

ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT 2020



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A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

This year has been a complicated one. be artsy, like everybody, has been trying to do as much as we can and adapting ourselves to the constant changes. If something for us is a crisis, then for people in Nepal, it is a humanitarian disaster. The country has been totally closed since March, and Nepal is totally dependent on tourism. Next year will be more important than ever to help these people. But in that complicated year, good things have been coming out:

I have been trying all year long to find partners and get in contact with important associations, and this will continue in 2021. We will explain everything in the activity report. Thank you for your support; we really appreciate it.

CLARA GARCIA I ORTÉS
Executive Director

MISSION

The mission of be artsy is to support communities in developing countries (through artistic and creative activities) with tools to improve communication and open spaces for critical reflection to carry out those internal changes that they consider necessary.

OUR VISION

The fight against poverty and the exclusion of women from society, while also restoring their dignity

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2020

PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

- EDUFEM Project
- Ruby Cup Menstrual trainings (Rato Baltin Project)
- Mask4Health – COVID 19 response project
- Food4Needed - Emergency Food Relief – COVID 19
- Exhibitions in libraries and associations
- Talks at libraries and other events
- Talks at online events
- Talks at High Schools
- Information and spreading awareness via media

2020, in a simple glance.

In 2020, we have employed one project manager, two trainer coordinators, three trainers and six mentors in Achham, Nepal. As employees in the Rato Baltin project, they earn a salary that makes them more financially independent. This experience will make them leaders in their community and allow them to develop new skills that they can use in the future. In the emergency project, we hired several women to make masks, as well.

We end 2020 with 61 partners, we need more!

37.008 €

We distributed 289 menstrual cups, 10,140 fabric face masks and food for 800 people!



11.134

Direct beneficiaries in Nepal!
Each direct beneficiary has a family that also benefits!



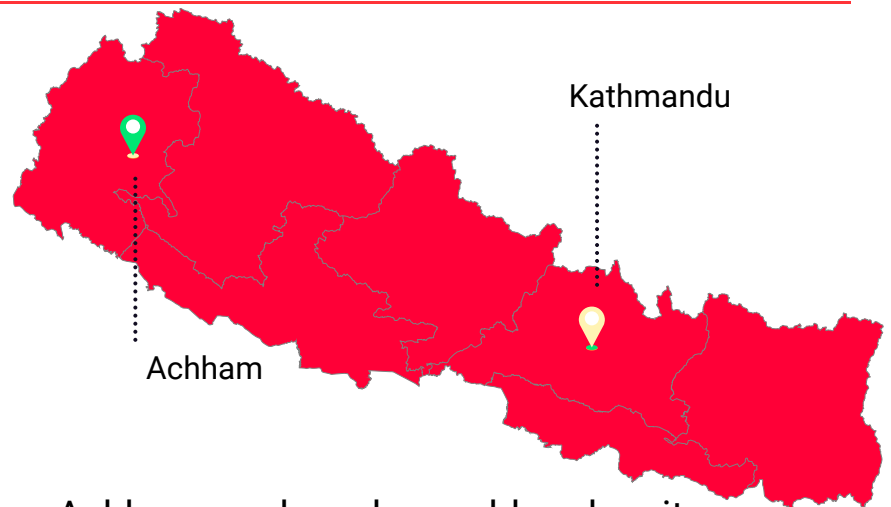
5.357

Beneficiaries in Catalonia (Spain):
The public from Clara's conferences in High schools and libraries, online exhibitions with Beatriz, Rupa, Raunika, Simran and Maisei, and visitors to the exhibitions and events.



Nepal

Rato Baltin



Because our trainers are local from Achham, we have been able, when it was not lockdown, to do new Ruby cups training to 188 School girls and women under 22 years.

Mask 4 Health

By making reusable masks for the population of 4 villages, we provided work for local women, and we helped 10,140 people to be more protected from COVID-19 in the most difficult moment of the pandemic when all the returning workers from India came back to the small villages after losing their jobs.

