



*The Blue House*

# **Policy Plan 2022**

# Board and internal organisation

## Board

Director and founder: Jaira Sona Chin

Secretary: Angelie Oemrawsingh

## Paid employees

Local managers: Sunil Nat, Javari Lal

Local chef and helper: Deepak Nat, Vikram Nat, Hanuman Nat

Local teacher: Kiran Nat

## Existing Projects

### Education

The Blue House Project supports underprivileged families in Pushkar, Rajasthan. In 2022, we enrolled 42 children to the local Atharv Public School. All these children belong to the SC-ST, the lowest castes of the Indian caste system. Their families suffer from social exclusion and intergenerational poverty. They lack the capabilities to fulfil basic life needs, such as food, shelter, clothing, income and education. The Blue House Project supports the families of 42 children to fulfil their basic life needs.

Education is the main focus of the BHP, because it is an important tool in fighting intergenerational poverty and social exclusion. It enables people to fulfil their innate potentials and climb up the social ladder. The 42 children are enrolled in the local school we partnered up with: The Atharv Public School (APS). APS is a private/public school managed by a local couple. The Blue House Project funds the school fee, uniforms and schoolbooks of 42 students. The students go to school six days a week.

After school, the students come to the project center The Blue House for tuition classes and lunch. They also play sports and games. Lunch is made and served by local employees who belong to the same SC-ST castes.

## **Basic Life Needs**

The students eat daily lunch in The Blue House. In addition, we support the families of 42 students through conditional food security. The families receive a food package filled with basic necessities every month.

We built 5 houses for former homeless families. The houses are all blue and built in the desert. We distributed other basic needs, such as fleece blankets in the winter and waterproof tents during monsoon season.

## **Employment**

Lunch is made and served by three local employees who belong to the same SC-ST castes. The students are driven to school in a tuktuk and schoolbus. The Tuktuk and bus are driven by local employees from the SC-ST castes.

## **Evaluation**

COVID-19 had a huge effect on the project. Sadly, schools were closed for a year and a half. Luckily, we were allowed to open The Blue House as a tuition centre for most months of the lockdown. The directors of the APS school sent teachers to The Blue House everyday to continue classes. Thanks to this, the students' knowledge did not lag too much behind.

Last school year, we enrolled 70 children in total. Sadly, a lot of families moved because of the pandemic. An ongoing problem is the low attendance rate of many students. Most children lack support for their education from home and parents prioritise sending their children to work or go begging. The leading cause to this issue is the level of absolute poverty the families are in. The monthly food support supports the families in fulfilling their basic life needs and serves as an incentive for parents to send their children to school.

## **New Projects**

We hired the first female employee. Kiran is tutoring the students after school. She also belongs to the SC-ST families.

We are building boundaries and bathrooms next to the three residential Blue Houses.

We bought a school bus. We provided driving classes to one of the employees and hired him as a driver of the new school bus.

We want to focus more on an after school sports program and other extracurricular activities.

## **Fundraising and finance**

Knappe Koppen Vrijwillig is raising funds until June 2022 in order to build a sports park. The goal is to raise 20.000 euro.

Ouderenzorg donated 4500 euro.

Unlimited Health Yoga Center donated 5000 euro.

The monthly donations remained the same.

The annual report is published on the website.