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Annual review 2019 «January - November»

2019 was an eventful year – not only for some of our protégés but also for Silvia & Rolf personally. Thanks to our donors, ANSHULA was again able to help numerous children, women and thus whole families to lead a better and more dignified life.

In 2019, ANSHULA rendered the following assistance:

- ♦ **Purchase of two sewing machines for 2 women from the Dalit community.** Many women know how to sew but cannot afford to buy a sewing machine. Usually, they are not allowed to work outside their home. As both of their husbands are alcoholics, the women can now work from home and with their earnings provide for basic food and clothes for the family and the children.
- ♦ Financing of the school fees, including uniforms, school material, and where needed tutoring for **16 girls and boys from the Dalit caste and the Muslim community in Jodhpur.**
- ♦ Full financial support of **5 girls** from the surrounding desert villages to enable them to continue living at the «**Sheerni**» **Boarding Home of Sambhali Trust** in Jodhpur and to attending school.
- ♦ Financing of all school clothes and school material for **300 children** affected by poverty of the **Aarya Samaj School in Shahpura** in rural Rajasthan.
- ♦ Financing of **rent and electricity for the two women Centers of Hamara Saahas** in Jodhpur, as well as the **financing of a workshop for the women to learn the craft of Block Printing.**





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Our first Dalit student to complete the basic school education of 12 years, **Hritik Jawa**, is pursuing a 3-year higher education at the **Aishwarya College of Education** in Jodhpur thanks to ANSHULA.

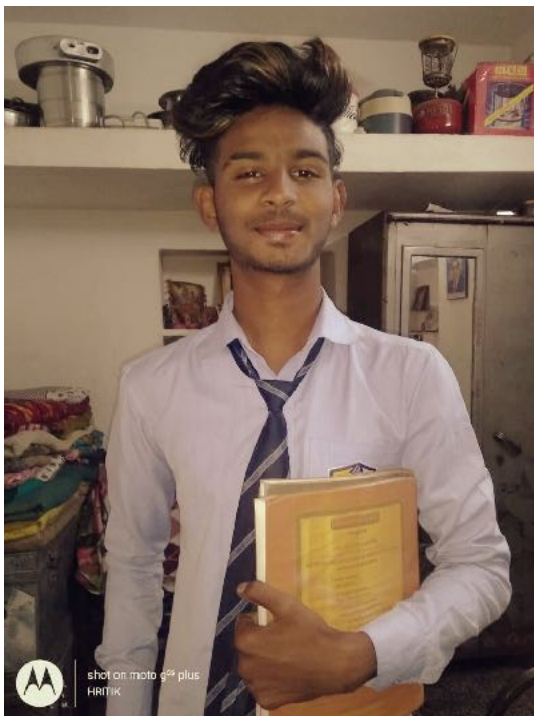
With such a college degree, Hritik's chances to get a job with the Government or even in the private industry after graduation are quite good.

Often the financial help for children is stopped after completion of the basic school education. A practice ANSHULA does not support. The mere basic education does not suffice to get a job, and therefore there are still no chances for such students to have a promising future.

Nihal the small boy who thanks to ANSHULA is no longer malnourished and underfed, has developed into a smart, happy and strong little boy.

He enjoys playing with his newly found friends, something he had never been able to do before due to being too weak.

His mother now carefully prepares healthy and nutritious food, which is checked by **Tamanna Bhati** in whose Center **Hamara Saahas** Nihal's mother is working.



Presently, Nihal needs no further support from ANSHULA



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Everybody's darling **Prem** is back on the street, living again with his parents.

After his sister recently left school and the boarding home at age 16 to get married to a youngster – we had written about this in our previous report – Prem's mother ordered the boy home to help his father earn money for the family by collecting plastic and cardboard.

Numerous talks with us and our field workers, the teacher and the school principal were unsuccessful. The boy is yet too small to understand the full impact of his mother's choice.

We are sad that this very smart and lovely boy has now been deprived of a better future, but we have to accept the decision of his parents.



This year, ANSHULA is newly assuming the costs for school fees, school material and school clothes for **Sumayra**, a highly talented girl from the Muslim community.

