



ABOUT TARAYANA FOUNDATION

Tarayana Foundation was founded by Her Majesty the Queen Mother Ashi Dorji Wangmo Wangchuck and formally launched on May 4th 2003, by His Majesty Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck, the then Crown prince. We are a Public Benefit organization, registered with the Civil Society Organization Authority of Bhutan.

Tarayana Foundation is supported & advised by a Board of Directors & an Executive Committee. The Board provides overall guidance at the policy level, while the Executive Committee supports the Secretariat in implementing the activities approved by the Board. The Secretariat manages and implements the programmes with a network of programme & field officers.

Vision

A Happy and Prosperous Bhutan

Mission

Tarayana Foundation believes in maximizing happiness and harmony among all Bhutanese people by providing opportunities for life improvement to the vulnerable communities in Bhutan. By helping these community members learn and integrate new skills, Tarayana Foundation promotes self-empowerment and the importance of serving each other.

Motto

Service from the Heart

Core values

Compassion: We will be guided by the spirit of compassion from which the Foundation derives its name, in our service to the most vulnerable people and in working with each other.

Dignity: We will act with dignity in our work and seek to respect the dignity of those we serve

Integrity: We will follow the highest ethical standards

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Tarayana joined the nation in an eventful 2015 as we celebrated the 60th birth anniversary of His Majesty The Fourth Druk Gyalpo. I am happy to share that the dedication of three of our Flagship Programmes (Rural Housing; Surgical Camp and Buzip-Rural Early Childhood Care and Development) to the celebration saw the construction of 141 new houses in our remote communities, providing marked improvement in their living conditions; 108 life transforming surgeries through two camps; and 504 rural children enrolled in our Buzip Centres stimulating the growth and development of our future citizens.

In addition, together with local communities, we planted saplings of the original Jangchub Shing at various sites in the country to mark the special occasion. The 4537 student volunteers of the 90 active Tarayana School Clubs concentrated their efforts in increasing awareness on various social issues and bringing smiles to the lives they touched through their social work as their special dedication.

The nation jubilantly rejoiced at the exceedingly good news of the soon to be born Gyalsey announced by His Majesty on Nov 11th 2015. The birth of His Royal Highness, The Precious Gyalsey, filled us with joy and gratitude to Their Majesties, our guardian deities, and the good fortune of the people of Bhutan.

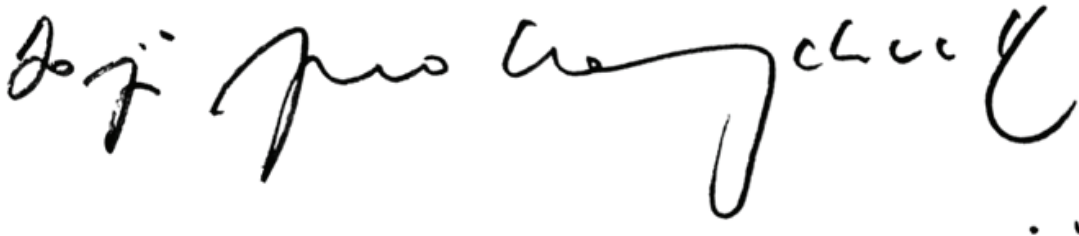
Tarayana partnered with the National Environment Secretariat Commission in implementing the National Adaptation Plan of Action – phase II, and piloted rainwater harvesting methodologies in 20 water stressed villages in four districts. It also included building local resilience and natural resource management capabilities of these communities. Tarayana also partnered with the Gross National Happiness Commission in implementing the Rural Economic Advancement Programme in 49 remote villages. Both these programmes are not only improving food and water security but also creating platforms and spaces wherein local communities are directly engaged in managing their immediate environmental and developmental issues.

In addition, Tarayana has built more community work-sheds, renovated and repaired homes, initiated three School of Practical Sustainability units, activated and empowered more Self-Help Groups, sent deserving rural students to tertiary education, helped generate additional cash income for rural families through the micro and small enterprises promotion.

