

Progress Report on the *Lapchi Children Project*, Dec. 22, 2018



May all be auspicious! Thank you for your kind support.

1. The Lapchi Association accepted two more children from the Lapchi villagers this year. The total number of children staying in the Lapchi Compassion Home is now sixteen. Ten out of the sixteen children obtained sponsorship for this year 2018, and six children are without sponsorship.
2. The Swedish sangha and Ratnashri Meditation Center continue the sponsorship for two children for the fourth year. From October 2017 to now, 14 sangha members have made contributions. The total amount including the list of donations has handed over to H.E. Nubpa Rinpoche in early April 2019. Each donor will be blessed by Rinpoche through their names.
3. The children are doing well. After the school exam in early Dec., the winter break began. They all went home to join their families in Lapchi.
4. They have been well taken care of by the caretakers. They enjoy learning new things in school. They like to do their homework and play in the Lapchi Compassion Home together. During holidays, they sing together and are taken to parks and playgrounds. On hot summer days, they swim in the pool. On special occasions, they visit the Rinchen Ling Monastery to attend some Buddhist celebration ceremonies. At times, they are visited by H.E. Nubpa Rinpoche and Gelong Dorzin Dondup Palden Rinpoche. It is H.E. Nubpa Rinpoche's wish that they receive proper care and education so that they can contribute to the society as well as their home area in Lapchi in the future.
5. Children are growing up healthily, happily and harmoniously. See the enclosed pictures.
6. Right now, the project still runs a deficit since six children are not yet sponsored. Thus, the project must rely on funds from Lapchi Association which currently channels valuable resources from other critical projects aimed at restoring and preserving the holy Lapchi, especially after the massive earthquakes in 2015. We sincerely hope that more sponsorships can be found so that the children home operation can continue.
7. The budget for each child remains the same as last year.

Items	Particulars	Monthly per child	Annually per child
1	Education fee	2,950 Rs	35,400 Rs
2	House Maintenance fee	100	1,200
3	Food	2,700	32,400
4	Staff pay	27,000/11= 2,454	2,077*12=29,450
5	Medical	300	3,600
6	Electric/water/phone	400	4,800
7	Clothing	1,300	15,600
8	Stationery	300	3,600
Total in NEPALI Currency Rs:		10,504	126,050
Total fee for sponsoring a child in SEK Exchange rate: 12 Nepali rupee		875 SEK	10 504 SEK

8. Complete information of the program can be found at www.ratnashri.se/children.htm

Any one-time or regular donation of any amount will be greatly appreciated.

Local transfer in Sweden: Plusgiro:1287806-2 (Ratnashri Meditation Center)

Foreign transfer: (use currency SEK)

Name & address of bank: Nordea Bank Sweden, 10571 Stockholm, Sweden

Swift address: NDEASESS

Account holder: RATNASHRI MEDITATION CENTER

IBAN Account number: SE91 9500 0099 6026 1287 8062 (within European Union)

Bank Account number: (Clearing 996026) 1287806-2

You can transfer donation to the bank account above via Western Union.

**Please write "Lapchi Children", your name and email address on the payment.

Blessings and dedication of merits to Benefactors

In appreciation of the benefactor's contribution for the projects run by the Lapchi Association, there are activities to invoke blessing for donors and dedicate merits to donors throughout the year, such as:

- o Recitation of the Mahaprajnaparamita Sutra on auspicious months.
- o Dharma practice and hanging of prayer flags in auspicious days.
- o Continued offering of light to the Buddha, daily recitation of mantras and offering to protectors, done by the resident lamas of Lapchi.

Daily visualization and dedication of merits to benefactors of the ten directions done by practitioners at the various retreat centers in Lapchi.

Wishing all our dear Dharma friends, a very Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous New year 2019! May every moment of the new year bring inner joy, peace and harmony! Thank you for your support!



[Watch them on http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wZqT7mCvRYc](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wZqT7mCvRYc)

Children swim together on a hot summer day



Children visit Rinchen Ling Monastery



Lapchi children living happily together in their Lapchi Compassion Home



Children with their parents from Lapchi and caretakers visit Rinchen Ling Monastery

