



Merry Christmas

Christmas Campaign

Are you still looking for a gift idea? Are you thinking of a meaningful present with a great impact? Please support our work in the epicenters in Africa. Thanks to the activities of The Hunger Project 1.6 million people in rural Africa gained access to the facilities and programs last year, which were established by the local population in the epicenters (such as seeds, crop storage, health center, literacy, microfinance). With your contribution you will enable more and more people who suffer from chronic hunger to develop their full potential. What would be a better gift for Christmas? You can make a donation to the Hunger Project in the name of the person to whom you want to make a present:

- Please let us know the amount of your donation and the address of the person to whom you would like to offer the present by December 17 (incoming mail) by e-mail, letter or phone (see information below). We will send a personal, handwritten thank-you card to the recipient of your gift naming you as the donor on the card. Or:
- You ask us for the thank-you card filled in by us by e-mail, letter or phone. Please indicate the name of the person who is to receive the gift.

We assure you that The Hunger Project will not add the name of the recipient to its database.



Interview with our volunteer Claudia Roppelt

How did you become aware of THP?

I wanted to volunteer in the field of language/translation. During my on-line research I came across THP.

What appealed to you about THP?

The holistic approach, helping people to help themselves. And that the women, who are the cornerstones of family life, are encouraged to take their lives into their own hands.



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What are you doing for THP? How much time does it take?

For the most part, I translate documents, mostly from German to French and/or English, or from English to French and/or German. In addition, now and then, I also transcribe videos from French/English to English/French or German.

Depending on the length of the document, I am busy for two or three evenings. For video transcriptions, I usually need more time.

What is your personal benefit of this work?

Working for THP keeps reminding me that the luxury we live in is not a given. You start to see many things with different eyes.

What would you like to tell about yourself, personally?

I have lived in Switzerland for almost 4 years. After graduating from high school, I completed a commercial training, gained a few years of professional experience and then studied languages. My hobbies include traveling, hiking, gardening, Do It Yourself. I am also interested in literature, art and photography.



Partner Story from India

One of the most difficult social issues to work upon in a society that is riddled with strong patriarchal and feudal forces is addressing Child Marriage; something that 35 year old Suman Bai, President of Bhudsa Panchayat in Katni (Madhya Pradesh), has recently experienced first-hand. Suman had to face a volley of hurdles in order to ensure that a young girl's life is not wasted away. She says that it's not that she didn't have good rapport with Panchayat citizens. In fact she ensured that Panchayat citizens are happy with the kind of work that she did with regards to maintaining amity among citizens, linking them to livelihood options and different schemes with rights and entitlements etc. So when she came to know of a 14 year old young school girl being married off, she decided to leverage the faith the community

members had in her leadership and take action to prevent the same from happening.

As a first step, Suman met with parents of the girl and explained to them about the consequences of getting their daughter married



such an early age. She made them realize how depriving the girl of her educational and healthy development rights is detrimental to her being. Even the girl expressed to Suman her desire to study further despite her parent's desire to marry her off early since the match was "too good to be rejected". Des-

pite all efforts to convince the parents, Suman realized that the girl's father was still adamant to get his daughter married off early. Suman decided to take the next step which was calling up Women and Child Development Officer, (prohibition officer under Child Marriage Prohibition Act). The officer came with her team and counselled the parents, explained the mandatory legal provisions applicable and only then the father relented. They prepared a written document in which the girl's parents agreed in the presence of officials, Suman and other witnesses, to not marry the young girl until she attains the legal age of 18 years.

What started as an effort to stop one child marriage soon translated into preventing four more from taking place. Families were counselled, with fear of law too instilled in them. Everyone thanked President Suman Bai for their efforts.



Thank you for your commitment and dedication to ending chronic, persistent hunger by 2030! Alexandra Koch, Managing Director THP Switzerland