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Annual Report 2020

Editorial

Dear ROKPA Friends,

The pandemic has turned our daily lives upside down, affected our health, exacerbated the living conditions of many people and claimed untold lives. It has shown how important a well-functioning health and economic system is and how valuable the little things in life are.

When I look at the photos on the double page overleaf, Corona shows me one thing in particular: we are all vulnerable. We all long for safety, for a roof over our heads, for love and security. And no matter where we live, what job we have or what we own, in the end we are united by compassion – the ability to put ourselves in the shoes of those thousands of people who have nothing, who are suffering from Covid-19 in the current emergency situation in Nepal and who cannot afford treatment, or of the many children queuing up in the blazing sun to get a meal at the food distribution site.

I sincerely hope that you will continue to think of the poorest of this world and that together we can mobilize many more people around us to be there for others.

I hope you enjoy reading our Annual Report.

Kind regards from myself and the whole ROKPA team,

Yours,

Lea Wyler

Co-Founder and President of ROKPA INTERNATIONAL

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This was our 2020

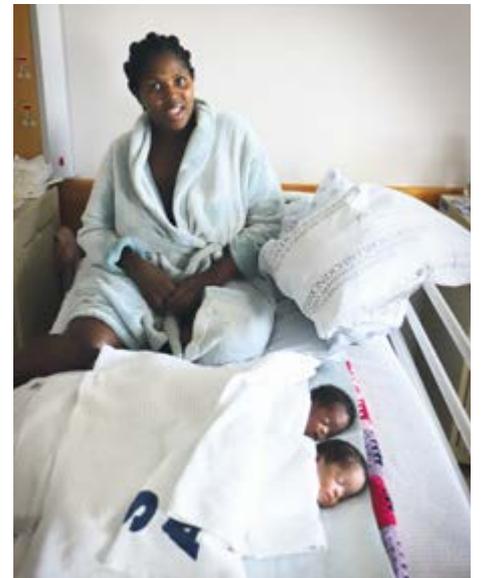
The past year was shaped by many big, global issues, but also by big issues in the small world of children.



These three children learned to read with us at the Children's Home in Nepal in 2020 and pride is written on their faces for all to see. The book they are holding is ever present and has been helping children like these to learn for generations.



2020 in pictures





People in need benefited:
approx. 100,000



ROKPA in figures

Project expenditure by focus

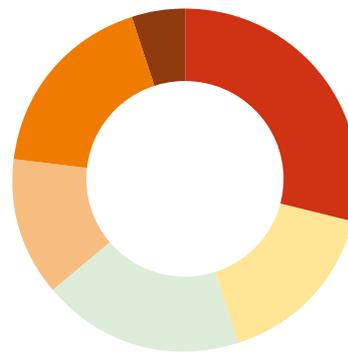
ROKPA's focus in 2020 was adapted to the unforeseen circumstances created by the global pandemic. Although Education as in previous years continued to account for the largest share of project expenditure at 29%, expenditure decreased compared to 2019. This was a result of the strict lockdowns, which particularly affected educational institutions such as local schools as well as ROKPA's own education programs. With the outbreak of the pandemic, ROKPA immediately initiated an emergency relief program. Food distribution and medical aid were expanded. In Nepal, additional food distribution projects were introduced and in Zimbabwe, significantly more people were assisted through the medical Drop-In Centers compared to the previous year. In 2019, 32% of expenditure was in the areas of Food/Living Costs and Medical Care. In 2020, expenditure in these areas, including emergency aid, accounted for 48% of total expenditure.

Total project expenditure (100%): CHF 1,154,478

Previous year: CHF 1,225,116

Number of projects: 43 / Previous year: 49

Project-related costs include costs that are spread across several projects and remained broadly stable compared to 2019.



