

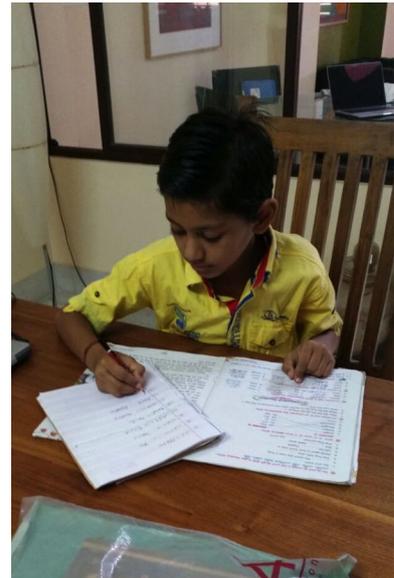


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Juli 2017

With the beginning of the new school year Silvia Kunz has started to give free tuition to children from underprivileged families in the neighbourhood and to assist them with their homework.

As most parents are unable to read or write, they are not able to help the children with their homework. The children thus visit so-called tuition classes where they are helped with their homework. These classes are very expensive and many families cannot afford to send their children to a tuition class.



August 2017

Thanks to our donors we are newly able to support the Trust **Hamara Saahas**, a small organisation in Jodhpur. Hamara Saahas (www.hamarasaahas.org) is lead by the founder **Tamanna Bhati**, a very engaged, young local woman. The trust's work is fully in line with ANSHULA's mission.



Like ANSHULA, Hamara Saahas engages in the Empowerment of underprivileged women from the lowest castes and also supports their children. With the help of ANSHULA three girls can now continue their education. Further support of Hamara Saahas is planned.



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October 2017

Mid-October **Sambhali Trust** in Jodhpur celebrated its 10-year anniversary. As representatives of ANSHULA, Rolf and Silvia Kunz were invited to attend the various functions. Congratulations to Govind Rathore and the entire team of Sambhali Trust for this fantastic achievement!

December 2017

Prem und Pooja Jogi

Prem and Pooja Jogi are siblings. They belong to the caste of the untouchables and ragpickers. They used to live on a sidewalk at a main road in the center of Jodhpur together with their parents and their grandmother.

We have known the family since December 2016 and have been supporting them since with blankets, winter clothes and other utensils, particularly on occasions when they have lost everything due to a “cleaning action” by the local authorities.



To generate some income, mother and daughter were collecting plastic and cardboard which they are selling. Pooja was riding an old bicycle with an attached cart onto which she had put her little brother. To prevent sexual abuse and harassment, Pooja would dress as a boy.

The parent's dearest wish was to take away the children from the street, to give them a good education and a secure future. They thus asked us for assistance.



As already mentioned in the 1st semi-annual report 2017, in July 2017 we found a suitable boarding home for boys which is linked with a private school. **Prem** is still very happy there. He is a smart, interested boy and has been able to jump 2 classes.





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As also communicated prior, in December 2016 we were able to place Pooja in one of Sambhali's Boarding Homes. She was well integrated and enjoyed going to school. However, she was very much missing her little brother. In December 2017 we found a Boarding Home for girls, which we know quite well, and which is situated closer to her brother's hostel. Pooja is very happy now and she loves the new school. After graduation Pooja wants to become a police woman to help the street people of Jodhpur.

Pooja and Prem are now closer together again, plus they are going to the same school. A fact which makes both of them very happy.



Visitors from Switzerland



Once more, our friends Gabi and Thomas were visiting from Switzerland. They had recently taken over the task of auditors with ANSHULA – **thank you very much for this, Thomas and Gabi!!**

During their visit, they not only wanted to explore colourful, lively Jodhpur again, but also visit our various projects – here they are attending an Indian cooking session with Tara Rani...



... and on a walk with Gaurav on the Killi Khana Road in Jodhpur



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Review of the 2nd half-year 2017

Thanks to the donations we were able also during the 2nd half-year 2017 to provide real help and valuable support to a large number of underprivileged families, single mothers and their children, and to show them that they as members of the lowest castes are being taken seriously. In view of our direct engagement on location, we were again able to spend the donations in a targeted and specific way and where they were most needed. This has instilled great confidence in us and our work, both from the people as well as from the local authorities.

Moreover, we are proud to note that most of our sponsors are supporting us on a recurring basis, thus showing their confidence and trust in ANSHULA and our work on location! **Thank you very much!**

Unfortunately, we have not been able to realise all of the planned projects:

The foundation of a school in the desert village **Talsar in the Barmer district**, close to the border of Pakistan, had to be put off. The Indian Government does not allow “Non-Indian nationals” to work so close to the Pakistan border. We are hoping that this rule will change one day – a fact which not only the children would welcome!

Further, the project “**Help to self-help**” at the public school in **Shahpura** in the district of Bhilwara will be deferred. We were missing the determination and engagement of the involved partners. After discussions with our representatives in Shahpura, we have decided to put this project on hold.

We are closely monitoring both situations and will act accordingly should there be any change.

Outlook on 2018

We have already received some requests for scholarships for the Indian school-year 2018/2019 from underprivileged families in our neighbourhood. We are presently evaluating which of the families would qualify.

Further, we would like to continue our support for Tamanna Bhati and her Trust Hamara Saahas. During our many visits to her projects, our meetings and discussions we have come to know Tamanna as an engaged and determined “fighter” who is also willing to accept different views.

The very hot Indian summer months June to October we will in future spend in Switzerland. All monetary and administrative tasks will have been taken care of by the end of May; in case of any emergency we can count on our trusted and reliable friends **Sumit Mutha**, **Sanju Jawa**, **Tara Rani** and **Khalid Khan** who can act on our behalf.

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