

People in Nepal, Sweden, Germany and USA were working to install solar cookers in Nepal. The village Bamti Bhandar got the first solar cooker SK-14 in 1996 and then the Rotary-projects COG 2152 and NOG 468 were finalized and closed in the year 2003, about 122 solar cookers were used in the village.

10 years later, in 2013, the question was raised: "Are the people in the village still using the solar cookers?" The answer on this question I got from my computer; from some "youtube"-videos on the internet including pictures of solar cookers and talking with the people from the village. On the internet I found an English report as well from 2006 written by Ganesh Ram Shrestha and Lumin Kumar Shrestha working at the Centre for Rural Technology, Nepal. 1)

YES, the SK14 solar cookers are not only used but have increased in numbers as well from about 122 in year 2003 to 136 solar cookers in year 2006.

The important knowledge today is that the people in the village who are using the SK14 are saving a lot of wood; the air is a little cleaner in the village and also inside the houses. The people can improve the climate in the village by using the solar energy. Hopefully the number of solar cookers has and will be increased much more in the future. Each solar cooker SK14 can save about 1000 kg wood per year in Bamti Bhandar. This was confirmed by users in the village in a handwritten report.

I remember all the rhododendron trees close to the village. Hopefully the tourists can still see them on their track to the Mount Everest. Some Rotary-information was left inside a small Buddhist monastery when the first Rotary project was finalized in 1999 and a picture was taken and shows a solar cooker beside the monastery with a monk and some other people who could save boiled tea water in thermos containers. Some other youtube videos are from a dinner 2009 and from a wedding party for Sonam 2011.

A certain event for me in Sweden was when Hanna and Ylva asked for information about the SK-14. They wanted to write a report for their school, Gripenskola in Nyköping, Sweden. They mounted a construction kit of the SK14 and were also able to meet Temba Lama and his wife Diku from Nepal in Sweden at our home. Later, Hanna and Ylva made a speech in their school and could inform and demonstrate the function of the SK14 for the other students in 2005.

1) http://images3.wikia.nocookie.net/_cb20080309205437/solarcooking/images/2/20/Granada06_ganesh_shrestha.pdf

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Rotary-information (photo K.Schulte) inside a Buddhist monastery 1999



Solar cooker beside the temple with two thermoses 1999 (photo K.Schulte)



Dinner at Bamti Bhandar 2009

photo europali lama <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r8R9OalX-L4>

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Wedding party for Sonam 2011



A restaurant cooking place 1995
(photo K.Schulte)