

# Annual report 2015



Verein zur Förderung von  
**Gesundheit & Bildung**  
benachteiligter Mädchen und  
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## 1. Introduction

Our work in Nepal in the year 2015 was overshadowed by two catastrophes – the big earthquake in spring and the civil war-like conditions following the adoption of a new constitution as of September.

### Earthquake in Nepal:

The earthquakes in Nepal in early summer 2015 caused the deaths of almost 10,000 people and destroyed much of the already highly unstable infrastructure. “Our” girls survived – the rehab facility and the refuge house were in need of repair, but clearly habitable. During and immediately after the quake everything was about emergency aid and survival assistance – about financial support for the purchase of drinking water, food, tents, building material, drugs/medical products and medical care in MAITI treatment camps. The transport of relief supplies with the few available trucks on unsafe paths and streets often proved to be highly difficult. MAITI also distributed bamboo canes and metal sheets for roof repair – particularly important with view to the imminent monsoon period. All this was not only about our projects. Many people in the surrounding areas of MAITI locations were given survival relief, e.g. lost children, elderly and sick people. Furthermore, 20 newborn babies and their mothers were accommodated that had lost the roofs over their heads.

The great response to our donation appeal enabled us to transfer 30,000 € to Nepal in May for survival relief. Despite the freeze of a large number of bank accounts in Nepal this could be achieved by splitting the sum in several instalments transferred via Western Union directly to a leading member of MAITI, our cooperation partner. And what was even more important: we were assured on a daily basis that the donations had reached their destination!



Medical aid and...



.....food distribution by MAITI/pro filia



**Distribution of aid supplies financed by pro filia to survivors along with the distribution of information material about human trafficking of women and girls**



**Girls in care supporting the MAITI survival assistance campaign after the earthquake**

After a phase of panic and reconstruction that lasted about 4 weeks, the projects financed by pro filia could be resumed. MAITI considered it was sensible to speed up the construction of 5 tailor shops for 30 saved girls that had been educated in the rehab facility. They reasoned that the prevailing chaotic atmosphere provided ideal conditions for human traffickers and their promises of financial support with the only aim to sell the girls to brothels in India. Being able to offer serious career perspectives in Nepal itself would be a very helpful preventive measure. For this reason, pro filia transferred the necessary funds to Nepal in the summer of 2015. The general attitude of MAITI to focus on the future, on reconstruction and development is supported by pro filia. The effects of the earthquake and the increasing economic deficiencies caused by the civil war-like conditions in the South and East, however, result in new obstacles appearing steadily that aggravate our work. This is described in more detail within the scope of the project descriptions.

**Civil war-like conditions:**

The new Nepalese constitution adopted in September 2015 was encountered with much resistance in the country – the amendment of territory structures caused ethnic groups with a long experience of discrimination to feel betrayed and shorn of their commonality and their

influence once more. Violent manifestations that had been observed in its run-up massively escalated after the adoption of the new constitution, particularly in the country's South (Terai) and in the East where our projects are located. Indians and furious Nepalese protesters have been blocking most of the border crossings ever since causing food, medical products, fuel, gas for cooking etc. to become scarce goods. Petrol stations supply what limited fuel there is only to buses and government vehicles. International airlines can no longer fuel up their aircrafts in Kathmandu. Imports from China that had been possible prior to the earthquake are stagnating as well because the main connecting road was destroyed in spring and could not yet be rebuilt. According to MAITI the situation is still highly dramatic. The foreign office advises against all travel to these parts of the country. Therefore it was with much regret that we had to cancel our long-planned November visit to our facilities. Even if we would have accepted the unsafe conditions – there would have been no fuel for a car. And without a car it is impossible to reach our facilities. We hope that government and protesters will find a sustainable political solution soon in order for Nepal not to sink into poverty and violence but to take up the reconstruction so badly needed after the earthquake. A law to facilitate this finally was passed in January 2016. After registering the scale of damage, the government will raise funds for the reconstruction of housing.

