From the Editor

It is encouraging to note that since our involvement with the rural communities, Tarayana has witnessed major changes in the lives of our people. We remain much proud and satisfied with our achievements. The activities of Tarayana have been increasing year after year because of the growing need that we respond to. We feel much privileged to share and support our communities with what we have and also the support we get from our partners.

With an extension of yet another NAPA project - ’Rain Water Harvesting’ in four districts like Mongar, Samtse, Pemagatshel and Tsirang, the two officers from the foundation demonstrated first of its kind at Tsirangtoe. Owing to the scarcity of the potable water resources during the dry season, the foundation has looked for the alternative sources of drinking water in those identified districts. The foundation also initiates in innovative ways of making prototype water filters in partner with College of Science and Technology to be distributed in the rural communities.

Keeping in view the spirit of volunteerism, Tarayana school clubs from the various schools around the country continuously undertakes social services within their communities. We could see good number of clubs engaged and supporting elderly lots. With our support, the members were also taught innovative ways of recycling the pet-bottles. The best example was shared to us by Thongthophey Community Primary School, Trongsa.

We are pleased to inform our partners, volunteers and potential donors that with your support, Tarayana is able to respond to the need of our rural communities productively. Together we wish to make great differences in the lives of our people with the work we do.

Happiness...

“I believe compassion to be one of the few things we can practice that will bring immediate and long-term happiness to ourselves”

Dalai Lama

A Team from Taiwan visits Tarayana Foundation

On 26th June, Her Majesty granted an audience to a team of 40 members from Taiwan. A team led by Master Hung Chi-Sung was accompanied by Hon’ble Lyonpo Kinzang Dorji. Master Hung Chi-Sung, the founder of Chi-Sung Foundation is an internationally known Zen Master. The team’s visit to Tarayana was as a mark of goodwill towards the Foundation. His works focus on the integral development and purification of the human body and mind. The Foundation acknowledges the receipt of USD 10000 as token contribution made by a team.

Rain Water Harvesting Model

Two Tarayana staff, Mr. Namgay and Mr. Kinley Rangye visited Tsirangtoe Gewog to study the feasibility of installing rain water harvesting system. Consultations were held with Dasho Dzongda, Dasho Dzongrab and Planning Officers of the Dzongkhag. Knowing the importance of alternative sources of water for drinking and irrigation at Tsirangtoe village, the two officials demonstrated a model Roof top Rainwater Harvesting model in a 100 year old house selected by the Gup, Gewog Administrative Officer, and Tshokpa. According to our field officer’s report, it takes two-three hours by walk to fetch proper drinking water.

This initiative is also a part of the follow up activities for the FK exchange participant Mr. Namgay. The project will benefit 90 households of Tsirangtoe Gewog from similar water harvesting system through the upcoming “Climate-resilient Water Harvesting for Rural Areas” /NAPA project funded from the Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF) managed by GEF, UNDP.

Prototype Drinking Water Filtration

Coinciding with the Social Forestry Day on 2nd June, 2014, two teams of the College of Science and Technology were awarded a cash prize of Nu. 30,000/- each for introducing a drinking water filtration prototype designed for a small family of 10 members and another to be used at the community level for 200 households. These filters will be tested in the rural communities for feedback and if found effective will be promoted for use in targeted communities of Tarayana Foundation. Roseleen Gurung, Sr. Programme Officer of the Foundation thanked the Director and the faculty members of CST for their continuous support and goodwill towards the Foundation.
Upcoming Events
July, 2014

- Plantation of Dongshing, Sisi-shing at Kengkhar, Monggar
- Completion of work sheds at Zimzurung, Monggar

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New hollow-block Shed
Storing of the hollow-blocks during the monsoon season was a problem faced by the groups at Dechenpelri bricks making centre. On the request of the groups, Tarayana constructed an additional new storing shed at Dechenpelri from the financial support of the Canadian Fund for Local Initiative (CFLI). The shed can be used for making bricks as well, and in addition one new toilet was constructed to maintain the hygiene and sanitation in and around the working area.

Best Out of Waste
Madam Kelzang Wangmo, Tarayana School Club Coordinator of Thongphophy Community Primary School, Trongsa shared the best use of waste pet-bottles, such as designing varieties of flowers by the club members. Flowers were used for the beautification of the school campus and hostel.

YHS Tarayana Club- Service to the Community
Every year the children and family of Ramtokto camp receives a donation of cloths from YHS Clubs, which also initiates cleaning of the camp area. The children were taught hand-washing and importance of proper hygiene and sanitation.

The Asian University for Women seeks highly talented students from diverse economic, cultural, religious, ethnic and geographical backgrounds across Asia. The University hopes to graduate women who will become skilled and innovative professionals, and service-oriented leaders in their communities in which they work and live.

Full Scholarships for 14 Students
Out of 25 students who sat for an interview, the Asian University for Women, Chittagong in Bangladesh granted 14 full scholarships through Tarayana Scholarship programme this time. The full scholarship was based on the financial status of the family as reflected in the ‘Self Assessment Form’. The students are also entitled for the reimbursement of the first and last air travel fare.

The courses includes: Asian Studies (B.A), Biological Sciences (B.S), Public Health Studies (B.S), Economics (B.A), Environmental Science (B.S), Computer Science-Information and Communication Technology (B.S), Politics, Philosophy and Economics (B.A).

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