

Annual Report 2017

A Look Back At 2017

Nepal

Stove making in Nepal suffered under the long, hard monsoon in Nepal in 2017. The elections held in spring and autumn affected stove making activities of Swastha Chulo Nepal. The new federal structures make co-ordination with the authorities more difficult. As authority is now delegated to the regions, individual topics often have to be clarified separately in each region.

Christa Drigalla, our head of section, was on site in May/June and again in November/December to support the local organisation and to visit several stove-making districts. Christa could also present the final report on the activities in Gulmi to the Social Welfare Council. Work in this district is now completed.

Structures for servicing stoves were created to ensure that the stoves stay operational and in good order for as long as possible. Despite the heroic efforts of our managing director Anita Banal, the political changes and the bad weather prevented us from completely achieving our targets for stove making. This was especially sad- dening for the BMZ-Project as we were unable to take full advantage of the available grants.



Work in Stove-Making area Pyuthan will probably be completed mid 2018

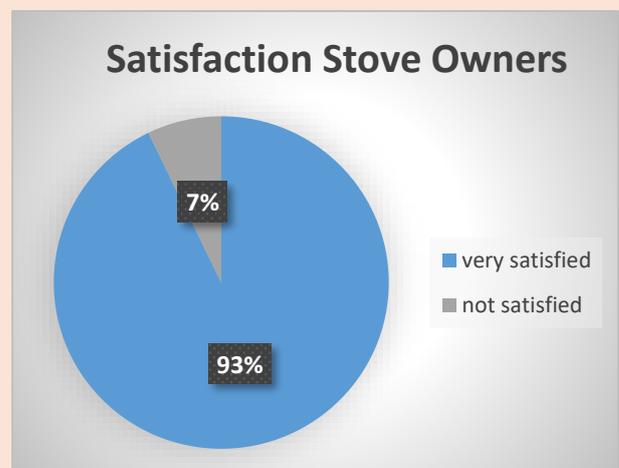
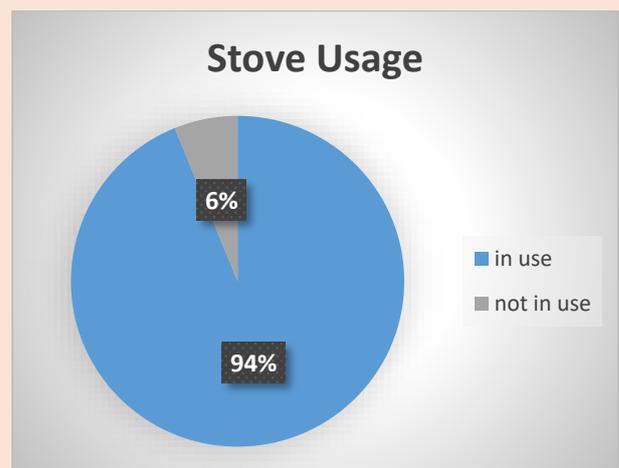
New agreements concerning stove making in the coming years were reached with the districts of Lamjung and Arghakanchi. Work will start there early in 2018.

Monitoring in Nepal

Spot-checks of stoves in the field are very important for us. They give us valuable information on the state of the stoves. It is important that we understand usage patterns and the resulting problems to be able to come up with improvements.

Altogether 1 158 stoves were checked by our monitoring team during field visits in 2017. Most stoves were up to two years old. A few older stoves, built four or five years ago, were also checked.

In most cases, the stoves were in good to excellent condition. Only about one fifth of the stoves were found to have problems. Nonetheless the stoves with problems were nearly all still in use. Families with stoves were almost all satisfied with their stoves and use them daily to cook their meals.



Ethiopia

In **Merhabete / Alem Katema** a stove builder training was given to 34 people; so that altogether 79 stove makers have been trained. 54 stove makers, mostly women, were busy mainly in the villages of Merhabete. Thanks to our project leader, Joachim Wiesmüller, and the manager on site, Abebaw, the number of stoves built could be greatly increased.



