

# Sonam Sherpa

## Hile Nigale Sherpa Social Service Center

### Report 2: April to July 2020



#### 1: Covid-19 pandemic

Today, people everywhere know how the Covid-19 pandemic has affected our world. Most governments worldwide have temporarily closed educational institutions, attempting to contain the spread of the coronavirus. The Nepal government has also temporarily closed all educational institutions and mandated a nationwide lockdown. Though the COVID-19 pandemic has also affected the educational system in our community, the community decided to continue social activities and keep the learning Center open. We were confident that we could maintain our social activities while observing social distancing protocols and regulations to avoid the coronavirus. Throughout the lockdown, we have explored numerous ways of how to improve our project in the near future.





## 2: objectives and learning outcomes

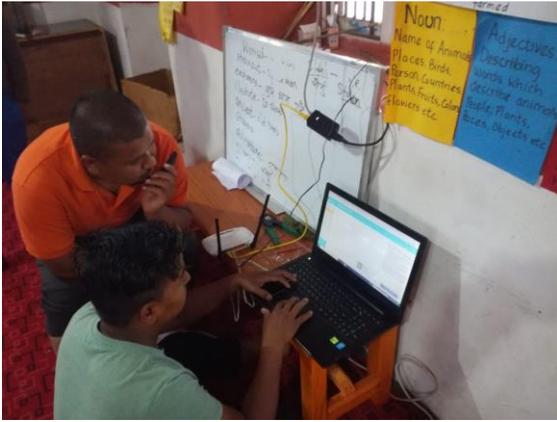
We have seen many positive differences in our children's activities. The children are eager to learn new things and participate in every event. They know how to help each other and interact with new friends, having changed former negative habits. They follow different schedules to learn Sherpa, English, and engage in sports, as well as other activities. Every month, we organize different activities and programs, such as quiz contests, spelling bees, football, dance, gardening, hand-writing competitions, etc. These activities help to motivate the children, particularly when they receive small rewards for their performances. I hope that these kinds of educational activities will lead to a bright future in student success. It should be noted that the children have finished their first level Sherpa language book already. We have obtained a second level Sherpa language text from Kathmandu for the children who have mastered their first level.



## 3: Internet installation

During lockdown, all students above grade 6 at Mainapokhari and Jiri had to stay home with no chance of learning anything. However, the Nepalese government initiated an online teaching system throughout Nepal. It was not easily accessible and effective in our region due to the lack of internet connection. Thus, it was important to install internet access in our community Center. Having that connectivity available is going to facilitate learning new things, as well as to improve communication.

Some children from our community have requested a teacher for Math and Science in the school. Following their request, we have been searching for a math and science teacher. We also have established a youth club for those under 18 years of age to provide a place where they can interact and perhaps even prepare to become active in social work someday.



#### 4: cooperatives for women

It is a fact that women play a big role in the community and society, although most women have received little formal education. To make up for their being denied a chance to attend school earlier, the community center today provides women with general instruction as well as knowledge of women's empowerment to ensure that women and girls have control over their lives and to enable them to actively participate in social, political and economic domains. It is also about realizing true equality for men and women. (For example, I am advocating for girls to participate in many sports activities and other programs. It should be noted that the Hile Nigale girls' team recently won a football (soccer) match in Mainapokhari).



#### 5: Computer coaching class

In addition to teaching traditional subjects, we are soon going to start a computer class. We expect to offer age-appropriate introduction of the technology. Thus, children can learn at least how to operate computers in the internet age, which benefits the entire community. Mingmar Sherpa is ready to

introduce a computer class as a volunteer for the community, having received a scholarship for computer science study in Kathmandu. He has already finished his 12-class course and now has free time to share his knowledge with our community for several months. It is a good thing for us, in case we are unable to engage a teacher from Kathmandu or Mainapokhari.

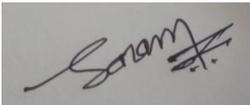
Remarks

None of the referenced items in the report would have materialized without the help and support from our generous donors and friends. The Hile Nigale Sherpa community would like to express our sincere appreciation and thanks to all the people who graciously help and support us. To all of you, many thanks.

Your kind help brings a brighter future to our isolated community! If we had not been able to establish the community center, we could not offer any programs and other social and cultural activities.

Place and Date: July 14, 2020

Signature



The fields of Hile Nigale with the Himalayan Mountains and border to Tibet