



THE TADRA PROJECT

ORPHAN CHILDREN'S VILLAGES IN TIBET

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NEWSLETTER 2021





DEAR TADRA FRIENDS,

Another year finds us in the grip of the Corona pandemic, another year during which, sadly, none of us have been able to visit our Children's Villages.

Regardless of Corona, the situation in Tibet continues to be problematic and communication difficult.

However, after the shock of the closure in Dawu of the Children's Village school last year, a certain stability has returned. During the week, the children now attend the government school and also live there. Some of our house mothers have moved with them and continue to look after them. This is enormously important for their well-being and sense of belonging.

At weekends and during the holidays, the children are allowed back to our Village. Every Friday sees moving scenes when our children come home. The Village leader records this in short videos that he is able to send us from time to time.

Unfortunately, we are not allowed to take in any more children in Dawu, but it will certainly be another ten to fifteen years before our youngest children have finished their school education, studies or vocational training there. We are determined to finance the further education and livelihood of our children during this time.

At the second Children's village in Golok, operations are running largely as before. Last year we took in fifty new children, an even larger number than usual, and while the new school requirements of the Chinese government are giving us some headaches, we are satisfied with the way things went last year and the fact that we are able to offer a home to new children in need. This year, another thirty new children will be selected. Unfortunately, due to the Corona restrictions, we have been practically unable to hold any fundraising events last year.

Therefore, this year we are once again sending only a shorter annual report with the most important news from our two Children's Villages, in the hope of being able to send a full one again next year.

We are a small association and with your help we have given more than 1,500 children a home, made their education possible and accompanied many of them into a good vocational future over the last twenty-five years. Such a result would not have been possible without all the sponsors in Switzerland and the many donors who have generously supported us through the Tadra DEMIGH Foundation since 2001.

For this we would like to thank you all from the bottom of our hearts!

Over the past quarter of a century, we have overcome numerous challenges and defied considerable adversity. We remain confident that despite the current situation, we will continue to be able to help the poorest children.

That is what we founded the association for and what we pursue with all our hearts.

We sincerely hope that you will continue to accompany us on this path.

With deepest thanks and full of confidence,

Dr. Youlha Tawo

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Beat Renz

Präsident des Stiftungsrates der
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FIFTEEN YEARS OF THE CHILDREN'S VILLAGE IN GOLOK

On August 6, 2021, a small celebration of the 15th anniversary of the Children's Village in Golok was held. We would so much have loved to be there, but the Corona epidemic allows no room for such plans.

The children performed dances, while the older boys hosted a basketball tournament. The little ones offered a fashion show presenting the clothes made in the tailor shop. In addition there was a stall selling leather items, dresses, carpets, thangkas, bags and belts made in the craft school.

Some well-known artists from Dawu had generously donated cakes for the day, while other local residents delighted our children with small gifts.

A businessman from Lhasa, who has also supported our children's village on previous occasions, had the idea of producing T-shirts especially for this anniversary. The sale of some of these T-shirts provided some money for the Children's Village, while others were offered to patrons and supporters to thank them.

The children of Dawu who have no relatives had stayed in the Children's Village during the holidays and were invited to this celebration. It was a great experience for them, combined with much joy and fun, and they enjoyed their time at the anniversary celebration in Golok very much.





A STORY FROM THE DAWU CHILDREN'S VILLAGE

Our former pupil Degon was orphaned as a small child and grew up with a nomad family in the Serta district. When he was six years old, the family asked our village leader in Dawu to take him into our Children's Village, as they could not afford to send him to school. Degon came to us where had the opportunity to learn and grow up together with other orphans. From the start, Degon was interested in everything technical, so it was clear to him that he wanted to do an apprenticeship in this field.

In 2021, he completed his training as a technician. Our Tadra project covered all the costs of his food, accommodation and school fees.

His background:

1999	Born into a nomad family
2005	Admission to the Dawu Children's Village
2005 - 2012	Attended Tadra primary school in Dawu
2012 - 2015	Attendance of the middle school (Tehor Tibetan Middle School) in the Drango district
2015 - 2018	Attended high school in the Drango district
2018 - 2021	Attended the Technical College of Mechanics and Handicrafts in Chengdu
Since 2021	Degon has been working as an electrician with the National Electricity Grid Authority in the Serta township.





THE TADRA PROJECT IN FIGURES

The Corona period has also left its mark on our finances. We have not been able to organise any events, and this of course also affected our income from donations. In this situation, we are especially grateful to our sponsors and donors who have supported us for so long and provide the necessary security for our further work.

The profit and loss account of the association „Tadra-Projekt e.V.“ (see below) closes with a deficit of 76,418.78 euros, which is covered by the reserves. The costs of the project for Dawu and Golok are carried individually each year by our association and the „Tadra-DEMIGH-Foundation“ on the basis of different criteria. In Switzerland too, the income from donations fell in 2020. The profit and loss account of the „Tadra-DE-MIGH-Foundation“ (see below) closed with a surplus of 85,893.10 CHF. This sum will go towards project funding in 2021.

2020 TADRA-PROJEKT E.V. GERMANY

Profit and loss account 2020

01.01.20 to 31.12.20 (in Euro)

INCOME

BK Kids-Foundation	3.339,50
Sponsors	70.933,13
Donations	76.130,31
USA Donation	17.407,96
Total income	167.810,90

EXPENDITURE

Translations	115,00
1&1 Internet AG (Homepage)	357,92
Office equipment	542,47
Bank charges	655,75
2021 Calendar	158,00
Postage	1.320,84
Financing of Golok project	240.000,00
Financing of Dawu project	100,00
Tax consultancy	476,00
Telephone calls to Tibet	503,70
Total expenditure	244.229,68

Total income less expenditure **-76.418,78**

2020 TADRA-DEMIGH-FOUNDATION SWITZERLAND

Profit and loss account 2020

01.01.20 to 31.12.20 (in CHF)

INCOME

Sponsors	32.610,57
Donations	266.088,63
Interest	60,61
Total income	298.759,81

EXPENDITURE

Bank charges	210,10
Review 2019	969,30
Financing of Dawu project	191.015,31
Financing of Golok project	20.000,00
Repayment	672,00
Total expenditure	212.866,71

Total income less expenditure **85.893,10**

Administrative costs: 4.129,68 € = 1,69 %

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As in previous years, we incurred no costs for the printing and layout of the 2020 Annual Report, which were offered as donations in kind.



OUR GREENHOUSES IN DAWU

The rapid progress in China continues to increase the cost of living here in Dawu too. This trend had been foreseeable for years, and to counteract it a little, we built two greenhouses in our Children's Village as early as 2004 in order to cushion the cost of food for the children.

At that time, the greenhouses were sponsored by Dr. Müller of the CAD-FEM company and soroptimists of Lüdenscheid.

The housemothers are now able to harvest many different types of lettuce, potatoes and vegetables as well as different varieties of cabbage and radishes. All these vegetables are growing very richly and the harvest is of organic quality, as no chemical fertilisers are used. The housemothers prepare vitamin-rich meals to spoil our children who spend their time in the Children's Village on weekends and during the holidays.





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TO MR. BRIAN LEVIN

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