



## Namaste!

Welcome to the new newsletter of Roots for Life! We wanted to try something new. That's why the newsletter is now shorter and crisper, with one topic per mailing.

All information and news are now visible at a glance. Every two months we will report individually on our main topics. This time: Individual scholarships for girls. And especially in this newsletter: The scholarship holder of the month is presented!

Enjoy reading! (We are also happy about feedback)



**Overview: Individual Scholarships**

*Chyangsar, Ghunsa & Kathmandu*

Many girls in rural areas are still married between the ages of 12 and 16, due to the poverty of their families, despite legal prohibition.

Education and training are of secondary importance, and the girls are especially important as workers. They often pass this life on to their daughters. Many women have to make a decision: Do they also send their daughters to school, or do they use the money for food? Only through the understanding of the parents for the necessity of education and the possibility to gain it, it is possible to break the cycle of poverty and become self-determined.

Through regular meetings with parents (especially mothers), teachers and the girls themselves, the living situation of the scholarship holders is closely monitored and important issues are discussed with the family. In this way they can be individually cared for.

We are supported in our work by private sponsors. In addition, special scholarships can also be provided for girls at particular risk. The Soroptimists from Vienna (Vivata) have done this, for example. Thus, one girl was now able to transfer to a safe private school in Kathmandu.

## Pokhara

Our project partner [Opportunity Village](#) operates two facilities in Pokhara.

The **care center Good Shepherd Children's Home** for children and young people who live on the margins of society. Here they are allowed to live and are looked after until they have completed their school education.

Also a **contact point**. Because since the earthquake in 2015, many girls from the destroyed villages have been coming to Pokhara in the hope of earning money there. Due to a lack of education they often have no choice but to work as prostitutes. If they come to the contact point of the Opportunity Village Nepal, these girls are supported in finding a more suitable training place and in stabilizing their career. Besides mentoring and coaching these girls, prevention ambassadors against sexual violence are also trained.

## Review: What happened in the last half year

### Chyangsar/Ghunsa: English lessons continue

The girls in the village are of course also [particularly affected](#) by the Corona pandemic and the lockdown. Luckily, a [television set for learning English](#) could be purchased before the lockdown. This seems to have had an effect: We received a [great letter in English](#) from the president of the Kids Club.



### Kathmandu: Hardworking despite lockdown

Our scholarship holder had only [informal lessons](#) in the boarding school, since the teachers had to stay at home for the most part. Others also [studied at home](#) or [practiced Taekwondo](#) diligently. Meanwhile, staff member Kusang Tamang [opened his own store](#) and helped a poor family of day laborers. We have now [also taken over the girls as scholarship holders](#).

### Pokhara: supplied with fresh vegetables

Fortunately, a [large greenhouse](#) could be built in Pokhara before the lockdown. So the girls are [well](#)

provided for. We also received two reports from Shirisha and Ehani, who tell us about their lives.



Scholarship holder **of the month:**  
Dalamu Tamang from Ghunsa

My favorite place is Lumbini, because it is the birthplace of Buddha, but I don't want to travel abroad.

I want to become a teacher because a teacher can teach everything.

At the moment I like dancing, but in the future I would like to help disabled people. There are more than 10 in Ghunsa who are mentally or physically handicapped.

I like to sit on a small hill near the village, because when I am there I can see what everyone in the village is doing.

Most of all I am afraid of earthquakes, landslides, but also of not being able to finish my education because my mother is very ill and my father is a porter.

**I want to ask my godparents in Europe: Why do they like Nepal and why do**

they help us?

**Our initiatives are changing the lives of these people forever. We thank all our sponsors and supporters who make this possible. Learn more about our projects in this newsletter and on our website!**

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