Henriette, BNP Paribas staff, in mission with Planète Enfants & Développement

Henriette Loizeau joined Planète Enfants & Développement team in September 2019, for a 12-month mission as Administration & Organization Project Manager. Her characteristics: she is a special « volunteer » as she is receiving her salary from BNP Paribas.

For the past 3 years, BNP Paribas gives its staff members the possibility to volunteer their expertise: thus, the company makes its volunteer staff members available to organizations for a fixed period of time and specific missions.

We have sponsored over 300 skills missions. The success of this set up is maintained by word of mouth; returning employees share their experience with their colleagues. In the end, it is a win-win situation. For these employees, it is often a bridge between working life and retirement. And for the organization, it is a wonderful opportunity to benefit from the skills it cannot afford.

Of course, the success of such a partnership depends on the colleague: he/she should be involved in a meaningful project he/she believes in, explains Louise Bazire, Head of Volunteer Coordination BNP Paribas Group.

You are a full staff member in a company, you would like to take a break to join Planète Enfants & Développement for a few months, talk to your Human Resources manager or your manager and contact us.

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Future events

To be planned according to Covid-19 evolution:
- Association General Assembly
- Heroes race

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What amount can you bequest?
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What can you donate?

Sylvie Morin-Miot will answer all your questions at this number +33 (0)1 53 34 86 32

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**THE HEROES RACE**

Covid-19 upset its organization, but we have not yet said our last word! Hero for a day? No, hero forever!
The donations we were expecting to raise are still needed for building a hostel for Chepang girls in Nepal. This solidarity event will have to adapt to the current situation and be held in a different way. You’ll be informed very soon by mail or on the social networks.

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**COVID-19: THE CRISIS AMPLIFIES THE POVERTY**

Dear friends,

From the bottom of my heart, I hope that you and your family have not been affected by the Covid-19.

At Planète Enfants & Développement, we work hard to limit its transmission, and protect our teams and beneficiaries. These already very vulnerable children, women, and men, who, for the most part live from hand to mouth, are now stranded at home in difficult to imagine conditions, with no health coverage or unemployment benefits.

In Nepal, we are currently broadcasting prevention messages in local languages on the radio, targeting mainly forgotten ethnic groups, such as Chepang and Tamang. We contact families to hear from them and to give them advice. We also plan to send SMS messages to women victims of exploitation or violence giving them useful telephone numbers to get some advice.

We continue to support the renovation of dwellings which are dangerous for some families.

In Burkina Faso, our awareness strategy is implemented through the social networks. Very soon, we will be distributing masks and hand washing devices.

In Vietnam, we also reach out to families through SMS and posters. We give out masks and we distribute food and hygiene products in social centers.

We must do more and at least offset the loss of the meagre revenues of those families who have nothing or almost nothing left.
To grant them a subsistence minimum, we would like to give them a temporary allowance of 30€/month for 3 months.

This is why we need additional 99 000€ for the 1 100 families we support. It is a substantial amount for them, for us.
We need you.

A thousand thank you for your support and solidarity. Take good care of yourself.

Emmanuelle Bourgueil,
President
5 years after the earthquake: how will Nepal survive Covid-19?

On April 25, 2015, an earthquake and its aftershocks affected 8 million inhabitants in Nepal and killed over 9,000. Ironically, these earthquakes sped up the political and social transformation of the country. But Covid-19 is bringing the Nepalese economy to a worrying stop.

Although the earthquake had dramatically deteriorated the living conditions of the Nepalese, it nevertheless sent shockwaves to the political class. After 7 years of debates, Nepal adopted a new constitution on September 20, 2015. Even though it needed time to be implemented, including numerous discussions, it started a progressive movement, which is better for women, ethnic and gender minorities and the low castes.

Legal recognition of rights will have to be implemented now.

Stéphanie Selle, Planète Enfants & Développement Director in Nepal, analyzes the situation: « The unprecedented mobilization of funds due to the earthquake made it possible to go beyond emergency assistance. But the social and economic situation of the country remains unstable. The majority of the population relies on self-sustainability, on daily paid odd jobs and money transfers sent by the Nepalese diaspora across the world. The country is extremely dependent on imports from India and China as well as from tourism. In 2015, the earthquake affected the country at the end of the tourist season, but Covid-19 appeared at the beginning of the season. All trekking permits on the Everest have been cancelled, and the country has restricted the delivery of visas. Covid-19 may bring a fatal blow to the transformation. »

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Kidora, our new day-care center

Although scheduled for end of April, the opening of our day-care center in Phnom Penh has been postponed because of the Coronavirus outbreak. The center will welcome 40 children between 6 months and 4 years old, in a 300 sqm villa with garden. The aim is to protect and stimulate children under the best possible conditions. Renovation and purchasing equipment from local companies is under way.

Sorya, Kidora’s director and Nany, volunteer and retired day-care center director, are finalizing the educational project of the center: « We wish to put the child at the center of the project, to respect his/her rhythm and develop all his/her abilities. The relation with the parents will also be brought to the fore. »

With an affordable tuition rate, this center will reach out to children of the emerging class in BoeungTumpoung neighborhood. Our objective is to promote active learning and also use the benefits of the center to develop a quality care for the very young kids in Cambodia.

In Brief

3 questions for Thiện Phước, 17 years old, student at Nhan Dao vocational school

PE&D Imagine Club in Vietnam, what is it, what is it for?

Thanks to my school and PE&D, I joined a group of 24 students in the Imagine Club. We are going to meet during 7 exchange sessions to debate different topics of society, and then we will set up a project for our community. I think the Club is important in Vietnam, as people are tied to old traditions. It helps us understand better the origins of some discriminations, to be able to talk about them and acknowledge that we can live in peace together without having to hide.

What are you learning with Imagine Club?

I learn how to organize team work, team activities, and to listen and exchange... We tackle many sensitive issues in our society, such as homosexuality, abortion, being a couple while at school...

Do you think it will help you in the future?

Of course! If you are in the Club, you are lucky. Team work will help me in my profession. I will be able to work in harmony with my colleagues. Learning debate will help me handle discussion with my supervisors.

On-going support to under-privileged families and renovation of dwellings

Families from the poorest neighborhoods of Phnom Penh are constantly at risk as they live in poor dwellings. We sustain our efforts during the COVID-19 crisis and continue to renovate numerous dwellings in 2 new neighborhoods and provide support to women affected by domestic violence.

Training on managing family budgets, establishing 2 lontines (collective saving scheme) for every expensive expenses or for investing in small businesses, women’s groups improving social relations and cohesion in vulnerable areas, both these activities are on-going.

Finally, we have just completed and published an evaluation on Cambodia’s 1st policy on social housing. We made recommendations on how to address the housing crisis in Phnom Penh. These tasks will continue until the end of the summer, with 2 other NGOs, and we will be putting forward financial, legal and environmental models.

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Cambodia

150 women have been trained as kindergarten assistants

Like Raketa or Balguissa, 150 women between 18 and 35 years old participated in the 12 days training program offered by PE&D in December in Ouahigouya northern Burkina Faso. They are now in a 3-month internship in day nurseries, where they will validate a first level diploma BQG (Basic Qualification Certificate) and become kindergarten assistants. We will provide them support to find a job or set up a mini-nursery. For some of these women, who were already working with children, it is an opportunity to become professionals. For those without a job, it will be an opportunity to start a new professional life. A second set of training for 150 women is scheduled for the end of 2020 in Ouagadougou.

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