



ABOUT US

The non-governmental organization Himalaya-Karakorum-Hilfe e.V. was founded in the year 2000.

It supports people who live in the mountains of the Himalayas and Karakorums under incredibly harsh conditions; people who live at the extreme borders of settlement and also at the absolute limits of existence. It is our aim to improve the living conditions of mountain villagers so that they do not have to migrate to big cities in order to get education, health care and other facilities. We try to help the locals to help themselves and become independent of any aid in the long run.

The founder and chairwoman of the organization, Barbara Hirschbichler, lives in Schönau am Königssee (Bavaria/Germany). She is an extreme mountaineer and has been equally successful in sports climbing, Alpine climbing and high-altitude climbing. She teaches English and Geography at a grammar school and works for the organization on an honorary basis.

Her husband Ghulam Rasool, a former high-altitude porter, comes from the village of Kurphe in the Braldo Valley/Baltistan. He is in charge of all projects and ensures that donation money is not wasted.

Expenses for advertising and administration average 1,5 % of the funds spent per year.

OUR PRINCIPLES

- Creation of a basis for self-help
- Respect of culture and traditions
- Preservation of well-established social structures
- Promotion of mutual understanding and tolerance
- Protection of nature

REGISTRATION

Himalaya-Karakorum-Hilfe e.V. is registered as a charitable, non-profit organization. It is dedicated exclusively to charitable purposes. Donations are therefore tax-deductible.

MEMBERSHIP AND SCHOOL SPONSORSHIP

You can become a member of the organization and thus support it regularly. Membership subscription is 25 Euros per year.

There are schools in most villages in Baltistan but many parents do not have enough money for school fees and books. 50 Euros (village school) or 200 Euros (higher education) per year are needed to help finance a child's education.

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PROJECTS

Right now, the activities of the foundation are concentrated on Baltistan, an extremely remote and under-developed region in the Karakorams. The main focus is on education, especially that of girls.

PROJECTS 2000 - 2016

2016

- Boys' hostel (running costs)
- Girls' hostel (interior furnishings and running costs)
- Students' hostel (material, construction work)
- Financial aid for school for orphans in Skardu
- Financial aid for three schools in Shigar Valley
- Water supply Bisil
- Water supply Thurgu
- Transport of sick people to hospital
- Medicine
- Transport of supplies to villages
- School sponsorships
- Salaries of eleven village school teachers in Braldo Valley
- Wages for more than 20 people (wardens, caretakers, drivers, tutors, etc)
- Repairs and running costs of two vehicles
- Support in emergencies

2015

- Girls' hostel (completion of construction)
- Boys' hostel (running costs, new library)
- Water supply Tesde
- Water supply Yuno
- Repair of water supply Tigstun

- Salaries of eleven village school teachers in Braldo Valley
- Wages for more than 20 people (wardens, caretakers, drivers, tutors, etc)
- Financial support of three schools in Shigar Valley
- Financial support for Pakhora village school
- School sponsorships
- Support in emergencies
- Transport of sick people to hospital
- Transport of supplies to villages
- Medicine
- Support of victims of earthquake in Nepal

2014

- Girls´ hostel (material, construction)
- Boys´ hostel (running costs)
- Wheat mill for Monjong
- Plantation in Monjong (trees, fence)
- Salaries of eleven village school teachers in Braldo Valley
- Wages for more than 20 people (wardens, caretakers, drivers, tutors, etc)
- Repairs and running costs of two vehicles
- Support in emergencies
- School sponsorships
- Transport of sick people to hospital
- Transport of supplies to villages
- Medicine

2013

- Girls´ hostel (material, construction)
- Boys´ hostel (running costs)
- Water supply Kurphe (repair and extension)
- Repairs and running costs of two vehicles
- Salaries of eleven village school teachers in Braldo Valley
- Wages for more than 20 people (wardens, caretakers, drivers, tutors, etc)
- Financial support for higher education
- Financial support for construction of school in Askole
- Financial support for renovation of girls´ school in Kurphe
- Financial support of three schools and a hostel in Shigar Valley
- Support in emergencies
- School sponsorships
- Transport of sick people to hospital
- Transport of supplies to villages
- Medicine

2012

- Girls´ hostel (material, construction)
- Boys´ hostel (running costs)

- Generator for Monjong
- Purchase of plot in Islamabad for students' hostel
- Repairs and running costs of two vehicles
- Support in emergencies
- School sponsorships
- Transport of sick people to hospital
- Transport of supplies to villages
- Medicine

