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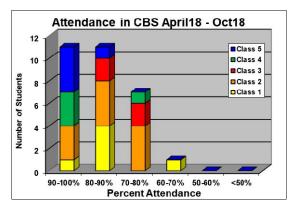
REPORT ON Chhimbu Basic School March 2019

Chhimbu village has been in a decline after the earthquake in May 2015, due to the poverty of the population. They have not been able to reconstruct. Some families have been able to reconstruct, but mainly among the mature families with elder children, others are now initiating reconstructing with the public aid, but it is difficult for the young families.

After the recent introduced improvements of Bhakanje School, some parents are sending their children there, as soon as they can walk the way by themselves.

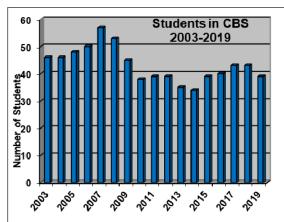
Teacher Jangbu Sherpa employed by PONA have been suffering from liver disease, which has forced him taking leave to visit hospital in Kathmandu. Teacher Kanchhi Sherpa supported by PONA is regular and active at school. Public employed teacher and headmaster Bhimsen Basnet has started being more irregular at school, due to the long way uphill combined with progressing age, but also personal business. Public teacher Yasoda Thapa had a period of maternal leave in the beginning of the session, but

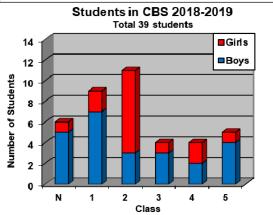
nowadays she is a very regular and sincere teacher. Peon Serkini supported by PONA is regular and taking proper care of the environment and class rooms.

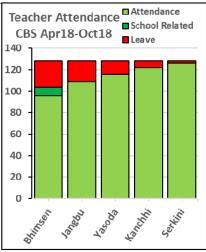


The attendance of students has improved over the last years and is now satisfactory.

In spring 2018 a small booklet was introduced to the







students as extracurricular English trainng. It was

written by Ellen Lomborg, 10 years old, for the students of same class level as herself. By autumn it was seen that it had not been touched during the year. Also the purchase of educational materials show that the level of initiative and development is low.



The school toilet was ruined during the earthquake now almost 4 years ago, and until now the repair had

not been initiated. Furthermore the roof of the school buildings had started leaking ruining the





underlying wood. In autumn we decided initiating both works at the same time, by writing contract with the young

building worker Bhim Bahadur Thami, who recently married one of the students of the school, class 5.





Now the roof is shifted and wooden ceiling under reconstruction, and the toilet is almost complete, onluý lacking the water supply. This project is financed in unison between PONA, Himalayan Project and 2-3 Rotary Clubs in Arizona.



Conclusion: Now the school is in a good structural shape. It could be nice with some play equipment in the playground similar to the equipment, which Laif & Bodil has established in Chhirringkharka. The educational standard could be improved. It could be considered by the PONA-group, visiting the school in autumn, what could be the actions to be taken, to make the school return to previous pride and educational standard.

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