

Sponsorship

One Sponsorship (40 Swiss francs / 30 Euros per month) covers the basic living costs for one child.

Those of the children who learn English in school early enjoy when Sponsors contact them per mail or email to establish a personal relationship and follow their development.

Additional Donations by Sponsors

The association depends on additional donations in order to pay school fees, equipment acquisition and development of the infrastructure of the orphanage.

One-time Donations

Even a one-time donation can have a big effect: With 10 Swiss francs / 7 Euros, for example, 5 high quality flashlights can be bought, which are needed in cases of frequently occurring power breakdowns. With 50 Swiss francs / 35 Euros underwear and socks for all children can be bought, whereas 100 Swiss francs / 70 Euros allow a day-trip for the whole orphanage.

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A Safe Future for the Sertshang Orphanage Home

In the Sertshang Orphanage Home in Kathmandu 48 children and adolescents aged 5 to 17 have found a loving home. Most of them are orphans. Before they came to the orphanage their lives were often marked by hunger, violence and neglect. Only the fewest of them could attend a school. The Orphanage was build up by the Tibetan physician Tashi Sertshang, who used to live in Switzerland till 2007 and who lives in Nepal today. The mentor of the orphanage is his son Chogyal Rinpoche.

The children live in two houses with gardens in the quieter part of Swoyambunath at the suburb.

The orphanage is managed by the Tibetan Tenzin Kuntschok, who has graduated in Buddhist philosophy, and the Tibetan woman Methok Lama.

Furthermore, a cook and two helpers are part of this small team. They all live together like in a big family in which the children find a lot of security. The children learn early to take on responsibility for themselves and the community. The older adolescents take care for the younger children and everybody helps in the household and the garden.

Education is of high importance for the orphanage. The children are educated in a simple and well led private school in the quarter. In addition to the school's schedule lessons in dance, language, music and informatics are given by external teachers on a regular basis in the Orphanage. Moreover, the children with Tibetan roots attend lessons in religion, language and culture of their native country. All children are taken care of and accompanied until they have accomplished training and made the step into professional life. This is a big challenge because Nepal is among the ten poorest countries of the world. Its unemployment rate is higher than 40 percent and roughly a third of its population lives below poverty line. Public schools are in bad shape and the promised and highly demanded reform of the educational sector has not begun yet. This is due to the absence of the awaited

economical boom after the end of the 13-yearlong civil war and the abolition of monarchy in 2006. Because of growing poverty and lack of future perspective many well educated young people leave the country.

The Association Sertshang Orphanage Home

Since 2004 the orphanage is recognized by the Nepalese government. In the same year the Association Sertshang Orphanage Home was founded in Switzerland aiming at securing the financing and future of the orphanage in the long term. Thanks to donations and sponsorship from Switzerland, Germany and Austria, where two further associations help the orphanage, living conditions and education of the children could continuously be improved. The executive committee members of the associations visit the orphanage at least once a year for a couple of weeks. They give advice to the management in pedagogical questions, keep a friendly relationship to the children, control the bookkeeping and make sure that all donations are spent in full range for the benefit of the children.

In Switzerland as well as in Germany and Austria donations can be set off against tax liability. The whole of the donation money is used for the orphanage, all administrative costs are paid by the executive committee members of the associations.

