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Dear members, friends and supporters of our work in Nepal,

In Nepal, like in all other countries, the people are under the sign of the Corona Virus, and we hope you are relatively well.

Here is a summarized version of the information that we got from our partners, our partners in Nepal, Mr Robin Chamlin and Mr Anupendra Acharya, as of the end of March:

There were almost no infected people, the reason being that there are no tests. Kathmandu with its overcrowding is at a high risk of an expansion of the virus whereas the higher temperatures in the Terai region is not favourable for the virus. A lot of people are leaving Kathmandu for their villages of origin.

Public transport is being reduced. There is a lack of supplies in the hospitals where a few beds for intensive care are available.

The government has urged people to stay at home, and schools, colleges, offices, theatres and many shops stay closed. Assemblies are restricted.

Foreigners cannot enter the country any more, and tourism is practically down. A lot of jobs have been lost, life has become difficult, and future is insecure.

Our member Gaby, who was staying in Nepal, luckily got a flight back on March 17, with a 15-hour stop-over in Istanbul. Reinhold and Detlef have had to postpone their trip. The inauguration of the new premises for the Mahadevi centre and a visit to the projects Saraswati in Valche and Lakshmi in Nyuchet were to take place in April and have to be delayed until the end of September – but who knows what will be possible then.

The women of the Saraswati school would like an additional training in sewing and tailoring, as reported, but we as well as Mr Robin Chamlin thought that the master tailor that was found was too expensive and demanding. Apart from this she has other commitments for some months. We are looking for an alternative. We are glad that the Valche community would provide a room for the course.

Mr Chamlin advised the schools in Valche and Nyuchet to close if wished by the women. Mrs Beena and her husband Mr Anupendra are going to order a shut-down for 2 weeks starting from March 23. Mrs Beena gave out masks, hand disinfectants and information about the virus to all the women.

We all will have to deal with the social and economic consequences of this crisis for an indefinite time. May we humans keep our distance - to get closer together.

Thank you so much for your support of the promotion of women in Nepal.

Make it through this time.

Love and Namaste

Detlef Gründel (on behalf of the executive committee)

P.S. Corona-figures for Nepal as of May, 13th, 2020: 219 infected, no data for deaths (from: John Hopkins University, <https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html>)



*Masken und Desinfektionsmittel für die Frauen
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left: masks & disinfectants for the women



*Beena informiert über Corona Virus
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Mrs Beena informs about Corona