



## EXPOSE

The **Karmapa's Healthcare Project e.V.**, abbreviated KHCP e.V. is a non-profit charitable association, which is based on donations, willingness to help and Western scientific knowledge.

The Project pursues a humanitarian approach and not a religious missionary approach.

100% of the donations are used for medicine, equipment, surgeries and services of local doctors. All Western helpers, including the board of directors, are unpaid volunteers who work without compensation.

In close collaboration with His Holiness the 17th Karmapa Trinley Thaye Dorje, the KHCP was founded in Kalimpong, India in 2005 and was officially registered as a non-profit charitable association in Germany.

In the meantime, more than 20 monasteries and schools in India and Nepal can be supported.

The KHCP mainly focuses on healthcare, medical prevention and education. Its goal is not only to provide healthcare for the monks and nuns of the monasteries and schools, but also to cater to the needs of the poor local population. Mobile medical and dental camps are a good method to achieve this goal. At our annual medical camp in Bodhgaya we provide up to 5000 treatments in one week. In the medium term, we are planning to have small clinic rooms in the monasteries, which are also supposed to function as contact points for the local population.

Since 2012, a collaboration has developed between Dhulikhel Hospital Kathmandu with its Director Prof. Dr. Ram Sheestra and the KHCP. What was at first planned as a medical contact point has now developed to be a platform for a combination between medicine and social work. The following is a short overview of the features planned and already developing:

- Local doctors and medical staff are hired by the KHCP and also get the opportunity for further training
- Students of medicine from East and West can do internships with the KHCP
- Socio-medical topics are developed together
- Monks and nuns can learn in the environment of Dhulikhel Hospital by being guest observers or by taking part in workshops on medical topics
- Since the KHCP also puts great emphasis on a social-scientific approach, academic studies can be conducted

For further information please refer to the KHCP website [www.karmapa-healthcare.org](http://www.karmapa-healthcare.org)