We believe Tarayana has much to share with others working in similar fields and has actively networked and nurtured partnerships. Senior Tarayana Field Officers were sent as trainers to our partner organizations in the neighbouring countries to help optimize capacity building on the one hand and to build up a cadre of excellent community mobilisers and trainers on the other. We could not have done all this without the goodwill and support of all our volunteers, community leaders, local governments, various developmental sectors of the Government and donors. I thank each and every one of you for your continued support.

The Tarayana Family commits to continue working hard towards achieving the goal of a happy and prosperous Bhutan.

Tashi Delek



Her Majesty The Queen Mother, Ashi Dorji Wangmo Wangchuck

Founder and President



SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Tarayana Foundation introduced its social development programme to help reduce vulnerabilities in rural Bhutan. The programme spans across rural housing, medical care, social inclusion, education and green technologies. Initially, the programme aimed at enhancing rural lives by providing housing for vulnerable families, support for the elderly, young children, and those with special needs.

In 2015, Tarayana humbly dedicated three flagship programmes to the celebration of the 60th Birth Anniversary of His Majesty the Fourth Druk Gyalpo, viz. Housing programme; Buzip Programme and the Restorative Surgical Camps.



Community members of Dak, Monggar working at the construction of Ap Leki's house

VULNERABILITY REDUCTION

a. **Housing Improvement Programme:**

Tarayana first implemented the housing improvement programme among the Lhop communities of South-Western Bhutan. This programme is important for the Foundation in ensuring that the basic need for shelter is taken care of. Initiated in 2003, this programme has achieved a landmark with over thousand houses completed by the end of 2015. The Foundation recognizes that ownership of a proper house leads to better self confidence and a basis on which to build incremental improvements and active participation in the development processes.

Tarayana is an implementing partner to the Royal Government of Bhutan's largest targeted poverty reduction programme 'Rural Economic Advancement Programme' (REAP II), funded by Government of India (GoI) and executed by the Gross National Happiness Commission (GNHC). Tarayana is replicating its Holistic Community Development model (Rukha Model) in eleven Dzongkhags i.e Wangduephodrang, Gasa, Tsirang, Monggar, Pemagatshel, Lhuentse, Trongsa, Samtse, Haa, Sarpang and Zhemgang. By the end of 2015, 141 houses were completed (45 in the REAP sites and 96 in Namgyel Taba & Ngawang Ramtoed in Samtse, Phumzur in Trongsa and Lamthang in Zhemgang).



Doctors from Smile Asia performing a corrective surgery in Monggar Regional Hospital

b. **Surgical Camp:** In 2015, 108 individuals received corrective surgeries for cleft palates and lips, burn victims and those wounded by wild animals. The camps provide access to restorative surgeries for those living in rural Bhutan where such facilities are not readily available. By the end of December, thirteen restorative surgical camps were conducted in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and with technical support from Surgicorps International (USA), Smile Asia (Singapore), and Duang-Keow Foundation (Thailand). Tarayana gratefully acknowledges the support from the Bhutan Broadcasting Service, our media partner, for helping us reach widely through their free publicity announcements of these camps. Medical research worldwide have listed the following environmental risk factors for cleft lip and palates: lack of folic acid during pregnancy, smoking, alcohol consumption, obesity and other nutrition related disorders, medications during pregnancy and Pierre Robin syndrome, a rare case that also lead to cleft palate. Besides these environmental factors, the inherited genes also make the child vulnerable

to cleft lips and palate. While in most cases the exact cause is not known, it is believed that both the internal (genetic) and external (environmental) factors leads to these deforties.

TABLE 1.1 : NUMBER OF PATIENTS TREATED (2004-2015)

Collaborative Team	Surgicorp International (USA)	Smile Asia (Singapore)	Duang-Keow Foundation	Total
Number of Treated Patients	582	141	49	772
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The majority of patients are from the rural areas and there is a need to educate rural communities as a preventive measure.