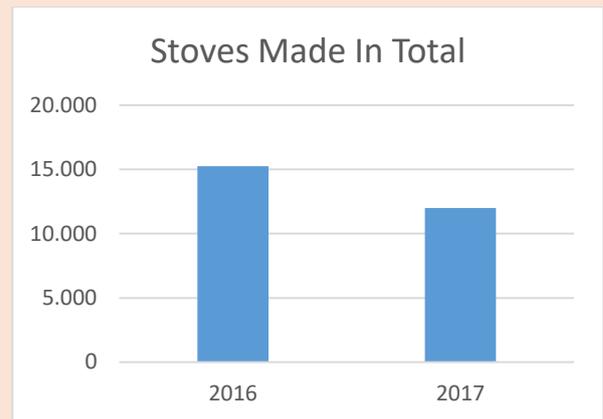
In February, we started the pilot phase of our project in the **Simien Mountains** with the construction of twelve pilot stoves. Feedback to the pilot stoves was positive across the board. Thus the prerequisites for further stove building are met; and the start-up phase of the project could be initiated.

Kenya

The co-ordinator in Ol Peseta, Bernhard, was assigned new responsibilities in August. This affected stove building such that from September on no new stoves were built. We still have four active stove makers.

Stove Statistics

In 2017 altogether 11 989 stoves were built under our auspices (Nepal: 10 637, Ethiopia: 1 238, Kenya: 114). Altogether about 60 000 needy people in Asia and Africa have a chance for a better life with a considerable reduction in health risks.



Stove Makers: Their Training and Their Work

In Nepal in 2017 in total 57 stove makers were actively employed by Swastha Chulo Nepal. Thus, on average, each stove maker built 190 stoves. The pay for a stove is ca €5; resulting in overall earnings of nearly €950 earned per person in the calendar year. That is considerable additional income for these rural communities.

People are prepare for the work as stove makers by a series of courses. Currently Swastha Chulo counts over 200 stove makers, around a quarter of whom are women.



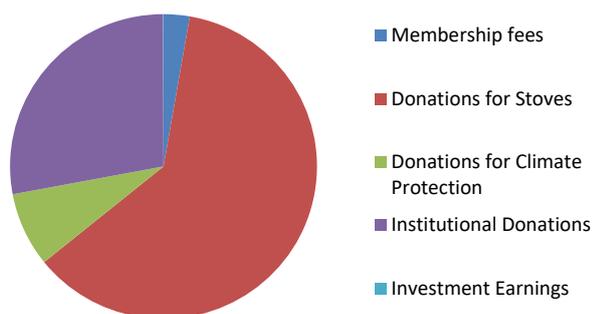
In Ethiopia, altogether ca. 60 stove makers worked for us

Financial Report: Income

Income of our organisation in 2016 and 2017

Income	2017	2016
Membership fees	5 545.00 €	5 292.00 €
Donations for Stoves	124 279.62 €	99 832.95 €
Donations for the environmental protection project	15 958.00 €	8 414.40 €
Institutional donations	56 400.00 €	9 700.00 €
Investment earnings	94.90 €	97.29 €
Earthquake aid Nepal	0.00 €	230.00 €
Total	202 277.52 €	123 566.64 €

Income 2017



Analysis of Income

The mainstay of the organisation were the donations and membership fees from private individuals. In 2017, we received an unusual number of donations from foundations as well as state authorities. Furthermore, donations to the environmental protection project also rose significantly. These donations came mostly from customers of Wikinger Reisen GmbH buying Ofenmacher certificates to offset the CO₂ resulting from their air trips.

