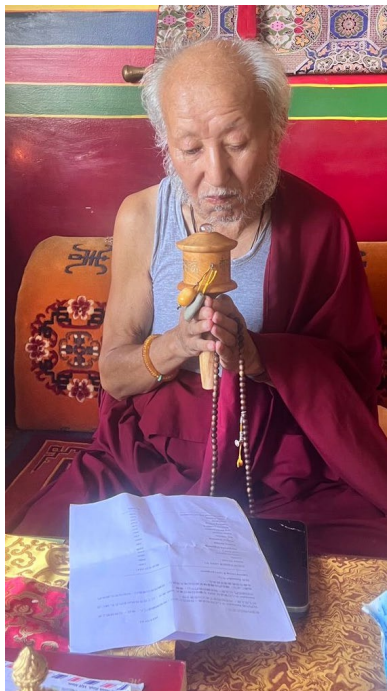


Progress Report on the *Lapchi Children Project*, January 30, 2024



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

1. Currently, seventeen children from ages 5 to 13 from the Lapchi village are taken care of by the staff members at the Lapchi Compassion Home. Lapchi Association has formally withdrawn from financing the Lapchi children and their home. Under the guidance of H.E. Nubpa Rinpoche, the financial matter is now managed by Lama Tensor (Rinpoche's nephew), Lama Thrinley, and Ihakpa Gyalpo. Lama Tensor has been trying very hard to find sponsorships for the children. Rinpoche expresses his sincere appreciation for our continuous support since 2016.

2. This is the 8th consecutive year that our Swedish sangha and Ratnashri Meditation Center take the sponsorship of two children. From May 8, 2022 to July 2, 2023, fifteen members made contributions. The list of donations and donors was hand-delivered to H.E. Nubpa Rinpoche on July 19, 2023. Rinpoche thanked us all and blessed all donors by their names (see the left picture).

3. The children are well taken care of by the staff. See pictures and watch films at https://ratnashri.se/Progress2023_filmX.mp4 (replace X with the film number).

4. Last year, Losar was celebrated happily at Rinpoche's residence, Sankhu Retreat Center (see film 1). Both His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama and Rinpoche's birthday were celebrated at Lapchi Compassion Home (see film 2).

5. Children love recreational outdoor activities like hiking and swimming. See pictures and watch films 3 and 4.

6. They also enjoy adventures and they had so much fun at the Jump Ktm trampoline center especially in the free jump area and the foam pit area (watch film 5).

7. The children continue to do very well in school. They enjoy studying and playing together both at the Lapchi Compassion Home as well as when they are outdoors. See picture and watch films 6-10.

8. It is really wonderful to see that the Lapchi 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 and 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.

9. The budget for each child is the same as last year as follows.

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
Total fee for sponsoring a child in SEK Exchange rate: 11 Nepali rupee		986 SEK according to the actual bank transaction	11 836 SEK

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

Deposit from within Sweden: Plusgiro:1287806-2 (Ratnashri Meditation Center). Deposit from abroad: via Paypal account: paypal@ratnashri.se Please write "Lapchi Children", your name and email address on the payment.

Lapchi Children celebrated Losar with H.E. Nubpa Rinpoche at the Sankhu Retreat Center (see film 1).



They celebrated His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama's birthday together (see film 2).



Nothing beats playing in the cool pool during hot summer days.



Strong friendship bonds them together happily and beautifully (see film 3 and 4



Adventure time for these young and energetic kids at Jump Ktm trampoline center (watch film 5)



Happy Lapchi Compassion Home (see film 6-10)

