

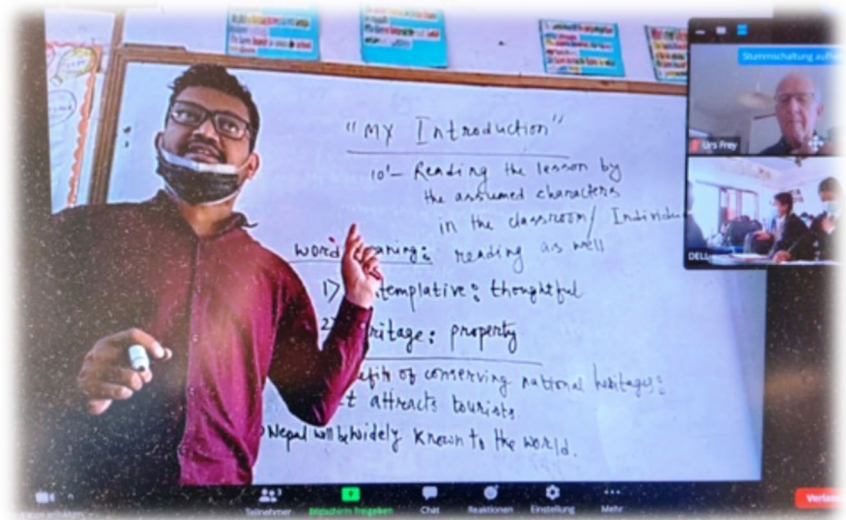
## Senior Expert Contact – a Program of Swisscontact POTENTIAL MEETS EXPERIENCE

The retired professionals of our Senior Expert Contact (SEC) are qualified experts on site. Through their consulting services, they provide hands-on, cost-effective support towards sustainable development of companies and institutions.

**SEC Remote Assignment in Nepal, 2022**

**Assignment No. 3939**

<b>Location</b>	Biratnagar, Nepal
<b>Client</b>	English-speaking boarding school
<b>Expert</b>	Dora and Urs Frey
<b>Period</b>	04.01. - 11.04.2022



### Client Profile

The school is a small private school with around 400 students from Nursery to Grade 10, and 17 teachers. The school is located along the main road in Biratnagar, and was founded 22 years ago by the father of the present principal. The principal and his wife are two of the five shareholders. Infrastructure and equipment are rather simple. The students often come from a poor background with illiterate parents. The English standard of the school is very poor.

### Tasks

- 35 online class visits with all the teachers, subjects and class levels (two mobile phones in the classroom served as cameras; the internet connection was often very poor and class observation therefore difficult)
- Written feedback after every class visit
- 3 workshops: 1. Lesson Planning, 2. Motivation, 3. Classroom Management
- Several WhatsApp talks with the principal and the coordinator.

### Results

The implementation of our proposals was rather poor, especially at the lower level. One important reason was certainly the frequent absence of the principal, who was more concerned with preparing for his son's wedding in Kathmandu than accompanying our assignment. He is more of a director or an administrator than a school principal. He always has all the excuses not to change the level of teaching.