The stove making results in Asia and Africa were only possible thanks to the many hours of voluntary work done by our members. Altogether about 5 000 hours voluntary work was done by our managing council and other active members of our organisation

Special Activities in Germany

- In March, the first funding project was approved by the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).
- A nice recognition of our work was the 3 000 Euro prize awarded for our 3rd place in the competition "Good Example" of the Bayerischer Rundfunk. We were selected from over 500 applicants. The award ceremony was held at the end of March in the broadcasting house and broadcast live on the radio.
- In May, we were able to agree a partnership on environmental protection with the city of Pfaffenhofen. Pfaffenhofen uses carbon credits to offset CO₂ emissions from heat generation in urban buildings. The proceeds were used for stove building in Ethiopia.
- Also in May, the "Wikinger" Hiking Marathon of the Georg Kraus Foundation took place around Hagen under the motto "Hiking for Ethiopia". 1 200 nature fans took advantage of the offer and raised 12 000€ for stoves in Ethiopia. The Georg Kraus Foundation generously increased to sum to 20 000€. Joachim Wiesmüller was the Ofenmacher representative at the start. The Georg Kraus Foundation supports small, manageable local projects that directly benefit local people, according to the motto: "The best way out of poverty is the way to school".
- The Africa Festival in Ingolstadt in June offered a colourful program ranging from live music, via African food, childrens' program, arts and crafts and information stands of aid organizations. The stove makers presented their work there for the first time. A model of an open fire stove and numerous posters produced a lot of interest.
- In September, we published the first Ofenmacher annual report covering 2015 and 2016.

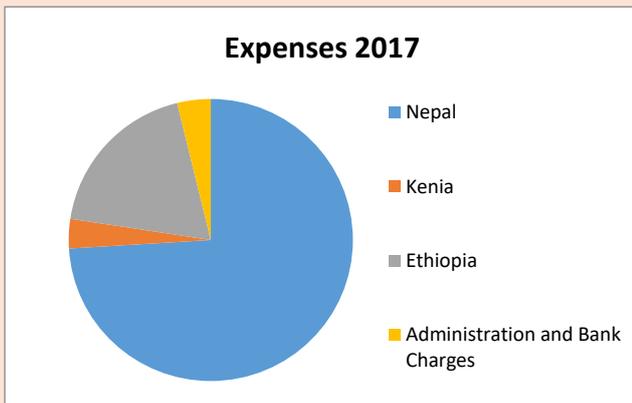
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The „Die Ofenmacher e. V.“ thanks all members and donors and looks forward to further co-operation and support.

Financial Report: Expenses

Expenses in 2016 and 2017

Expenses for	2017	2016
Nepal	109 784.00 €	135 066.00 €
Kenya	5 000.00 €	5 015.00 €
Ethiopia	27 861.77 €	13 398.37 €
Administration and Bank Charges	5 647.77 €	2 823.45 €
Environmental Protection Project	0.00 €	364.59 €
Total	148 293.54 €	156 667.41 €



Analysis of Expenses

Promotion of stove building in central to our activities and with over 90% is absolutely our top expenditure. All other costs are comparatively low.

The doubling of administrative costs is notable. There are two reasons:

1. Costs for printing the first annual report covering 2015 and 2016
2. Substantial costs were incurred for legal documents required to start our projects in Ethiopia. However as these costs are directly related to stove building they are not strictly administrative costs.

Special Stove Making Activities

- During the project phase of the BMZ project from April to December production of 4 500 stoves are planned in the Pyuthan district. The long monsoon and the elections in Nepal both resulted in delays; so only 3 471 stoves were handed over to their new owners. Sadly we could not take full advantage of the available grants.
- In May, a clay stove of the type used in Nepal was erected in Silke Zetl's yard on the North Sea island of Pellworm. It is used for demonstrations and is the centrepiece of many events. The stove is in cottage, sheltered from the wind and has become a regular meeting place for making tea!
- A workshop was held in Berwang in the Tirolean Alps in December. It allowed us to exchange experience gained from building the different stoves in Nepal and Ethiopia.

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