#### **Blockade of the Nepalese-Indian border near Bhairahawa**



#### **Impact for endangered Nepalese girls:**

As a consequence to the government's failure, the help and support of aid organizations is particularly needed these days. For the consequences for Nepalese girls are severe: **times of disasters are heyday for human traffickers**. Families where food is scarce, without a roof over their heads and who fear the next outbreak of violence are thankful and easily led to believe in perspectives that are offered to their daughters, e.g. as housemaids in India. It even occurs at times that human traffickers pretend to be employees of our partner organization MAITI that has a very good reputation in Nepal. Parents entrust them their daughters who nearly always end up in Indian brothels. Therefore it is indispensable to offer these girls/women reliable perspectives in their own country. This is why with the aid of the SI Club Muenster-Mauritz and Rhenen/Veenendaal, pro filia transferred additional funds for extended awareness campaigns, for the wages of 5 additional border guards and for 5 tailor shops to MAITI in the summer of 2015. 6 young women graduates of our rehabilitation center will find work in each of these tailor shops. It was MAITI's intention to build up these tailor shops as quickly as possible,

however they were forced to wait for several months for the required government's approval alone, subsequently facing many more grave obstacles that need to be surmounted gradually such as infrastructure problems, lack of fuel, roadblocks etc..

## **2. The problem of human trafficking in women and girls**

In many areas of Nepal, girls have been considered to be useless for centuries. They cost money, parents must pay a dowry for the usually very early (forced) marriage and from then on, daughters work in their husbands' household caring for his parents and not for their own ones. Very often girls are victims of domestic violence and rape. And Nepalese girls are enslaved in large numbers: each year approximately 12,000 of them are sold to Indian brothels and sexually exploited there. Very often they are no older than 12 – 16 years. The vast majority does not survive this – girls die from the effects of violence and diseases like AIDS, Hepatitis, etc.! Due to their usually fair skin colour, women from Nepal are deemed to be particularly beautiful in India. Furthermore, India - where baby girls are frequently aborted or killed immediately after birth - experiences an increasing lack of women.

Some girls can be released from brothels – e.g. by a network in India built up by our Nepalese partner organization MAITI! pro filia is supporting these girls whose parents often do not take them back. And pro filia also contributes to preventing many girls from being sold in the first place! Projects in Nepal financed by pro filia give numerous girls the chance to lead a self-determined, humane life.

The difficult situation is severely aggravated by the impact of the earthquake as described above, furthermore by the highly tense political situation in Nepal resulting in civil war-like situations in some areas, e.g. in the south of Nepal.

## **3. Activities in Nepal**

### **3.1. Cooperation with Maiti Nepal**



**MAITI building in Kathmandu**

In 2015 – the sixth year of cooperation – the collaboration with MAITI that had already been quite constructive as it was became particularly intense. The earthquakes, our fear for many

people we know in Nepal, the daily contact in context with the transfer and acknowledgement of funds for survival aid, the very detailed and alarming reports about the situation in Nepal brought MAITI and pro filia even closer together.

For November 2015, the managing director together with a member of the board had planned their visit to MAITI in Kathmandu and to the locations where projects are financed by pro filia in Eastern Nepal close to the Indian border. As outlined above, the visit had to be cancelled due to the dangerous political conflict situation and the lack of fuel for the required car. We intend to travel to Nepal as soon as possible again in 2016.

### 3.2 pro filia projects in Nepal

#### Project 1: Awareness campaigns and establishment of aid networks

The aims of this project are

- To inform about the looming dangers of enslavement in seemingly attractive job offers or promises of marriage
- To improve reintegration of surviving girls that are hitherto widely met with hostility
- To establish an aid network for girls.



#### Awareness campaigns in villages and schools

By the end of 2015 we extended our financial support of this activity field in order to prevent as many girls as possible from being sold during these times of disaster by intense information of families and aid networks.

#### Results 2015 in the catchment areas of Pashupatinagar, Bhairahawa and Itahari

- With door-to-door information campaigns, more than 8,000 people could be made aware about the dangers of sex trafficking and about ways to help.
- On market days, street theater performances about sex trafficking were shown in 16 villages. Along with the distribution of information material, this method proved to be particularly successful.
- Further 4 village communities were provided with information about our issue via lectures and discussion groups.
- Two-day trainings held for 50 policewomen on the issue of sex trafficking: warning signals, trade routes and aid options.

