

## ***Joint we are potent - partnership pays***

News of the Monika Girls High School Datuchi in Bagrote Valley/Northern Pakistan



Datuchi/Bagrote Valley and Mount Diran (7257 m)



Construction boom at the Girls School

### ***Girls High School Datuchi***

Today 265 pupils visit today the Girls High School in Datuchi, which started before 14 years as private neighbourhood initiative with 22 girls. 125 pupils of the 1.-5. Class are taught in the morning by 5 elementary school teachers. 8 privately financed instructors teach the 140 pupils of the 6.-10. Class in the afternoon.



4. Class at Foto opportunity

The school is bursting at the seams! And the girls express enthusiastically: ***"learning in a large community encourages us."***

Further good news: The school building, 2 years ago newly built, is currently being extended. By two classrooms, a toilet building and a multi-purpose hall. The extension is funded by the government of the north province Northern Areas. ***The salaries of the 8 teachers who are financed privately amount to 280 EUR monthly.***



Once pupils – now committed teachers

In the past year, 35 graduates of the Girls High School Datuchi accepted our new initiative for a private girl college enthusiastically in the past year. Of them 23 sat the final examination of the first college yearly (11th class) this May and all have passed!

19 out of 23 successful girls students now visit the newly established 12. class. The second year of the 11. class consists of 21 graduates of the Girls High School Datuchi.



College-Girls during break

The college students are 16 to 22 years old. Among them are girls from neighbouring regions, owing to the good reputation of our school. The two young women live with relatives in Bagrot during the school term.



12. Class with teachers

The college classes are taught in the afternoon by three qualified instructors in the subjects Urdu, English, Mathematics, Civics, Pakistan Studies, Sociology and Pedagogics.

***The costs of the qualified college instructors amount to 200 EUR monthly.***

#### ***Datuchi - educational centre in Bagrot***

The pupils of 6.-12. Class come from all six villages of the valley. Instruction in the afternoon, due to the lack of class room and state-run schools, makes a virtue of necessity: In this way girls and young women with a walk to school of an hour and more can participate in instruction. They come in groups on foot to Datuchi without the otherwise necessary male company. Some of the young women are already married and have children. Their little ones are guarded in the afternoon by grandparents. The numerous daily domestic and farming chores are settled in the morning. For school homework only a little time remains in the evening. Nevertheless in the annual exams the girls students score well compared to the boys. By regional comparison their results are also remarkably good. This is already well-known beyond Bagrot. .



BASE Public School in Datuchi

While it is usual to switch the best schoolboys to the BASE Public School (in our newsletter 2003 we have reported in detail on this community initiative), investing monthly expenses of 4 EUR (300 Rupies) into the training of a talented daughter is still an exception. 6 years after its start the BASE Public School in Datuchi has a very

good reputation, even beyond Bagrot. With today 215 boys and 65 girls students it is the only coeducational school in the valley. 13 private teachers instruct the classes 0 to 9.

Due to the small school building, which was built in the past year by a mix of private and public means, the classes must be held in the morning and afternoon too.



Classroom at the Veranda (4. Klasse)

In the coming year, we would like to post some BASE School scholarships for outstanding girls students of Monika Girls High School.

***School fees per student amount to 50 EUR per year.***

Last but not least, a hint for those fond of travelling: The year 2007 was announced VISIT PAKISTAN YEAR. And our small partnership project becomes 15 years old. Who would have imagined it in 1992?

The students, parents and instructors of the Monika Girls High School and the Girls college Datuchi thank all donors and the members of Forum Kinder in Not e.V. wholeheartedly for the generous support over many years. To them and to all our friends in the Bagrot valley I wish lots of luck .

Kind regards

Monika Schneid  
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