



## **ANNUAL REPORT 2012**

Dear friends of the KHCP,

March 20, 2013

This year our annual report is being sent to you a little late. The reasons for this are our many activities and medical camps in the past weeks in Rumtek, Kathmandu, Bodhgaya and Delhi...

The year 2012 was marked by some reorganization, new tasks and various new collaborations.

Karmapa's Healthcare Project is 7 years old now and it is time that our young friends in the East and West take over parts of the work.

We have an online-office now, run by Betzy, who helps coordinating all our numerous activities. Of course, you can also apply there, if you would like to support her. She is at your disposal in no less than three languages (German, English and Spanish) [betzy.office@karmapa-healthcare.org](mailto:betzy.office@karmapa-healthcare.org).

Ulrike is responsible for the funds now. She also issues contribution receipts (only required for donations from Germany of 200 EUR per year or more) [spenden@karmapa-healthcare.org](mailto:spenden@karmapa-healthcare.org).

Of course, we would like to warmly thank all donors again, who make it possible that so many people can be helped over the year.

Besides approximately 20 medical camps and the healthcare service in our institutes counting approximately 800 monks and nuns, there were two main points our work was focused on in 2012:

1. The rebuilding of Rumtek Hospital according to Karmapa's wish. For the time being, we have decided together with Jigme Rinpoche that until the medium-term development of a small hospital for the population in the surroundings and mountain areas has been accomplished, a large number of regular medical and social activities will fill the gap.

Thus, "Rumtek Hospital" will also mean realizing mobile activities. In this sense, we have organized various medical and dental camps, as well as camps covering certain specialized medical topics – the most recent one was a dermatological camp. In Europe, a group of midwives has teamed up that will be ready to take on useful training activities as soon as all preparations are set. KHCP now counts hundreds of voluntary healthcare professionals of all specialist fields, who support the project as advisors or as active practitioners.

2. Through the new collaboration between KHCP and Dhulikhel Hospital headed by Dr. Ram Shreesta, we have now the chance to provide broad and permanent healthcare in our Kagyu institutes. By means of concerted medical camps, as e.g. this time realized in Kirtipur, the medically underserved population living in the surroundings of the monasteries can also be medically treated. In the future, Dhulikhel Hospital will take over responsibility for a large number of medical camps.

<http://www.dhulikhelhospital.org>

Karmapa and Shamarpa have pointed out repeatedly in the past years how important it is to involve in social work.

The heart of the medical East-West activity has been and will be the Monlam medical camp in Bodhgaya!! Whoever would like to take part in it is welcome to contact us at [info@karmapa-healthcare.org](mailto:info@karmapa-healthcare.org)

As always, we would like to extend special thanks to all institutes in the East for all their active helpers during our activities there. Furthermore, we would like to thank "Dentist and Friends" for their collaboration.

Again, whoever wants to join the activity of the KHCP is warmly invited to contact us. We need competence, joyful effort and, of course, donations.

Details about the KHCP and its work can be found at the website:

[www.karmapa-healthcare.org](http://www.karmapa-healthcare.org)

In the section "NEWS", you will find reports on all important events of the past year and smaller blogs are published on [www.facebook.com/karmapahealthcareproject](http://www.facebook.com/karmapahealthcareproject).

Lastly, a few numbers:

Altogether, more than 100 healthcare professionals and helpers from more than 20 nations and three different continents were travelling over the winter. Again, many thousands of people have been reached. We are very happy to have found so many new friends and are wishing for continuing growth!

We also would like to express our sincere thanks to the company Fielmann for the enormous donation of eyeglasses and to the company Kunert AG in Immenstadt, who regularly provides us with warm socks for the monasteries.

Warm thanks to all friends worldwide! COME TOGETHER

Pia und Peter Cerveny and the team of Karmapa's Healthcare Project e.V.