

Ethical aspects of development projects and SAFBIN project – Andrea Wiltberger

Short introduction

Andrea Wiltberger is 25 years old. She has studied cultural- and social anthropology at the University of Vienna and completed a bachelor (environmental management) and master (agricultural economy) at BOKU University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences in Vienna and in Spain. Currently she is enrolled in a master program on German linguistics and also psychology and philosophy at the University of Vienna. She has experience in anthropological field work (Latin America, East Africa, Thailand), and is interested to gain a deeper understanding of SAF-BIN project.



Research Topic

The topic of Andreas' research is: Ethical aspects of knowledge in sustainability-aimed development cooperation projects using the example of the work of Caritas Nepal. She is interested in the perception of the learning processes and the knowledge transfer from both Caritas SAF-BIN project team and participating farmers. Her analysis wants to determine how knowledge changes lifestyles, traditions and how far this might influence future generations. For data collection she has joined project activities and interviewed Caritas staff and farmers in SAF-BIN project areas in Nepal.

Progress

By June 2014 Andrea has finished her data collection in the field and she has returned to Vienna for data analysis and write-up of her master thesis.

Link to SAFBIN-project

By addressing ethical aspects of development activities the research done by Andrea will grant insights into which impacts, apart from technological changes, SAF-BIN interventions and processes have on local communities in Nepal. By taking also the SAF-BIN staff into account it will deepen the knowledge on how the partnerships with farmers influence the work of SAF-BIN staff.

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