Sumayra is living at her grandmother's place, together with her 2 older sisters. Education is very important to the grandmother, so she is saving very hard to finance the schooling of her 2 older granddaughters. Thanks to ANSHULA, also Sumayra can now attend school. She is very happy and eager to learn and passed the mid-term exams as best in class.

In the picture on the right, next to **Alsifa**, whose schooling ANSHULA is also sponsoring. Alsifa passed her mid-term exams as 2nd best in class.



Alsifa und Sumayra



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Thanks to ANSHULA, **Aanshu, Pooja, Gorav, Abhishek, Aman and Rehan**, all children whose schooling is sponsored by ANSHULA, participated in a summer course provided by their schools. This was the first time for them to be able to participate in a summer course.

They are happy and proud and feel more integrated now as most of their classmates also participate in these courses.

Tamanna Bhati, the Founder and Leader of Hamara Saahas, continues to impress us with her relentless dedication to her 2 Centers for abused women and children, and her hard work and commitment to making the women and children's lives a bit less miserable.



She provides education, enables the women to generate an income, **organizes workshops on hygiene, health and nutrition**, and creates awareness on plastic and waste to name only a few of her efforts.

Many women and children now know why and how to brush their teeth, and that a toothache does not lead to blindness...



ANSHULA recently financed a workshop to teach the **Saahas** women the art of **Block Printing**, which is famous in Rajasthan.

Different patterns are applied on fabric by carved wooden blocks. For a start, the fabric is made into scarfs and bags which are sold at the **Hamara Saahas Boutique**.



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Our friends **Regula and Mauro** participated in the **Rally Baltic Sea Circle** in the very North of Europe with their Oldtimer-Volvo **Orvar** to generate money for ANSHULA. Friends and colleagues were able to sponsor money for the number of kilometers run. The amount collected was fully donated to ANSHULA.



A very big **THANK YOU** to Regula and Mauro and all their sponsors for the fantastic idea, the commitment and support!

On a personal note

Living in the desert city of Jodhpur has never been easy. In the past few years, some things have, however, changed enormously:

Jodhpur is now #12 on the list of the world's most polluted cities (when we moved there 4 years ago, it was #47).

Climate Change is affecting the climate also in Rajasthan. The very hot temperatures by nature are getting hotter every year and the monsoon does not bring the much-needed rain anymore.

All these factors which have an impact on health.

Moreover, the political situation experienced quite a change since the right-nationalist party BJP with its President, Mr Narendra Modi, took over 2 years ago. **Sudden and unqualified attacks on Muslim and Dalit people have increased drastically**; CCTV cameras and the monitoring of citizens has become common practice – and the Internet is being cut-off more and more frequently, sometimes for days with no explanation.





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After long discussions and careful consideration of all issues, Silvia and Rolf Kunz have decided to leave Jodhpur and to move back to Switzerland, together with their Indian dog **Kala**.



ANSHULA TRUST we will, of course, keep and continue with our charitable work.

In the course of the past years we have built up a small, very trustworthy team in Jodhpur: our lawyer, CA and friend **Dr Sudhir Mutha**, as well as our two friends and field workers **Sanju Jawa** and **Tara Ram** will continue our work on location.

We are in very frequent contact and thanks to modern technology anytime able to give instructions and to exercise a controlling function.



Having been involved personally in all charity matters in the past years, we know our protégés personally, and are fully aware of the costs for rent, electricity and water, as well as of the expenses for school fees, learning material and school uniforms, plus in which shops these items must be purchased.



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Our proven and competent team **Dr Sudhir Mutha, Sanju Jawa and Tara Ram** (in the picture with his wife Geeri).





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We would not wish to have missed the past 4 years – we are grateful and happy to have had the opportunity to meet wonderful people, to experience a fantastic landscape and the real India.



As Hermann Hesse once said:

*To those who have seen India not only with their eyes
but with their soul,
it will always remain a country of longing.*

With this in mind, we are hoping to continue receiving your trust and support to enable us to carry-on with our charitable work for the really needy people in Jodhpur and rural Rajasthan.

With very best regards,

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