. This meant that the school closed again and the children who were not infected walked home to their villages. One of the children at KMCH's school home was infected. She has been isolated at the school home and walked back home when she was healthy again. We do not have any information about how the infection got to our school.

It can be assumed that it will take time before it becomes possible to vaccinate people in the mountainous areas of Nepal, so perhaps the school start in spring may be in danger if they cannot stop COVID-19 in the area. KMCH has bought enough protective products so that will last throughout the spring, but it is only a complement to other measures such as keeping distance, and this is not easy because it is crowded both in the school and at the school home as you can see.



News from Nepal. (Italo)

Almost every Day, the newspaper's headlines write about the Corona situation in Nepal. During summer and now in the fall the virus has crept into even isolated areas like Humla. And there the chances to get advanced health care are virtually zero.

In the big cities, especially in Kathmandu and around the Kathmandu valley, there are tens of thousands are infected. Up to now about 1500 persons have died of Covid-19. Well over two hundred thousand are confirmed Corona cases.

The headlines also tell of the political game about who and which factions will be in power in the Nepalese Communist Party and then also government power. A constant political struggle that is being played out in the open. It is truly a sad story to watch. How can the government handle this dreadful pandemic, when they are fully occupied in trying to make sure that they can stay in power? Just as sad it is to read the latest report from Transparency

International's report on corruption in different countries. Nepal is being singled out as a country where corruption is on the rise. Several organizations have come together to serve and help the poorest in Kathmandu. In central Kathmandu they have every day served a meal both morning and afternoons. After several months of this fantastic work the Kathmandu Mayor had enough. He did not want the world to see that there are poor People in Kathmandu! So, he simply closed the big Green open space where the hungry came to get at least one meal a day. Now the organizations have moved their work to another place, but this time at an open space quite far from central Kathmandu. "We knew neither the government nor the local Kathmandu government would lift a finger to help, so we decided to help all these poor people" said one of the organizers.

Most schools have been closed since the 24 th of march. Some schools in rural areas have slowly started again. A few schools have tried to keep up online classes. But most of the pupils do not have access to online Classes.



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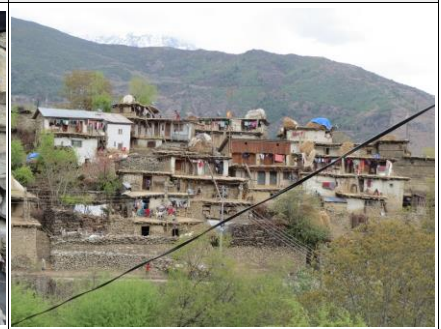
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The girls flocked around
Elisabet. Spring 2019

Girl dishes at the
roadside in Simikot

Group of houses in
Simikot.

**Support to KMCH Support Group can be
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Those who are interested to read the article about the road
in Humla have the link

here: <https://www.recordnepal.com/wire/photo-essays/on-the-road-in-humla/>

MANY THANKS for all the support this year
and

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR**

from the Board of Directors of

KMCH Support Group



We have got many Christmas cards from our children at the school home. This one by Bima Dolma Lama will represent the cards from all children and their thank to all sponsors.

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