

Roots for Life



Newsletter November 2020

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: All about Roots for Life internals and activities around the women's cooperative.

Enjoy reading! (We are also happy about feedback)



Overview

Women's Cooperative in Chyangsar &

Ghunsa

After the 2015 earthquake, the women in Chyangsar (Solukumbu) decided to take their fate into their own hands. They organized themselves in a women's group and implemented the "Village safe and loan system" (VSLs). Every month they put money into a pot, so that gradually a loan can be granted to each woman in the group.

During the first relief operation of Roots for Life after the earthquake in Chyangsar in 2015, the women were motivated to register legally as a women's committee.

This committee developed the idea of a training farm together with Roots for Life and its local partner Social Work Institute.

In order to achieve this goal, the women participated in training courses and learned everything about management and operations. With these skills the women are able to establish themselves as a cooperative and to lead it.

In 2017 the "Sagarmatha Milijuli Sana Kishan Women Cooperative LTD" was founded.

In 2019 the women's cooperative was expanded. Now it is an inter-village cooperative of women from Chyangsar and Ghunsa. The women work in their respective villages in their own committees, but together they join forces and have even more opportunities.

Roots for Life

Since 2013 RfL in Nepal has been supporting women and girls in Chyangsar, Ghunsa, Kathmandu and Pokhara. It works on three levels:

Action – Emergency aid after the earthquake in 2015 and in other hardship cases.

Advocacy – Rethinking on a social level through information and networking.

Empowerment – Projects in Nepal to support women and girls directly.

Our project partners in Chyangsar and Ghunsa are:

- The Women's Cooperative [Sagarmatha Milijuli Sana Kishan Women Cooperative LTD](#)
- The [Social Work Institute](#)
- [HASERA](#)

Also [Chay Ya Nepal und Chay Ya Austria](#), who work with us in the village of Ghunsa.

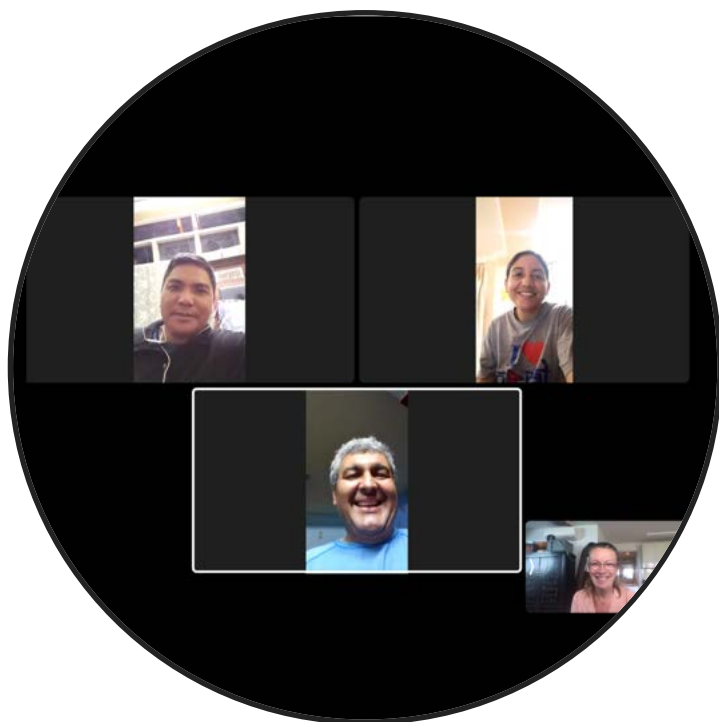
The projects in Chyangsar are financially supported by [Fair Styria](#) and in Ghunsa by the [Vorarlberg state government](#).

We receive further financial support from several women's organizations such as Soroptimist International, companies and private sponsors.

Review: What happened in the past six months

Newsletter: Read up July & September

Detailed information about our projects can be found in the newsletters [July \(focus on farming\)](#) & [September \(focus on scholarships\)](#). You are welcome to forward it to others!



Roots for Life: What's new?

We often get great videos from our project partners. Now we also have a [YouTube Channel](#) so that these can be shown to their best advantage. We also want to draw attention to the [World Day against Trafficking in Persons](#), which was celebrated internationally on July 30th. Zoom meetings with Carola Gosch and the team in Nepal have always worked well, also working in home office was no problem during Corona.

Women's Cooperative: Well established and organized

The women's cooperative could [welcome 6 new members from Ghunsa](#). You want to know how the cooperative works? [Here](#) we explain and illustrate the structure. As it is now well established and firmly anchored in the villages, the cooperative was able to react well to Corona and take quick action.



Mask production in Ghunsa

For the [masks](#), everything is now prepared in Ghunsa. [The machines and material](#) were delivered and the necessary furniture was made on site. Thus, income and local added value could be generated as an additional benefit for the village. The masks were sewn and distributed by the cooperative in a very short time.

Cooperation in times of Corona

Working via [home office](#) has worked excellently thanks to the team, which is now exemplarily well-rehearsed. The people in the villages could be helped over the [hard times](#) with [food packages](#).

Help them too, NOW [your donations are more important than ever](#). There were various measures, such as [washing stations](#), [social distancing](#) was the order of the day in the villages as well as in Kathmandu.



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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