Annual Report 2020
International Activities

January

LPP supported a two-week training/consultancy from 12-26 January by Anne Bruntse in camel cheese making for the staff at LPPS in which she developed camel feta cheese and undertook various experiments.

February

5.2. Ilse attended the Advisory Committee Meeting of the Centre for Pastoralism in Ahmedabad.

27.02. Ilse Köhler-Rollefson was invited by the FAO’s Pastoral Knowledge Hub to participate in a panel held on ‘Pastoralism and Biodiversity’ during the World Biodiversity Forum in Davos about „How Pastoralists nurture Biodiversity”. With Santiago Carralero, Jesus Garzon, Pius Loupa, Luca Battaglini and Gregorio Velasco.


March

On 5th March, IKR presented together with Saverio Krätli an overview of their study on mainstreaming pastoralism (Pastoralism: Making Variability Work) to concerned departments at FAO headquarters in Rome. (Meanwhile the publication is available at http://www.fao.org/documents/card/en/c/cb5855en). FAO also published a position paper entitled ‘Innovative Pastoralism’ based on this study, and the Commission on Agriculture (COAG) passed a resolution to mainstream pastoralism in its activities.

Lockdown

In early March, India imposed a strict lock-down and stopped all international flights. From then until the beginning of September, IKR worked from Germany on various LPP projects on a part-time contract. Her activities included
• Book manuscript ‘Herding’ (in the meantime the rights for ‘Herding’ have been acquired by Chelsea Green Publishing Company and it is planned to be released either in autumn 2022 or spring 2023 in both UK and USA)
• Setting up Website www.herding.world (which in the meantime is also supported by the University of Helsinki)
• Coordinating the compilation of five country studies entitled ‘Accounting for Pastoralists’ from Kenya, Uganda, Argentina, India and Germany and authoring a summary paper.
• Contributions to the advocacy for an „International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists“ - that was supported by COAG (Commission on Agriculture at FAO) and has now reached the UN General Assembly (UNGA).
• Co-authoring a GASL Publication on ‘Innovation for sustainable livestock. Shaping the future of livestock’. However, this publication was rejected/stalled due to opposition from GASL members in USA.

Ilse furthermore supported a UNDP project on Access and Benefit-Sharing to develop two Biocultural Community Protocols in Tajikistan (on Mulberry Tree and Argali) and was also contracted by GIZ to back-stop their livestock activities. All this took place on-line.

September

By the end of August, India started giving business visa and Ilse was able to take a ‘repatriation flight to Delhi on 1st September.

9-10 September - GASL Regional Meeting

IKR supported Nitya Ghotge in the organization and facilitation of the „Rest of Asia’ Regional Multistakeholder Platform (R-MSP) of the Global Agenda for Sustainable Livestock (GASL). It was possible to put the role of pastoralism in the foreground. One of the results was that by and large pastoralists were in a better position to deal with Covid 19 than many others.
30 September - Accounting for Pastoralists – launch

On ‘Accounting for Pastoralists’ during a Zoom Conference for which more than 100 people signed up and 65 actually participated. The studies were reported on in both India and Kenya.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lko6pViH2k

October

In October 2020 LPP started a follow-up project funded by Misereor. “Research and advocacy for pastoralism/mobile livestock keeping in the post-Corona world”. One activity of this project is the development of a world map on pastoralists.

November

On 11th November, Ilse and Hanwant Singh presented at the 2nd International Conference of ICO (International Camel Organization) on ‘Can India transition from producing transport camels to eco and animal welfare friendly camel dairy sector?’

December

We were invited to present about the Accounting for Pastoralists Project at the Partners Meeting of the PKH (Pastoral Knowledge Hub) that took place from 8-10 December at FAO in Rome. Ilse presented ‘Counting pastoralists: setting up global databases to contribute to the IYRP’.

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Support for LPPS

We supported various activities by LPPS, partly concerned with alleviation of the strict lock-down which led to an influx of young people who had lost their jobs in the cities. The picture above shows distribution of food packages to the porters at the nearest railway station in Falna.

In addition, LPP financed installation of a solar power unit and the establishment of an ethno-medical garden on the campus of LPPS. Funds were used to employ a young Raika with gardening skills for that purpose.

By means of ‘Adopt a camel’ we could support Raika camel breeders.

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26-28 October: Camel Entrepreneurship Training for 10 trainees from Urmul Trust/Camel Partnership Project

With emergency funds from ROLEX that were channelled through LPP, LPPS organized a training for 20 young people from camel breeding backgrounds to share its experiences with building up value chains. Most of the participants were sponsored by the Urmul Trust that has started a camel conservation project in Northern Rajasthan.

Activities in Germany

February

25.02. Book reading with shepherdess Ruth Häckh (Eine für Alle. Mein Leben als Schäferin) und organic dairy farmer Anja Hradetzky Häckh (Wie ich als Cowgirl die Welt bereiste und ohne Geld und Land zur Biobäuerin wurde) was organized in cooperation with the ‘Hofgut Oberfeld’ Initiative in Darmstadt and very well attended.
Publications 2020

*Medium* Prescription for a healthy and resilient post-Corona livestock sector (https://medium.com/@ilse.koehlerroll)


Blogs

On World Milk Day (1 June), Camel Milk is set to make a splash!

http://www.ilse-koehler-rollefson.com/?p=1438
About LPP

LPP is registered as a non-profit, tax-exempt organization under German law. Donations are tax-deductible.

Financial
The League’s income in 2020 was about € 81.291,41 and expenditures amounted to € 76.531,77. Details are given below. (The accounts of the Misereor funded project were audited by a professional chartered accountant from Heidelberg)

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Mission
LPP provides technical support, advisory services and advocacy for pastoral societies and other small-scale livestock keepers to help them pursue their own vision of development and to stand their ground in the face of unfavourable policy environments and alienation of their pasture grounds. LPP is also a resource organization for holistic and people-centred livestock development and promotes the concept of endogenous livestock development relying on indigenous knowledge and institutions, local animal genetic resources and feed. The well-being of domesticated animals is a secondary but important focus of its work.

Background
LPP was established in 1992 by a small group of veterinary and other concerned professionals confronted with the crisis situation of camel pastoralists in Rajasthan. Efforts to alleviate their situation set into motion a mutual learning process and a series of measures such as action research, projects related to animal health (including ethnoveterinary approaches) and marketing, as well as training and capacity-building. This has resulted in the establishment of the independent local organization Lokhit Pashu-Palak Sansthan (LPPS) which now represents a key partner and provides infrastructural support for activities in India.
**Philosophy**
Taking our cues from pastoralists, we believe in the interconnectedness between the well-being of people and their domesticated animals. By conceptualizing animals as machines, industrialized animal production systems sever one of the few remaining links between humans and the natural world. We regard animals as fellow creatures on this planet and not as subjects. The ultimate goal of our effort is human well-being.

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**Registration**

LPP was registered as a non-profit society at the Darmstadt County Court (VR2337) on 15 March 1993.

**Donors**

LPP is extremely grateful to its donors supporting its work in 2020
- Misereor
- Rolex Awards for Enterprise

We would like to express our thankfulness to all other supports of LPP.

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