- 30 women were trained in subjects as womens' rights, sex trafficking, domestic violence, sexual abuse and aid options. Back in their villages they started awareness campaigns and distributed information material.
- Teachers and students were made aware about the risks in 3 schools
- With an information desk, the transit home created awareness about violence against women and aid options during a 16 days' action.
- Awareness campaigns and demonstrations for girls' rights took place in many locations along with the distribution of information material and educational posters.
- The 32 women who conduct trainings and campaigns according to the ToT-program (= training of trainers) received a five days' training.
- An information event about sex trafficking was organized for 40 employees in the hotel and logistics business.
- Also in 2015, regular meetings between transit home staff, politicians, police, authority representatives, local dignitaries and NGOs took place to inform about sex trafficking and to further extend aid networking.
- On international Women's day, 104 representatives from four Ilam districts discussed about womens' rights, violence against women, sex trafficking and aid options.
- Additionally, actions were conducted on the occasions of Anti-Trafficking Day, Human Rights Day, International Women's day and World Aids day.
- Three cross-border network meetings were held in 2015 on the issue of sex trafficking with a total of 186 representative of Indian aid organization and the police participating.

## Project 2: Border guards

Border guards are young women that were saved and trained by MAITI and are employed directly at the bustling border crossings to India. Against the background of their own experiences made, they address seemingly endangered girls directly, offering the Transit home as immediate safe haven.



### Border guards at the Indian border

With the aid of the cooperating SI Club Rhenen/Veenendaal five additional border guard positions could be created in the spring of 2015, so that the wages of a total of 25 border guard are being financed at this point.

During the violence outbreaks particularly at the Indian borders after the adoption of the new constitution some border guards had to run for their lives more than once to protect themselves from gunfights. From then on it has been given extensive consideration at what times and under which protection they can do their work. As a result, from September 2015 they could no longer stand at the Indian borders as usual getting in contact with endangered girls but had to rescue themselves in the Transit home repeatedly.

The 25 border guards serve at 8 border crossings to India. Every border guard conveys an average annual number of 50 girls to a MAITI Transit home straight from the Indian border. Thus through the 25 jobs actually financed at this time, an approximate number of 1,250 girls can be prevented from being sold to a brothel every year.

**To give an insight into the border guards' work, the performance achieved in 2015 at the Pashupatinagar border crossing is listed below:**

- In Pashupatinagar, 4 border observers spoke to a total of 1,333 girls/young women personally, making them aware of the dangers.
- Passengers of approximately 13,000 cars, vans and rikschaws were controlled.
- 518 girls/young women could be convinced right at the border that their journey to India can turn out to be extremely dangerous to them. They returned home or were conveyed to the transit home.

### **Project 3: The Pashupatinagar Transit home**

Transit homes offer immediate help to endangered girls right at the border and also serve as first safe haven to girls that could be freed from Indian brothels. Girls can find support there also in cases of domestic violence.



**The Transit home in Pashupatinagar**



**Family counseling in the Transit home**

**Results 2015 for the Pashupatinagar Transit home:**

- The Pashupatinagar transit home offers shelter for 20 girls/young women at a time whose length of stay varies according to their individual requirements. Parents are contacted if the girls wish so. A family discussion is held to clarify if a girl can return home or is transferred e.g. to a rehabilitation center.

- The transit home intervened in the cases of 518 girls/young women in 2015 thus saving them from being sold. 121 out of these 518 girls and young women could return to their families.
- The transit home also is the area's central contact point in case of other forms of violence against girls/young women: 17 girls sought shelter from domestic violence here in 2015.
- Four cases of rape were brought to court in 2015, two trials ended with prison sentences of 5 and 8 years respectively given to the offenders
- 17 girls were reported missing in Pashupatinagar in 2015, 6 of them could be found by MAITI and were returned home.
- In 2015 the Pashupatinagar transit home organized a five-day training on mushroom farming for 44 single women from several villages to provide them an income of their own thus protecting them against the danger of being enslaved.

#### **The Bhairahawa Transit home**

pro filia's financial contribution to the Bhairahawa Transit home has decreased by now as other donors could be found. The money is mainly invested in the establishment of aid networks and awareness campaigns in the Bhairahawa district, both organized by the Transit home. The results of these activities are listed under "awareness campaigns" in this report.



**The Bhairahawa Transit home**

#### **Project 4: The Itahari Rehabilitation home**

Saved girls that can't or do not want to return to their families are transferred to a MAITI Rehabilitation home if they wish so. In these facilities they are helped to prepare for a self-determined life, they learn to read and write and participate in vocational trainings. Courses in sewing, modern agriculture, cooking etc. are offered.