2011

- Boys' hostel (interior furnishings and running costs)
- Girls' hostel (material, construction)
- Water supply Apoaligaon
- Generators for Monjong and Askole
- Grave sites in Skardu
- Financial support of hospital in Skardu
- Salaries for teachers
- Wages for other workers
- School sponsorships
- Repairs and running costs of two vehicles
- Plantation Monjong (trees and irrigation)
- Transport of sick people
- Transport of supplies to villages
- Medicine
- Support in emergencies

2010

- Boys' hostel (completion of construction)
- Purchase of plot in Skardu for girls' hostel
- Girls' hostel (structural work)
- Support of victims of flood in Pakistan
- Water supply Sencor
- School sponsorships
- Temporary accommodation of school children
- Salary of tutor
- Support in emergencies
- Plantation Monjong (irrigation)
- Medicine
- Transport of sick people to hospital
- Transport of supplies to villages

2009

- Boys' hostel (interior furnishings)
- Girls' hostel (material and construction)
- Building for store rooms, offices, garages

- Repair of water supply Surungo
- Water supply for school in Thongal
- Water supply Nit/Dassu
- Renovation of school in Askole
- Community centre in Askole
- Repairs and running costs of two vehicles
- School sponsorships
- Temporary accommodation for school children
- Salary of tutor
- Wages of drivers
- Support in emergencies
- Plantation Monjong (irrigation)
- Medicine
- Clothing
- Transport of sick people to hospital
- Transport of supplies to villages

2008

- Boys´ hostel (material, construction)
- Accommodation for school children in Skardu
- Repairs and running costs of two vehicles
- School sponsorships
- Temporary accommodation for school children
- Salary of tutor
- Support in emergencies
- Plantation Monjong (trees, irrigation)
- Medicine
- Clothing and shoes
- Transport of sick people to hospital
- Employment of two paediatricians
- Transport of supplies to villages
- Wages of drivers
- Salary of tutor

2007

- Boys´ hostel (material, construction)
- Water supply and reservoir Ho
- Water supply Hoto (completion)
- Accommodation for victims of fire in Arandu
- School in Niaslo
- School sponsorships
- Plantation Monjong (trees, irrigation)
- Accommodation for school children in Skardu
- Repairs and running costs of two vehicles
- Wages for driver

- Training of nurse
- Medicine
- Clothing
- Support in emergencies
- Employment of two paediatricians
- Transport and establishment of opticians' workshop
- Transport of sick people to hospital and supplies to villages

2006

- Support of victims of earthquake in Kashmir
- Water supply and reservoir Askole
- Washhouse in Kurphe
- Water supply Hoto/Chongo
- Water supply Chaqpo/Tosho (completion)
- Water supply Pakora (completion)
- Water supply Sholtoro (completion)
- Plantation Monjong (trees, irrigation)
- Temporary hostel for school children in Skardu
- Accommodation for school children
- Support in emergencies
- School sponsorships
- Boys' hostel (material)
- Repairs and running costs of two vehicles
- Wages for drivers
- Medicine
- Clothing and shoes
- Transport of sick people to hospital
- Transport of supplies to villages

2005

- Wheat Mill in Monjong
- Plantation in Monjong
- Repairs and running costs of vehicle
- Purchase of second vehicle
- Water supply Hoto/Chongo (beginning of construction)
- Water supply Chaqpo/Tosho (beginning of construction)
- Water supply Pakora (beginning of construction)
- Water supply Sholtoro (beginning of construction)
- Repair of water supply Surungo
- Repair of water supply Kurphe
- Training of midwife
- School sponsorships
- Transport of sick people to hospital
- Transport of supplies to villages
- Support in emergencies

- Support in establishing a local trekking agency

2004

- Water supply Surungo
- Water supply Hoto
- Water supply Kurphe
- Tractor and threshing machine
- Toilets for Braldo House in Skardu

- Plantation Monjong (trees, irrigation, fence)
- Clothing
- Medicine and vitamin pills
- Contraceptives
- Solar cooker
- Transport of sick people to hospital

2003

- Purchase of vehicle (Toyota Jeep)
- Dispensary in Thongal
- Renovation of Braldo House
- Bridge across Biafo River
- Clothing
- Medicine
- Transport of sick people to hospital
- Transport of supplies to villages
- School sponsorships
- Solar Cooker

2002

- Water supply in Passu/Hunza
- Sewing machines for women in Hunza
- Dispensary in Kurphe/Baltistan

2001

- Support of Kailash projects, Tibet
- Support of Lelung school, Tibet
- School fees for Sherpa children
- Clothing for Sherpas

2000

- Foundation of the organization on Dec. 8