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TRANSLATION

Dear Mr Renz,

I am happy that you and your team support the TADRA Orphan Villages so energetically.

My mother the Countess Diane von Württemberg, Princess of France, and I were approached in 2005 by Mr Palden Tawo, the founder of TADRA, with a request to support a house for Tibetan orphans in the second Children's Village in Golok. We were happy to comply. I was present in person at the opening of the Orphan's Village in 2006, since when I have travelled to the Orphan's Villages in Tibet every year so long as the political situation permitted.

On the occasion of these visits I each time became convinced of the continued enhancement of the Children's Villages and the development, not only in terms of the number of orphans but above all of the scholastic and moral education received by these children. The education and vocational training of these orphans is highly significant today for the town and the region. The pupils graduating in the final grade are now among the best in the district. The children are so grateful for the support and education they receive in the Children's Villages that some of them return years later as educators, teachers or doctors, in order to give back to the next generation something of what they were enabled to learn through their own loving experience. This is a true example of help for self-help.

The commitment of the Swiss TADRA team is of such immense importance and I cannot reduce it to a matter of Swiss francs. While the francs are important the personal commitment by yourself and your team, Mr Renz, is a decisive factor. You travel to Tibet several times a year at your own cost, speak with the teachers and the local politicians in the interest of the children. You know each child personally and in so many cases have ensured that orphans are taken into the TADRA Children's Villages.

With yourself and your Swiss TADRA team we have people who not only are committed to more than 500 orphans, but who also concern themselves in a far-sighted manner with all the children's needs and help them to achieve an independent life of value.

Heartfelt thanks to you for all your support, (signed)

Eberhard Herzog von Württemberg