Food for need

The lockdown increased the vulnerability of the poorest in the community. We did an emergency food relief event focusing on underprivileged widows and their families because they don't have access to land and their economic situation continues to get worse during the lockdown.

Edufem 2019/2020

Four girls avoided child marriage by going to college to study Class 11 and 2 girls continued with class 12.

All girls were employed during the 2019 Rato Baltin, and worked with us during their holidays.



14 Exhibitions+Conferences

- Ramon Vinyes i Cluet - Berga
- Biblioteca de Barberà del Vallès
- Vapor Vell - Bcn
- Districte 2 - Terrasa
- Trinitat Vella - J. Barbero - Barcelona
- La Muntala - Sant Vicens de Montalt
- Mercat a Si Dona - San Andrés de Llavaneras
- Josep Janés - L'hospitalet
- Camp de l'Arpa - Caterina Albert - Barcelona
- Tecla Sala - Hospitalet de Llobregat.
- Expositiu virtual Joan Gomis 2020 - Santa Coloma de Gramanet
- Fair saturday event premiere Chhaupadi Rato Baltin short documentary
- Fair saturday event - Slideshow re: menstruation in Nepal, a cultural torment
- X-Mas Market + Exhibition in Planet Venus

11 Conferences

- 2 Instituts a Badel Nepal a Montornès
- 3 Online Exhibitions by Zoom in Spanish
- twice, online exhibition and talk by Zoom in English
- MacEwan university - Expert Panel in the day again violence against women
- Talk during the World Toilet Summit (WTO) in Singapore

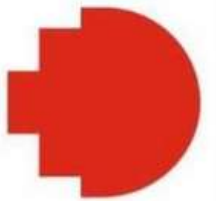
We partner with:



MacEwan University

📍 Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

We started partnerships with:



RMIT University

📍 Melbourne, Victoria, Australia



Centennial College

📍 Toronto, Ontario, Canada



Boston College

📍 Boston, Massachusetts, United States



Georgian College of Applied Arts and Technology

📍 Barrie, Ontario, Canada



London Metropolitan University

📍 London, England, United Kingdom

COLLABORATORS:



During 2020, we had the opportunity to have online collaborators and donors from various parts of the world:



