

Orphan Education Program

A joint project by Great Compassion Boarding School in Nepal and
Foundation Himalaya's Children in Switzerland

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Lama Ngawang Kunga Bista | Founder Great Compassion Boarding School

Agenda

- About Great Compassion Boarding School
- About Foundation Himalaya's Children
- A few words about Lama Ngawang Kunga Bista
- Introduction to our "Orphan Education Program"

Great Compassion Boarding School (GCBS)



Established in 2000 by Lama Ngawang Kunga Bista

2001: Opening summer school in Lo-Manthang (Mustang) (4000m asl)

2004: Opening winter school in Pokhara (800m asl)

2006: Extending winter school in Pokhara



Great Compassion Boarding School (GCBS)



2007: Landslide in Pokhara: reconstruction school buildings


















2015: Earthquake in Lo-Manthang: dismantling damaged parts, reconstruction

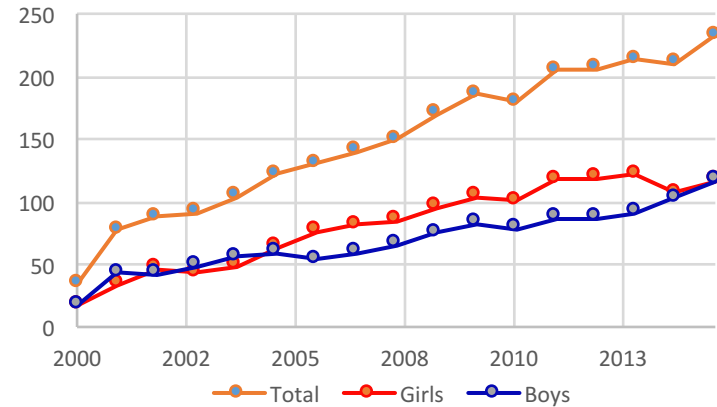
2016: Opening hostel in Pokhara



Great Compassion Boarding School (GCBS)

Number of students

Year	Students	Ratio girls/boys
2000	34	
2001	77	
2002	88	
2003	91	
2004	104	
2005	119	
2006	130	
2007	140	
2008	150	
2009	170	
2010	186	
2011	179	
2012	205	
2013	206	
2014	213	
2015	210	
2016	233	



Foundation Himalaya's Children, Switzerland



HIMALAYA'S CHILDREN

Himalaya's Children was established in 2009 by Mrs. Elisabeth Erne.

The foundation supports the development of society and the standard of living by means of education and medical care.

Among other things, they support 197 children with the help of 175 sponsors and 48 children with the help of donations.



Lama Ngawang Kunga Bista

Founder and Principal

Born in 1970, second born child and following local tradition, within five years, the future Lama entered the monastery Chöde in Lo-Manthang, Mustang. At the age of 7, he was sent to a monastery in India to study.

Ten years later, he returned home as Lama to Lo-Manthang where he served in his original monastery as an ordained monk.

At 24 the monastery assigned him the responsibility for the boys-only school of the convent, which he directed until the age of 30.

In 2000 he founded Great Compassion Boarding School.

He sustainably expands GCBS with the aim of becoming financially autonomous.

Lama Ngawang visits Europe regularly for presentations and charity events.

Project “Orphan Education Program”

The project was triggered by the devastating earthquakes in April and May 2015.



Project “Orphan Education Program”

It was decided to take on children from Ghorka, a region that was most severely affected by the earthquake.



Project “Orphan Education Program”

As soon as it was possible to reach the remote villages of the Ghorka region after winter, a group of representatives travelled to Laprak on March 11th, 2016.



Project “Orphan Education Program”

Many orphans had already been placed with different institutions with help from their relatives. It became evident, that GCBS would take on the remaining children.



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In April preparations were done for the enrolment of 20 orphan children.



Project “Orphan Education Program”

The day the children finally arrived at GCBS in Pokhara. A very happy day!



Project “Orphan Education Program”

We have a native care taker and a house mother for the children, so that they can speak in their own language and feel a little like home far away from home.



Project “Orphan Education Program”

First school day for the 13 younger students.



Project “Orphan Education Program”

First school day for the 7 older students.



Project “Orphan Education Program”

Next steps

- Find sponsors for eight students, secure funding
- Master every day life and involve them even more at GCBS
- Constantly review their school performances and support them with home work and tutoring if necessary
- Teach them to grow up to be independent and self-confident human being, while preserving and fostering their own cultural heritage
- Chaperonage until at least grade 10 and if possible, enable them to complete an academic education or vocational training

Project “Orphan Education Program”

Program finances 2015/16

Inflow	EUR
Sponsors	8'500
Society for Threatened Peoples Int.	8'000
Project-linked donations	15'000
Total	31'500

Outflow	EUR
Salaries childcare staff	-2'000
One time cost for accommodation	-3'600
Yearly sponsorship	-14'500
Total	-20'100

- Secure funding for first year with help of significant contribution by a charitable foundation
- A single donor covers salaries for childcare staff
- Initiative for acquiring more sponsors will be launched

Questions?

Visit our Website for more information (also in Italian):

www.himalayas-children.ch