

## Progress Report on the *Lapchi Children Project*, September 19, 2022



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

1. Currently, twenty children from age 6 to 12 from the Lapchi village are taken care of by the staff members at the Lapchi Compassion Home. Last year, one child left and stayed with her mother who had settled in Kathmandu. Three new young children joined since last year. Nine out of the twenty children have sponsorship, eleven children are without. They really need our continuous support.
2. This is the 7th consecutive year that our Swedish sangha and Ratnashri Meditation Center take the sponsorship of two children. From May 7, 2021 to August 15, 2022, thirteen 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 August 15, 2022. Rinpoche thanked us all and have blessed all donors by their names.
3. The children are doing very well and all classes are resumed in school as corona restrictions have been lifted. They enjoy to study and play together in the Lapchi Compassion Home. They are well taken care of by the staff. See pictures and watch film 1 and 2 ([https://ratnashri.se/Progress2022\\_filmX.mp4](https://ratnashri.se/Progress2022_filmX.mp4) use this address and replace X with the specific film number)
4. Children love recreational outdoor activities like hiking and swimming. See picture and watch film 3 and 4.
5. The children recite the daily puja and prayers together. See picture and watch film 5.
6. There has been a big joyful family gathering when parents from Lapchi village visited their children, sang and danced together. See picture and watch film 6.
7. Losar was celebrated at the Lapchi Compassion Home children and parents were joined by Ven. Lapchi Dorzin Rinpoche and Lapchi Yogis with nice food, music, and dance. See pictures and watch film 7 and 8. On the third day of Losar, the children also celebrated at the Rinchen Ling Monastery. See picture.
8. Children celebrated H.H. Drikung Kyabgon Chungtsang's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday at Rinchen Ling Monastery. Watch film 9.
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 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 is as follow.

Items	Particulars	Monthly per child	Annually per child
1	Education fee	5 000 Rs	60 000 Rs
2	House Maintenance fee	275	3 300
3	Food	2 500	30 000
4	Staff pay	1 950	23 400
5	Medical	500	6 000
6	Electric/water/internet	325	3 900
8	Bus	300	3 600
Total in NEPALI Currency Rs:		10 850	130 200
<b>Total fee for sponsoring a child in SEK</b> Exchange rate: 11 Nepali rupee		<b>986 SEK</b> according to the actual bank transaction	<b>11 836 SEK</b>

11. Complete information of the program and pictures can be found at [www.ratnashri.se/children.htm](http://www.ratnashri.se/children.htm)  
Deposit from within Sweden: Plusgiro:1287806-2 (Ratnashri Meditation Center). Deposit from abroad: via Paypal account: [paypal@ratnashri.se](mailto:paypal@ratnashri.se) Please write "Lapchi Children", your name and email address on the payment.



***May you all have good health, happiness, peace and harmony!***

**Lapchi Children study diligently together**



**Happy Lapchi Compassion Home**



**Daily meditation and prayers**



**Getting ready to school with strict and less strict COVID-19 restrictions**



**Outdoor activity**





**Happy family gathering at the Lapchi Compassion Home**



**Losar celebration together with Venerable Lapchi Dorzin Rinpoche and Lapchi Yogis**



**Celebrating Losar at Rinchen Ling Monastery**





**Parents and children in Lapchi Village**