- 29% Education
- 13% Emergency aid projects
- 16% Food/Living Costs
- 18% Project-related costs
- 19% Medical Care
- 5% Other

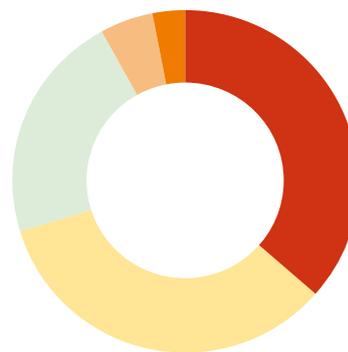
Project expenditure by country

Coronavirus has affected all countries where ROKPA is active. In Zimbabwe, for example, the need for food and medical support rose sharply. Thanks to the local project teams, we could quickly assess where the need was greatest in the medical Drop-In Centers, thereby reaching many people efficiently. Compared to 2019, the percentage of project expenditure in 2020 in Zimbabwe was therefore 11% higher. Due to the pandemic, some projects – especially in Nepal – could not be implemented as planned, which is why the expenditure for these projects is slightly lower compared to the previous year. The ROKPA Hospitality Vocational Training and the ROKPA Women's Workshop in Kathmandu had to be temporarily closed.

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- 37% Nepal
- 5% Tibetan Areas of China
- 34% Zimbabwe
- 3% India
- 21% South Africa

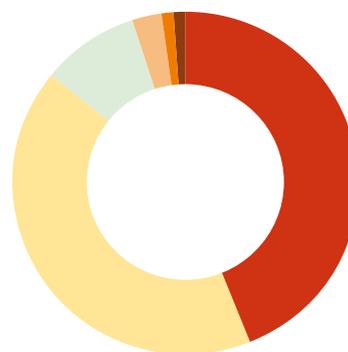
Source of funds

Individual donors and foundations continue to be the main sources of funds for ROKPA projects, accounting for almost 90% of donations. Donations in 2020 were at the same level as the previous year. Donations through the worldwide network increased by 10% and the total number of donors also rose slightly.

Total donations and sales income (100%): CHF 1,496,909

Previous year: CHF 1,543,572

Number of donors: 1,809 / Previous year: 1,754



Use of funds

Total project and operational expenses in 2020 amounted to CHF 1,479,454 (2019: CHF 1,561,173). As mentioned above, projects were expanded and / or adapted to meet people's changing needs.

As in the previous year, 78% of funds were channelled into projects. ROKPA always strives to keep fundraising and administrative expenses as low as possible.

Voluntary work

It is only thanks to the commitment of many volunteers that our projects can be implemented efficiently.

Example: The four volunteers who support project work through photo archive management or reporting represented the equivalent of 0.4 full-time positions. The total work done by volunteers in 2020 represented the equivalent of 4.2 full-time positions, while the work of the permanent team at the Zürich Headquarters represented the equivalent of 3.7 full-time positions. The volunteer commitment corresponds to an equivalent of CHF 357,690 (calculated at an hourly rate of CHF 40).

	Hours	People
Volunteers at the Headquarters	6,282	30
Honorary work by the Board of Directors	2,207	6
Unpaid overtime by employees	253	5
Volunteers at the Soup Kitchen and Medical Ambulatory	200	3
Total voluntary work	8,942	44

Volunteers

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ROKPA

Helping where help is needed. Sustainably, for 40 years.

Masks or food? The struggle for survival

In Nepal, most businesses, construction sites, offices, schools, shops and restaurants have been closed again since April because of the sharp increase in Covid cases. Many people have lost their jobs and are now spending their income and any savings on food. Most families cannot afford treatment for illness, emergencies or accidents, let alone masks.

A quick decision saves lives

In the past, ROKPA has repeatedly supported people in urgent need of medical assistance. The demand from our project partners and friends on the ground has continued to grow since the pandemic began. Now the need is even greater. We want to be able to help the affected people immediately and have therefore set up a special fund for this purpose. For example, this is used for:

- Paying for the costs of operations, births, hospital stays, auxiliary equipment and medication

- Establishing a mobile clinic for primary health care as well as for hygiene and prevention work in residential areas
- Procuring urgently needed material such as oxygen, thermometers, pulse oximeters, masks, Covid tests, vitamins, medicines, etc.
- Providing basic medical care in our reopened Medical Ambulatory next to the ROKPA Soup Kitchen in Kathmandu

Thank you so much for your donation!
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Project No. 8150

Food/Living Costs

Project No. 8750

Urgent ROKPA Projects

Project No. 8000

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