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A „Science Lab“ for Nepal

Approximately 570 km west of Nepal's capital, Kathmandu, lies the „Shree Sharada Basic School.“ This school in the Shahipur community is one of the few elementary education opportunities for children from disadvantaged families and orphans in the predominantly rural region. The school's classrooms are severely dilapidated, and currently, each classroom is overcrowded with 60 children. The school recently received materials for science education, but due to lack of space, these cannot be utilized. Therefore, there is an urgent need for an additional school building to ensure quality education in reduced class sizes.

In a collaboration between Anhalt University of Applied Sciences and the Leipzig-based Mirador e.V. association, we will now develop a single-story multifunctional space for science education with our partners at the „Shree Sharada Basic School.“ This project will be made possible together with an international team consisting of professors, teachers, students, pupils, and community members.

The resulting „Science Lab“ will be planned on the school grounds provided for charitable use. The focus in planning and construction will be on earthquake safety, sustainable building, and the use of local building materials.

Subsequently, educators in physics, chemistry, and biology will be able to commence their work, thus enabling science education.

We are currently working on the designs for the building. In parallel, we are organizing fundraising events, applying for grants, and soliciting donations.

At least 70,000 euros are needed for the 150 m² Science Lab.

The fact is that in Nepal...

40% of the population are illiterate,

30% of school-age boys and girls are not enrolled in any school,

30% of school-age girls do not attend elementary school.

Who is behind this project?

Students and faculty of Anhalt University of Applied Sciences have been engaging their knowledge in non-profit and intercultural construction projects for fifteen years. The goal is to expand their own practical, social, and intercultural skills, but also to support people in the structurally weak regions of our world.

The project team:

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