



Figure 1: Group photo at the occasion of the closing ceremony at Lo Gekhar.

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Report Overview

With only minor improvements planned to be undertaken this summer with the remaining funds, there is very little to report this quarter. On March 25 Kunjon Thakuri and Sonam Dorjee met to discuss the initiation of work for the Lo Gekhar project to begin in May onwards. The key points discussed during this meeting were:

- Sonam Dorjee confirmed the hiring of two local painters from Mustang for the project.
- It was decided to utilize the same carpenter who worked at Lo Gekhar last year for fitting of the wooden panels.
- In a meeting with Thomas Schrom possibilities to upgrade the lighting for Lo Gekhar were discussed.

A computer was purchased from the Lo Gekhar project funds for accounting, as Dawa Tsering Gurung, who took over accounting, did not have his own, which also supports the Gönpa Gang project.