### Results 2015:

- In 2015, 37 rescued girls/young women were taken care of in the rehabilitation centre. They start to learn how to read, write and calculate and are provided with much helpful information regarding their future everyday life, e.g. protection against HIV, risks of early marriage, birth control, womens' rights and protection against human trafficking.
- 25 girls/young women concluded their career training, 3 continued their education in a MAITI home in Kathmandu.
- These girls/women were aged between 15 and 27.
- 10 girls returned to their families at their own request. In the Sunsari district where Itahari is located, this is accompanied by home visits.
- Criminal acts such as rape, sex trafficking etc. are reported to the police.

### Project 5: Post rehab offers

In the Itahari Rehabilitation home, an annual average of 35 - 40 saved young girls are trained – e.g. to be a tailor. After leaving the facility they frequently encounter difficulties to find work that enables them to lead an independent life. With the aim to find sustainable solutions, a job creation concept was developed in cooperation with MAITI. With the help of start-up financing and micro credits, the educated young women should be given the opportunity to earn an income sufficient to maintain themselves. As a first step, the establishment of 5 tailor shops was planned, each one offering employment for 6 young women. The necessary funds were transferred by pro filia in June 2015 supported by the SI Club Muenster Mauritz. It was MAITI's

intention to build up these tailor shops as quickly as possible, however MAITI was forced to wait for the government's approval alone for several months, subsequently facing further infrastructure problems, lack of fuel, roadblocks and many more grave obstacles that need to be surmounted gradually.

### **Project 6: Mushroom farm**

The mushroom farm serves as home for rescued young women that due to the severe traumatisation they experienced are psychically or physically broken. If necessary they can be taken care of there as long as they live. 4 – 5 saved young girls live here at the same time. pro filia provided the farm's two years' start-up funding. According to MAITI, the farm has been self-sustaining since 2015 through the sale of mushrooms.



**Mushroom farm near Kathmandu**

### **Project 7: The Computer Project**

pro filia does not only want to provide education in classical female professions. It is our intention to also create more diverse and more profitable career opportunities that help acquire a stronger self-confidence. After a very successful test training for eleven girls, pro filia has been financing computer trainings for 40 girls per year since 2013. On the one hand the program is offered for preventive reasons: the training protects girls from precarious family situations from being sold. On the other hands it offers the perspective of a self-determined life also to girls and young women that have been rescued. Besides the trainings, the costs for the equipment of the necessary computer training room were settled by pro filia.

Despite all the disasters, in 2015 too fourty young women were trained on computer.



**Computer training in the education center, including awareness program about the dangers of sex trafficking**

During a meeting with MAITI end of 2013 it was decided to open a typing office in 20 locations in the Ilam (Pashupatinagar) district, each staffed with 2 young women who have completed the training. Locations are chosen where a service of this kind is not already offered. Photocopiers are provided in addition to the computers. Besides these services, information about human trafficking and how to protect against it is offered. This information and the development of computer competencies along with the new workplaces for young women are supposed help other girls to immunize themselves against seemingly attractive job offers, e.g. in India.

For the establishment of such typing offices, MAITI seeks contact with the respective village authorities in order to learn about the local needs. Having won their support it is then tried to reach parents and other relatives of young women and to assure their agreement before finally establishing the typing office. MAITI describes the establishment of the first five offices as very successful with a resulting great acceptance. This helped to create employments for 10 rescued young women that had completed computer trainings. The remaining 15 typing offices scheduled are supposed to be established progressively, however delayed by the earthquake and the civil war-like conditions. The goal is to provide employment to 40 young women trained on computers.



**Establishment of one of the first typing offices**



**Village women informing themselves**

## 4. Projects scheduled for 2016

The funding of the following projects is firmly planned for 2016:

- Extended awareness campaigns and the establishment and maintenance of aid networks in the Ilam/Pashupatinagar, Bhairahawa and Itahari districts
- The salaries for 25 border guards
- The Pashupatinagar Transit home at the Indian border near Darjeeling
- The Itahari Rehabilitation home
- The computer education for 40 girls
- Further typing offices for young women trained on computers as soon as MAITI has found the suitable locations.

The financial possibilities provided, the following projects are to be discussed with MAITI and affordable solutions are to be implemented together:

- Self-defense trainings for women
- Emergency telephone for girls in danger
- An improved sanitation for border guards by placing toilets.
- “women taxis”: our proposal to train young women as drivers – which has been completely uncommon so far in Nepal – was very well received. Firstly, these women might one day offer a taxi service for other women, but they could also act as drivers for female representatives of aid organizations such as pro filia who are always dependant on being driven in Nepal but as of now only by male drivers. This project will be addressed as soon as the PC project becomes self-financing.

