

Progress Report on the *Lapchi Children Project*, May 7, 2021



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

1. Currently, eighteen children from age 5 to 11 from the Lapchi village are taken care of by the staff members at the Lapchi Compassion Home. Four new young children were newly admitted late last year. Nine out of the eighteen children have sponsorship, nine children are without. They really need our continuous support.
2. This is the 6th consecutive year that our Swedish sangha and Ratnashri Meditation Center take the sponsorship of two children. From May 9, 2020 to May 7, 2021, fifteen sangha members made contributions. The total amount together with the list of donors and their donations were handed over to H.E. Nubpa Rinpoche on May 7, 2021. Donors are blessed by H.E. Nubpa Rinpoche through their names.
3. The children are doing very well in spite of the coronavirus lockdown. All attend online classes at home from lower kindergarten to Class 5. They have good daily routine and they enjoy study and play together in the Lapchi Compassion Home.

They have been well taken care of by the staff. See pictures below and watch the video http://y2u.be/ZdypS_i11ww

4. During the winter school break of the entire month of January, they all went home and spent quality time with their families in Lapchi village. See the pictures below.
5. They love learning their cultural music, songs and dance. Their teachers taught them well. Watch how they sang at https://ratnashri.se/Progress2021_film1.mp4 and watch beautiful outdoor dances at <http://y2u.be/9sYGNSumtkM>
6. When lockdown ended and the weather was nice, they went for a trip in the nature. How relaxing. See pictures below.
7. After admitting four new young children, the project is still running more deficit than before since nine children are now not sponsored. Thus, again the project must rely on funds from Lapchi Association which currently channels valuable resources from other projects aimed at restoring and preserving the holy place of Lapchi. We sincerely hope that more sponsorships can be found for the continuous operation.
8. The Lapchi Association started the kitchen project at the Lapchi Gonpa which includes construction of a new kitchen building and repairing roofs in other buildings last fall. This project has already completed this year. See pictures below.
9. Children grow up healthily, happily and harmoniously. It is H.E. Nubpa Rinpoche's wish that they receive proper care and education so that they can contribute to society as well as their home area in the Lapchi in the future. As before, Rinpoche encourages all of us to donate whatever amount you can to support this project. Rinpoche said, "This kind of virtuous deed when it is done with good motivation, the amount is not important. One simply donates whatever one can. Most important is how we do it. If we do it from our heart of loving kindness, it is virtuous. Once the virtuous act is done, there is no need to think about the result. If we perform virtuous deed without expectation, one is free from attachment and self-grasping; thus, one can live in a care-free manner." We are so grateful to Rinpoche for giving us such a precious opportunity to practice bodhicitta and generosity to accumulate merits.

10. 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	2,454	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		888 SEK	10 660 SEK
Exchange rate: 12 Nepali rupee		according to the actual bank transaction	

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

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:

- Recitation of the Mahaprajnaparamita Sutra on auspicious months.
- Dharma practice and hanging of prayer flags on auspicious days.
- 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. Any one-time or regular donation of any amount will be greatly appreciated.

Wish you all have immense inner joy, peace and harmony!

Lapchi Children attend online classes attentively



Group Study and Group activities



Lapchi children enjoy learning Tibetan songs



Lpachi children stayed in Lapchi village with their parents during winter break



Lapchi children enjoy learning Tibetan dance



Lapchi children can't wait to get out to the nature when lockdown ends



Lapchi Association has completed the kitchen project at the Lapchi Gonpa

