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Moral Report

The past year was particularly difficult, unpredictable and frustrating. The pandemic hit India in March 2020 before the end of the school year. Schools and establishments for children were closed by administrative decision. The end-of-year exams were postponed and then canceled, allowing students to access automatically the upper class. The closure of industries, businesses and transport industry led to the migration of city dwellers to their villages of origin.

At this stage, few cases of contamination had been identified in villages where lifestyle habits had not changed: no barrier gestures or wearing of a mask, except in the presence of policemen.

The Corona remained an abstraction.

After several postponements of school re-opening, the State required the set up of distance learning courses for all classes from elementary school. Teachers, after being trained, prepared courses, but the lack of adequate IT tools in the family's dwelling made the teachers' efforts unnecessary.

The school's financial situation deteriorated very quickly. The 25% revenue from tuition fees did not allow payment of salaries. A temporary monthly allowance of 3000 rupees (€ 35) was paid pending the return of

the expected pupils. In January, the ninth grade students were allowed to return to class, then the ninth grade students: the vast majority of these students returned to school.

This was quickly cancelled with the resurgence of the pandemic. Finally, the announcement of the exam cancellation contributed to de-motivate all students.

We were kept informed of the chaotic situation both at school and in Shanti Lumin, of which children had returned to live with their family whenever possible. Maria moved around the villages in order to maintain contact with them, despite the risks involved.

Our association was deprived of any income from the "Greniers dans la rue" in Mâcon, the party "Celebrating Voltaire" in Ferney as well as the bridge tournament in Divonne. We were delighted with our sponsors' loyalty, their donation remaining stable. The call for donations initiated in Fall was a great success, in particular thanks to our website becoming bilingual French/English: this opened up access to English-speaking new donors.

These donations made it possible to send 26,000 Euros to Kanji. Thank you for it.

Financial Report

The year was challenging following the successive cancellations of traditional events which represent usually a significant portion of our incomes.

It ends up in an exceptional positive way thanks to the generosity and the confidence you demonstrated.

Sponsorships remained stable both in terms of sponsor number and donation level. We were able to help 72 children, including 39 schoolchildren and 33 residents of Shanti Lumin.

Our call for donations met unexpected success. Our income reached 29220.76 Euros, a 460% increase over the previous year. Expenses remained under control and represented only 1.39% of incomes.

We sent to the Kanji Foundation 26,000 € in two installments. This sum contributed to pay the monthly allowance of 3000 rupees (35 €) to each staff member. This was all the more welcome as they did not benefit from any state aid. Staff informed of this funding source expressed their gratitude to our association.

Evolution of sponsorships

	2019	2020	2021
Students	36	39	39
Orphans	34	33	33
Total	70	72	72
Incomes	18091,00 €	19772,00 €	19702,00 €

Operating Costs

	Euros
Insurance	113.65
Postage	22.60
Bank charges	68.00
Internet access charges	122.40
Website subscription charges	336.00
Total	682.65

Transfers to the Kanji Foundation

Date	Montant
20/05/2020	11000,00 €
23/11/2020	15000,00 €
	26000,00 €

Balance Sheet and Income Statement

	2021	2020
Incomes		
Sponsorships	19 702.00 €	19 772.00 €
Events	0.00 €	4 905.00 €
Donations	29 220.67 €	6 345.35 €
Bank interests	45.82 €	86.25 €
Internet bank charges retrocession	122.40 €	140.40 €
Total	49 090.89 €	31249.00 €
Charges		
Kanji Foundation transfers	26 000.00 €	22 600.00 €
Operating costs	682.65 €	390.43 €
Other expenses	0.00 €	242.80 €
Total	26 682.65 €	23 233.23 €
Result	22 408.24 €	8 015.77 €

Outlook

Last winter, we felt that the worst was behind us and that the two institutions would re-open their doors and make it up for the accumulated deficits in terms of education, human resources, and finance. Alas!

Uncertainties

The appearance of the Indian variant virus at the end of Winter was source of many deaths locally. Hospitals did not have the appropriate equipment to cope with the situation. The logistics of vaccination were flawed. Due to a lack of confidence in the health care system, the

villagers preferred to hide their illness, including from their relatives, contributing with this behavior to spread out the contamination.

In December 2020, the authorities confirmed that schools would reopen for the first week of June 2021. Life was back to normal with the rebound of the economic activity. Hindu festivals drawing large crowds took place. Finally, the electoral campaign went on in the countryside with many meetings set up without sufficient sanitary precautions. All that contributed to the resurgence of the epidemic.

No date has been announced for the re-opening of classes, even through tele-learning. In June 2020, following the exam cancellation of, all students were admitted to the upper class. The same applies this year. A huge knowledge gap will have to be filled.

School enrollment could shrink notably as a result of student's demotivation but also the impoverishment of families that will have a hard time to pay school fees. Maria Rayappan who succeeded to keep in touch with her residents scattered throughout the villages, knows that some, aged 16, will not come back.

We were unable to transfer the funds collected past year. In an effort to better control charities, the State required that local foundations open a state bank account to receive donations from abroad. This measure created an enormous chaos, due to the complexity of the procedures and the administration un-efficiency. The account that the Kanji Foundation opened is accessible through the Internet but is still not operational due to the fact that passwords and user codes have not been delivered yet.

Reasons to hope

School staff remains loyal and confident in the future despite the 2/3 reduction of their income. Teachers have received the necessary training to set up tele-learning courses and should be operational from the start of the school year. The pandemic has spared them, as well as students, despite the severe local human death toll.

We have has an exceptional year financially. As soon as the state bank account becomes operational, the money we will transfer to this account will be used (1) to improve staff financial situation and (2), when the time comes, to restart the school and Shanti Lumin: purchases of books, notebooks, uniforms, school buses, cleaning, etc.

A friend of the association obtained a € 15,000 donation from a German foundation. This amount will be transferred directly by this foundation to the state bank account and will contribute to bring staff wages up to level when the school and orphanage reopen.