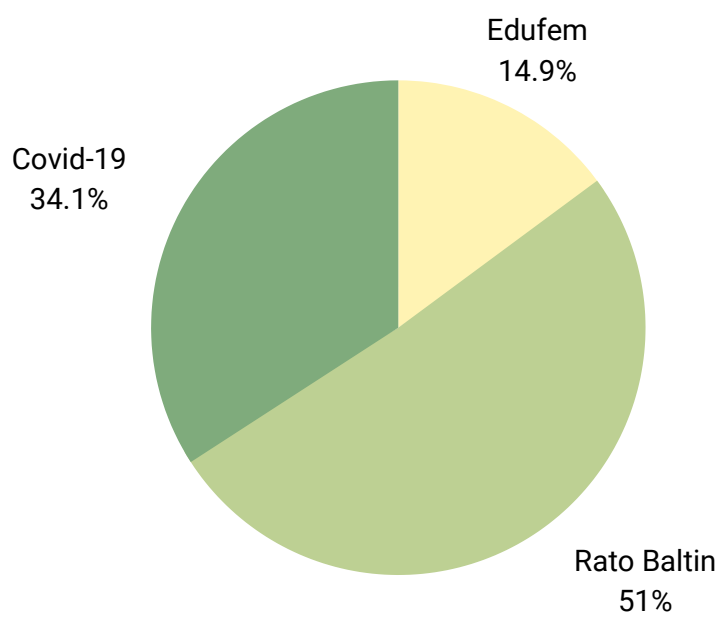
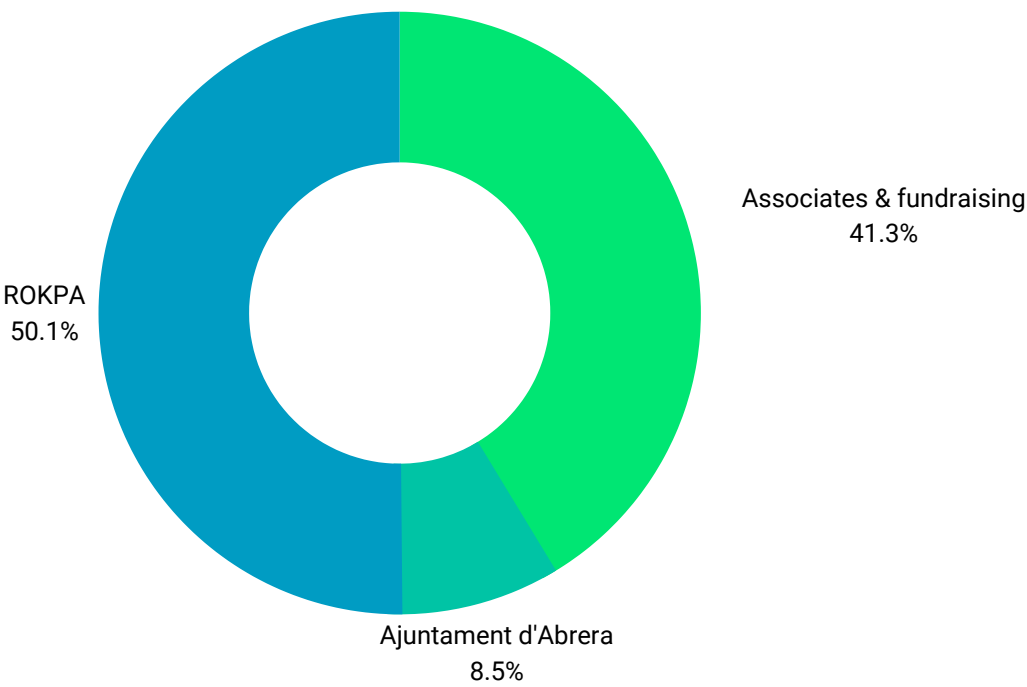
Volunteers:

Australia
US
Canada
England
France
Spain
Nepal

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

How do we get our funding in order to attain all of these
achievements?

*Provisional



4 years with this project:

IMPORTANT
NUMBERS FROM
THE PROJECT:

