

The Rotary Club Esslingen-Neckarland supports women's schools in Nepal: 'The best way out of poverty is to go to school'



Rotarians hand over the cheque to the Mahadevi association (from left): Reinhold Keller, Dr Angela Schabel, Rotary Club President Stefan Eberspächer as representative of Dr Thilo Huber, Dr Cornelia Berner, Dr Beate Ternberger, Detlef Gründel.

'The best way out of poverty is to go to school' is the motto of the MAHADEVI association, which has been providing literacy training for illiterate women in Nepal since 2008.

The Esslingen-Neckarland Rotary Club, led by President Dr Thilo Huber, Past President Dr Cornelia Berner and Dr Angela Schabel from International Services, would like to support this work with a generous donation. Present at the cheque handover last Thursday, 7/11/2024, at the Kielmeyerhaus were the Mahadevi Association's first chairman Reinhold Keller, his deputy Dr Beate Ternberger and founder and honorary member Detlef Gründel.

In the now four schools, around 100 women are currently taught Nepali, English and maths by 10 female teachers 6 days a week. Since 2008, over 800 women have completed the literacy programme with a certificate. There is also a weekly health and social programme with external experts to strengthen the women and their families. These measures promote the women's self-confidence and social participation. The organisation also runs two sewing classes to give the women career prospects. Since 2011, more than 400 women have acquired the certificate.

Further information at www.verein-mahadevi.de or via Instagram: #mahadevi2008 or <https://esslingen-neckarland.rotary.de>.