## 5. Cooperation

A cooperation with the SI Club Muenster Mauritz has been going on since mid-2014, another one with the SI Club Rhenen/Veenendaal since autumn 2014. On the occasion of an SI charity breakfast in early 2015, a meeting of the two SI clubs and pro filia was held where the further collaboration was laid out in more concrete terms as follows:

- Both SI Clubs will collect a total sum of 12.000 € for pro filia that will finance five additional employments as border guards, post-rehab job creation schemes, self-defense trainings and typing offices.
- Additionally the members of the SI Muenster-Mauritz will provide personnel support of pro filia campaigns – which proved to be highly successful at the art auction!



**Cooperation meeting SI Club MS Mauritz, SI Club Rhenen/Veenendaal and pro filia on Feb 28, 2015**



**Charity breakfast of the SI Club Muenster –Mauritz, Feb 28,2015**

In addition the SI Club Muenster-Mauritz organized a meeting with the two representatives of the Rhenen/Veenendaal SI Club on June 28, 2015 who had been in Kathmandu at the time of the earthquake and had met our MAITI contact Sabin Gurung shortly before to get an on-site overview of the projects financed by pro filia – a highly exciting report! They experienced MAITI as a very competent and reliable aid organization – an evaluation we at pro filia share with them. And both women described the earthquake as a very upsetting experience during which they saw a great helpfulness between the Nepalese people affected and the visitors from abroad.



**Nicoline Adè and Margreet Hagelstein from the Rhenen/Veenendaal SI Club**

In 2015, both SI Clubs already transferred 6.500 € for the agreed projects and another 500 € for post-earthquake survival aid. Since June 2015, the SI Club of the Isle of Man also takes part in the cooperation for which we extend a heartfelt thanks! A border guard's annual salary could be financed with the first contribution.

## **6. Activities 2015**

In 2015 numerous campaigns were launched again to promote the issue of human trafficking of girls and to acquire new members as well as contributions for our projects:

## 6.1 pro filia activities 2015:

- pro filia presentations at the charity breakfast of the SI-Club Muenster Mauritz on Feb 28, 2015



- pro filia presentation at the GGB spring meeting in Lahnstein on March 28, 2015 with more than 700 participants. An occasion to win 15 new members.
- pro filia art auction on April 18/19, 2015. The donations of almost 25.000 € will be invested in project funding only. Post-earthquake survival aid will be financed by other sources that could be found after the call for donations:





- The call for donations for our Nepal projects and for people in need in the aftermath of the earthquake on April 28, 2015. The yield of roughly 30.000 € was transferred to Nepal directly for immediate survival aid.
- Doppelkopf (German game of cards) night in the Le Midi on April 24 and October 10, 2015:



- pro filia information booth on the Nepal charity day at the "Pleistemuehle" in Muenster on June 5, 2015:



- pro filia information booth at the Kreuzviertelfest, a two-day local Muenster festival on August 22/23, 2015:



- pro filia presentation in the Matthaueus church hall in Guetersloh on December 20, 2015.
- In 2014, pro filia had applied at the local public prosecutor's office as non-profit organization entitled to receive imposed fines designated to be donated to charity. We were found to be eligible and were assigned funds of about 2.000 € for the first time in 2015.

## 6.2 Activities for pro filia

- School project SozialGenial: Pauline Willenbrink, Maja Giesbert and Lotte Hennecke gave an overview of the work of pro filia and collected donations selling homemade cakes:



- "Kochkunst" event for Nepal: the earnings of a vegetarian lunch on May 6, 2015 were donated to pro filia.
- The earnings from a series of walking events along the Muenster lake (Aasee) conducted by the laughter yoga coach Veronika Spogis on May 17 and October 12, 2015 were donated to pro filia.