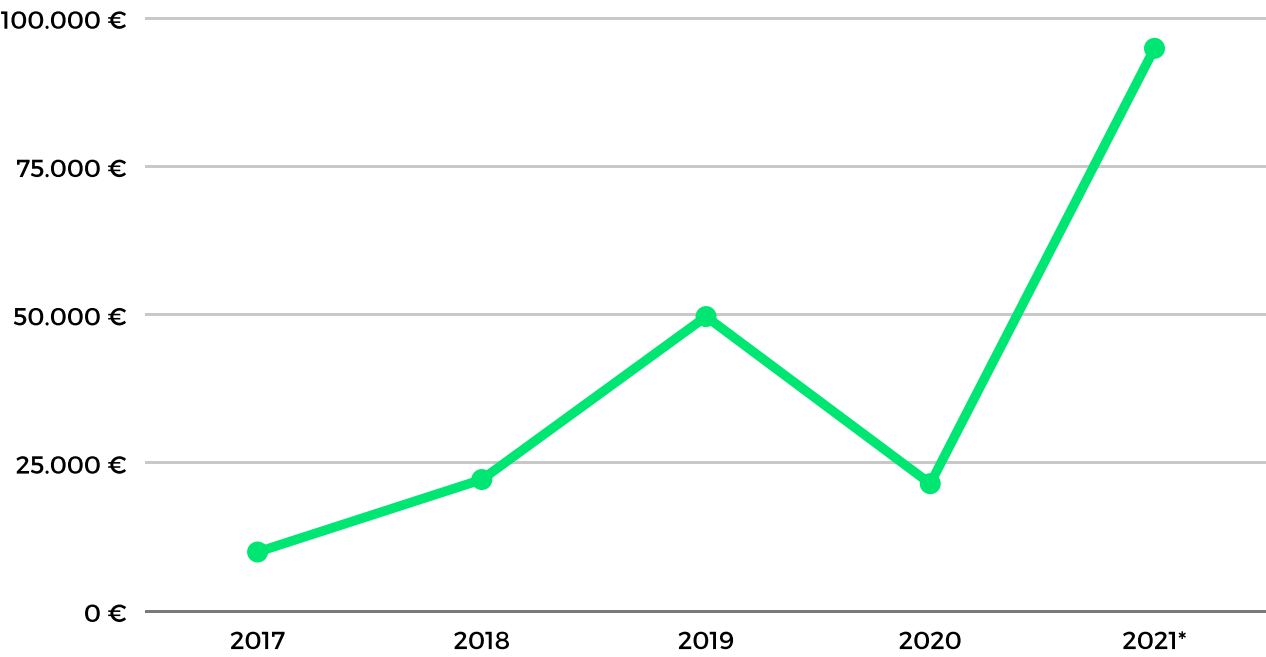
Resources
Used

96%

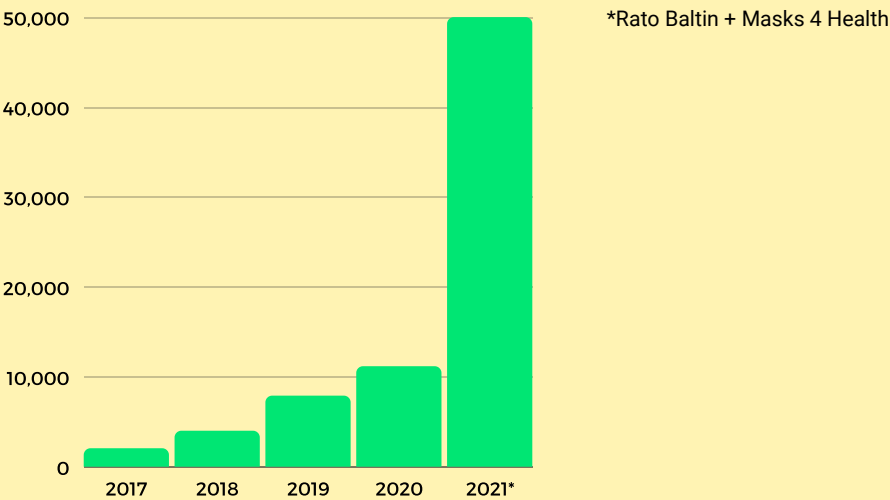
Acceptance of the
menstrual cup

63%

Changes in the Chhaupadi



Direct
Beneficiaries



Difficulties:

This year the main risk was the Covid-19 pandemic all over the world and also in far-west Nepal. This has made it impossible to travel. (It applies for international volunteers and local partners in Kathmandu)

Because of the lockdown measure, schools have been closed since March to mid-November. During the first week of December schools were closed again.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic and the lockdown measures in place, it has been impossible for the local partners to monitor the project in the field, we had to let local girls and local government to do it. We managed to have 2 of our coordinators and 1 trainer to help with motorization, but we had to believe that the local NGO would do the work according to our vision, expectations, rules and values.

The project could only be implemented with the authorization and coordination of the local government. The risk was that local government employees wouldn't follow our guidelines during the execution of the project.

Obtaining stable funds for our projects is the greatest difficulty we face. The project works very well, but it is not cheap.

Plans for the future:

For next year, because of the COVID-19, we will do the Rato Baltin + Masks 4 health before we arrive to every village, to protect our trainers and mentors and the village people that come to our trainings.

We are trying to get Menstrual Cups donated to be able to give them to all women that want to use them.

And in partnership with WTO (World Toilet Organisation) we are going to open a social enterprise in Achham to try to help women to earn money. We are currently making a study about raw materials that we can find there and what we can do. This will be something like menstrual pads, masks, candles, soap, etc...

The idea is to help widowed women, young girls that could not finish their studies, and low caste women to have regular incomes that brings dignity to their lives.

THANK YOU FOR MAKING THIS POSSIBLE.



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