

Annual report 2011

2011 has been an extraordinarily successful and exciting year in view of the results we have achieved with our activities for traumatized girls in Nepal. Our organization is only three years old. Yet, in this short period of time, we have managed to fund significant projects in Nepal, to increase membership of pro filia and to set up an informative website in German and English.

In the following annual report, we describe pro filia's work in 2011 in more detail.

1. Activities in Nepal



Typical assignment of roles in Nepal

1.1. Meeting with MAITI's directors in Kathmandu in April 2011:

We had a very constructive discussion about our co-operation so far and future joint projects.



Girls in care at MAITI

1.2. Current situation of projects for girls in Nepal

We present pro filia's current projects with the help of photos and film clips below.

Project 1:

Information campaigns



- **1. Objective:** To provide local people with information about the high risk of seemingly attractive job offers or promises of marriage for girls turning into their enslavement. Because of the high rate of HIV, virginal girls are especially sought after – in other words, increasingly it is very young girls who are sold into slavery. Moreover, severe poverty is driving young girls, who are unaware of the imminent dangers of slavery, into the cities.
- **2. Objective:** To improve reintegration into society and family of surviving girls, who tend to be rejected.
- **Execution:** Street theatre, door-to-door visits, networking meetings, public information at weekly market days of the villages, large events, information events for key professionals, such as teachers, policemen, customs personnel.

- **Flagged by MAITI as very important:** If possible, always involve village elders and dignitaries – this is the best way to ensure that the information provided will be accepted.

Results for 2011 in the Pashupatinagar region:

- Information and education provided to 1421 persons.
- Orientation programmes to 115 adolescent girls on the issue of human trafficking and gender violence.
- Building of help networks in villages for more protection and less discrimination of single women.
- 5-days training on “Leadership development” for 32 women.
- Sensitization programme to 99 female workers at a tea plantation.
- Training of 31 hotel owners and drivers concerning the problem of trafficking girls.
- Orientation to 70 policemen and customs guards.
- Organisation of a networking meeting on the international women’s day with 40 participants.
- Information event with 50 participants in key positions in the local society.
- Information week with the topic “Equal access to education for girls” with 500 participants.
- Mass rally at the National Anti-trafficking Day with the participation of 450 people from various NGOs, GOs, schools and local clubs.

Results for 2011 in the region around the Bhairahawa shelter:

At events similar to the ones above and several large-scale events, MAITI were able to reach more than 8000 people in 2011.

Information material:

This year, too, pro filia funded the production of information material, such as two large information signs at two arterial roads that lead to the Indian border.

Important for the success of the information campaigns is the sustained nature of the measures taken, especially continued flow of information and nurturing of the various networks.



Awareness Raising Street show organized in the local village

Street theatre



Local people gathered to observe the Awareness Raising Street show Audience

Project 2:

The shelter houses:

Shelter house Pashupatinagar:



- Since 2011, pro filia has been completely responsible for funding the shelter house including refurbishment of the common room.



Before refurbishment



Newly refurbished common room

- In 2011 in Pashupatinagar, 1397 girls at the border to India were provided with information about the risk and dangers via personal conversations. 47 000 cars, lorries and rikschas were checked at the border.
- Of the 1397 girls, 507 triggered intervention: 107 remained for the time being in the shelter and 400 were taken back to their families. Almost all of them were illiterate; the youngest was 13 years old.
- The shelter house also represents the central contact in the case of other kinds of violence against girls and young women. The first half of 2011 saw 35 searches for missing girls, 8 of whom were found and returned home by MAITI. In addition, the shelter provided refuge to 21 girls who were victims of domestic violence and 3 rape victims.



A border guard checks a car in Pashupatinagar



A father comes to take his daughter home from the shelter.

MAITI's report about the work in the shelter house Pashupatinagar carried out in the second half of 2011 will be ready in the beginning of 2012.

The shelter house Bhairahawa:



- We reduced our funding in line with increase in other source of donations.
- In April 2011 representatives from pro filia visited the shelter house again and viewed the improvements carried out with funding from the organisation, such as the refurbishment of the common room. There was also an opportunity for extensive discussion with the shelter staff about their work.

Project 3:

Boarder guards:



Border guards in conversation

- Border guards are typically young women who have survived time in an Indian brothel. They are trained by MAITI and work directly at the populated check points on the border to India.
- Drawing on their own experience, they directly approach girls who seem to them in danger of being trafficked and offer them refuge in the shelter house.
- Last year, pro filia funded the border guard training of 32 young women, who thereby gained a place of employment.
- Pro filia funds the salaries of 19 border guards at present. Every border guard places around 50 girls into a MAITI shelter house **per year**. That is, the pro filia-financed work of border guards annually saves around 950 girls from being sold into a brothel and provides them with an opportunity to lead an autonomous life.

Meeting with border guards in Bhairahawa:



Conversation with the help of a translator

1. Border guard 1: 26 years old, brothel survivor, has worked for the past seven years as a border guard, is familiar with dangerous situations at her work place but feels sufficiently protected by the people around her.