- "Paddling and golfing for Nepal" on June 5, 2015: charity event at the Pleistermuehle, a Muenster country inn with a canoe station:



- Series of Boules tournaments, organized by Konrad Averbeck:



- pro filia project in a School in Leimen, organized by Michael Beck:



- pro filia fundraising at the Papst-Johannes School Muenster, organized by Christoph Böcker and students:



- Donation of Karlheinz Busen on September 19, 2015:



- The “Herbstfest” of Mr and Ms Jesse brought donations of more than 4.000 € for pro filia!
- Claudia Hollstein and her choir gave a concert in the protestant church district of Preetz – the proceeds of 550 € were donated to pro filia.
- Isabelle Feix und Tina Reuther sold books earning 600 € they donated to pro filia.

- Yoga Summer, organized by Leben & Reisen: a series of open air Yoga session was held every Friday at 17:30 h from July through September 2015 near the Muenster lake (Aasee). The event was met with great interest – a short TV documentation was produced by the WDR (local TV and radio station). The Yoga events were attended by a total of 500 participants, each donating 5 € per session. The total earnings were donated to pro filia. The sum was handed over to pro filia on September 25, 2015 by Ilona Tertilt and Dagmar Merforth.



- Advent collection of the Guetersloh protestant parishes totalling 10.500 €.
- Further donations on various occasions such as birthdays, funerals, weddings, celebrations.

### 6.3 Sponsoring 2015

The following sponsors could be acquired for the art auction 2015:

- Personnel support, location, event technology, security service: Fachhochschule für Design Muenster
- Insurance of the works of art: Gauby-Skusa GmbH Muenster
- Special account, EC card debit device: Volksbank Muenster
- Printing costs for posters and invitations, postage: Botz GmbH Muenster
- Administration material: praepaed e.V. Detmold
- Coffee, mugs (Roestbar Muenster), coffee machine (Café Nobis Münster), flower bouquets (Roland Terhaer, Muenster), Tartes (Kochkunst Muenster).

Our heartfelt thanks to all supporters of the many activities and campaigns – to members, donors, sponsors, information desk personnel and bakers of cakes!

Special thanks also to Norbert Langer who provides the English translation of the pro filia website.

## **6.4 Ideas for activities in 2016**

- Further presentations wherever possible
- Establish contacts to tax advisors to apply for the donation of remaining credits
- Flyer distribution at the municipal weekly market
- Doppelkopf nights (Doppelkopf: traditional German game of cards)
- WN-Christmas campaign 2016 (WN = Westfaelische Nachrichten, local newspaper)
- Information desk at the „Kreuzviertelfest“ in Muenster
- Renew contacts with newspaper publishers
- Video about pro filia
- Systematical distribution of the 2015 annual report.

## **7. Condition of the pro filia association by the end of 2015**

### **7.1. Number of members**

By the end of 2015, pro filia is counting 183 members! The forthcoming general meeting will be held on April 8, 2016 at 7 pm in Café Arte, Koenigsstraße 43 in Muenster.

### **7.2. Financials**

The cash auditors Hajo Schoo und Dr. Werner Brüren elected at the last general meeting reviewed and approved the 2014 annual report. The members ratified the executive board's actions at this year's general meeting on June 9, 2016. Likewise, the Muenster tax authorities have re-issued a notice of exemption in August 2015.

In 2015, pro filia transferred a total amount of 104.200 € to MAITI, whereof 74.200 € for project funding and 30.000 € for survival aid in the aftermath of the earthquake. The expenditures of nearly 5.400 € (costs for programming, graphic design, computers and banking) were covered by contributions of the managing and executive board. 100% of all other funds and donations are transferred to Nepal. A good 60.000 € will be carried forward into the year 2016 – thereby our first rate to be transferred to MAITI in April 2016 will be well covered.

The detailed accounting report for 2015 – as the 2008 through 2014 reports – and all donations received exceeding 1.000 € can be found on our homepage under “voluntary commitment declaration”.

### **7.3. Executive Board**

For the first time in 2014, an extended executive board of pro filia was elected for two years, so that the next regular election to the board will not be held before 2016. Members of the current executive board are Mechthild Spener (chairperson), Bernd Brixius (treasurer), Ina Specht, Josef Humbert, Brigitte Wierling, Jan Sprünken.

We thank MAITI for keeping up their work on projects under the most adverse condition and for doing everything to ensure safety and sustenance to the girls and young women in their care. In doing so, MAITI is in urgent need of our support as food prices and costs for cooking

and heating are rising rapidly. pro filia offers support that reaches persons in need for a hundred percent.

We enter the year 2016 hoping that the difficult living conditions for the people in Nepal may soon take a turn for the better!

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