

Our Sister School Project in Lamidanda, Nepal (poster 3)

School Development – the School and its Surroundings

Structural Progress

The school is exclusively financed by the rural commune, parents' fees and donations from CCoder. With the help of the means from Ibbenbueren it was possible to extend the school building. Thus, the annex in the back to the left for the administration and the staff room was built and equipped with simple furniture. The tending of the school yard and garden is conducted by the teachers and students. Every year in autumn after the monsoon rain all buildings of the school are freshly painted. It is this time of the year when the "Dashein Festival" takes place and brings along the only holidays of the entire year – exactly three weeks!

Structure of the classes

The community school also looks after the very little ones. They are accommodated in buildings in the background, which offer the possibility to rest during the lunch break. So far the school offers classes until year 7, further classes will be established in the forthcoming years in order to be able to provide the children from Lamidanda and its surroundings with a secondary school-leaving qualification. One quarter of the students from needy families, who cannot afford the school fee, receive a scholarship from CCoder.

An insight into a classroom with poor equipment. In all classrooms there is only loamy soil, a simple board and nothing else. Some media, that are presentation boards and work material, are stored in the staff room.

Lavatories and running water as a development programme? That which seems perfectly natural to us is a major achievement in rural Nepal. With the support of the Kepler school community it was possible that these toilet facilities with soakaway were erected. In a further step a watering place was laid out on the school grounds, which means that water is conducted through a hose from a higher spot in the mountains. If necessary, the water supply is stopped by a wooden stopper. Due to the heavy rainfall during the summer months, these springs never dry up.

Classroom Equipment

The room for the youngest children in the nursery school is laid with wooden planks, on which the little ones put their mats in order to sleep. In contrast to India, Nepal has never been an English colony. But Nepal did borrow the school system with its early school-entering age and the school uniforms from its next-door neighbour. As you can see, the equipment of the classrooms is one of the most urgent tasks.