Wishes for:

- Continued employment as a border guard, because she feels her work is important and because it provides her with an income.
- Always having a roof over her head.
- Enough food every day.

2. Border guard 2: 24 years old, rescued by another border guard and placed in a shelter, has worked for the past six years as a border guard.

Wishes for:

- Continued employment as a border guard.
- A better equipped MAITI shelter house with own bathrooms and toilets.

Both of these women regard more information concerning the dangers of human trafficking and slavery and better access to education for girls as urgently necessary and the best protection for young Nepalese girls.

Project 4:

Rehabilitation centre Itahari:



- Rescued girls, who cannot return to their homes, will be transferred to a MAITI rehabilitation centre if they wish to.
- With the proceeds of the art auction, pro filia has financed about half of the centre's running costs for this year
- In the centre, girls receive help in preparation to start leading an autonomous life. They take part in vocational training courses, such as modern agriculture, cooking in hotels, etc.

Project 5:

Rescuing trafficked girls from Indian brothels

- MAITI and other aid organizations have worked together to build up networks in large Indian cities to help girls in forced prostitution.
- Pretending to be clients, members of these organizations go into brothels and try to win the trust of these girls so that they do not hide during police raids.
- After their rescue, Nepalese girls are brought back to Nepal into a MAITI shelter house, where they receive counselling and help to develop plans for the future.
- In 2011, 12 girls were rescued from India and various exploitative situations and - arriving at the shelter house in Pashupatinagar - provided with all they needed.

Upshot:

The current use of pro filia's resources reflects a good balance between preventative and rehabilitative projects!

It is our goal to continue and nurture the above described projects. In order to do so, we need to continue raising awareness, increase our membership and donations – via activities such as our art auction, articles in newspapers, lectures and private initiatives.

1.3. Planned Projects for 2012

We are on course to provide the funding for the following projects for next year:

- Information campaigns to raise awareness of human trafficking in the Bhairahawa region
- Running costs for the shelter house in Pashupatinagar at the Indian border with Darjeeling – at a minimum two-thirds of the costs, if possible all of it.
- Salaries of 19 border guards.

Depending on income from donations, pro filia aims to continue its partial funding of the rehabilitation centre in Itahari. That centre helps prepare girls who have been rescued to lead an independent life, including providing them with vocational training.

We also hope – again depending on sufficient donations – that we can finance information campaigns in the Ilam/ Pashupatinagar regions.

2. Activities

2.1. Activities in 2011

Next to many private donations, 2011 saw many activities to raise funds for our projects in Nepal. We thank all our members who either initiated or supported individual activities. The following amounts were rounded down:

- Doppelkopf Tournament
- Boule Tournament
- Donations at 'round' birthdays
- Donations at two funerals
- Three church collections
- Entry for a Getty Images Award for social projects, which we sadly did not win.

- Fund raising evening at punktum



(Foto: Gregor Wiemer)

Words of thanks from M.Schiwy to artists at the fundraising evening.



(Foto Gregor Wiemer)

Uwu Lena

- pro filia art exhibition with amazing support from the School of Design in Münster:



- Street party Gertrudenstraße
- Article in „Werte stiften“(available online)
- Kreuzviertel Party
- pro filia put in an entry for the christmas donation campaign at the WN, but sadly was not chosen for the final list.
- Presentation of pro filia projects in Nepal at the Zonta-Club Münster for working women
- Raffle at the Professional Womens Day in Münster.

2.2. Planned activities in 2012

The following activities are scheduled:

- Boule Tournament in the summer of 2012.
- Doppelkopf Tournament in the spring and autumn of 2012.
- Given the excellent response to presentation of our work in „chrismon“ und „Werte stiften“, we will contact other newspapers and magazines with the request to portray pro filia’s work in Nepal.
- We are aiming to organize a pro filia-Information evening in conjunction with an exhibition of Sandra Konold’s photographs of Nepal in 2012.
- We will set up a postcard action with pro filia’s own and photograph’s donated by Sandra Konold.
- The next art auction is planned for 2013. We have already contacted several well-known artists.

3. What is the situation for pro filia at the end of 2011?

Membership

Our membership number continues to increase: We now have 85 members!

Finances

At the general meeting on 11.11.2011 the financial statements for 2010 and 2011 (status: 8.11.2011) were presented by the executive committee and approved by the members.

In total 41 400 Euro were transferred by pro filia to MAITI in 2011. Overheads of about 4400 Euro (improvement of webpage, art auction, PC and Banking costs) were either provided free of charge or paid for with donations by the executive committee members. All other income from donations was used 100% in funding the projects in Nepal. About 16 000 Euro will be carried over into 2012.

The detailed financial statement for 2011 - as well as the financial statements for 2008, 2009 and 2010 – is available to be viewed online on our homepage (see ‘Voluntary declaration of commitment’).

Executive Committee

The election at the general meeting resulted in the re-election of the current executive committee to serve in their present posts for another year. In addition, it was decided that members of the executive committee are elected two years instead of one year.

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