- c. **Annual Pilgrimage:** To commemorate the Coronation of His Majesty the Fifth Druk Gyalpo in 2008, the Foundation initiated the Annual Pilgrimage to Bodhgaya for senior citizens from remote villages. Every year, two staff members accompany these senior citizens from Tarayana sites who would otherwise not be able to undertake the pilgrimage on their own. By the end of 2015, 68 senior citizen beneficiaries and 18 Tarayana staff have embarked on this holy visit to Bodhgaya and other holy sites associated with the life of Buddha Shakyamuni. In 2015, one of the senior citizens fell ill and sadly passed away as he was escorted back to Bhutan by one of the Tarayana staff and two volunteer monks.
- d. **Social Inclusion Programme:** In order to chalk out a social inclusion strategy for people living with different abilities, Tarayana and the Disable Persons Organizations: Draktsho Vocational Training Institute,

Beneficiaries of Annual Pilgrimage 2015 from Haa and Lhuentse





Community members from Samtse Dzongkhag listening to the first trial broadcast in their local language

Ability Bhutan Society, Disabled Person's Association of Bhutan and Bussi-En Social Welfare Corporation, Japan, undertook a joint initiative to better understand the situation of people living with disabilities through a survey conducted in all the Dzongkhags. In the year 2015, Tarayana undertook the surveys in Samtse, Haa, Lhuentse and Bumthang identifying a total of 838 people with different abilities of which hearing impairment was the most common form of disability. Data analysis of the survey for all the twenty districts is currently under process.

- e. **Community Radio:** The Foundation set up the first ever Community Radio "Edi Community Radio" in the country on the 3rd of December in DechenPelri village, Sarpang and the second radio station "Doya Community Radio" in Dorokha, Samtse which will be completed in February 2016 with assistance from the Ministry of Information and Communication (MoIC), funded by the Swiss Development Corporation (SDC) and technical guidance received from NOMAD, India. Selected community members received training on developing programmes for community radio, basic technical knowledge (assembling and maintenance), using proper software, editing programmes, basic code of conduct and ethics for the station supported by the Department of Information and Media, MoIC in collaboration with UNESCO. The community members own and operate the stations which will be used for raising awareness, information sharing and news announcements as well as for entertainment purposes.



Asian University for Women scholarship beneficiaries in Bangladesh

SCHOLARSHIP & LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

- a) **Scholarship:** In 2015, 12 first generation learners in tertiary education availed full scholarships at the Asian University for Women, Chittagong, Bangladesh; two at diploma level at the Nyelgor Institute in Sarpang and two in higher secondary levels at The Regents International in Thailand, 99% of the scholarship recipients are girls. In addition, there are 36 ongoing scholarship students at various institutes.

- b) **Tarayana Buzip Programme:** Early Childhood Care & Development Programme (ECCD): in 2015 six additional centres were established in three Dzongkhags adding to the existing 19 ECCD Centres, taking the total to 25 functional Centres. The centres are established in six Dzongkhags; Zhemgang-4, Trongsa-4, Mongar-4, Dagana-7, Samtse-5, Sarpang-1. These centres cater to the early development needs of 504 (256 male and 248 female) children between the ages of 2-5 years. It also employs young female unemployed high school graduates as facilitators, who are trained in developmentally appropriate curriculums, patience, positivity, flexibility, and parents participation in the learning process. As of December 2015, 33 girls were employed through this programme.

- c) **Internship Programme:** The Tarayana Foundation Internship Programme provides professional development opportunities to post-

graduates under its Young Professionals Programme. This programme enables the interns to gain field experience and improve their prospects in the job market. The interns for this programme are mostly from Gaedu College of Business Studies and College of Natural Resources, Lobesa. In the past the Foundation also accepted international interns from across the globe and high school students on their school holidays and also while waiting to go to college.

d) **Tarayana School Club:** There are 90 active Tarayana school clubs scattered throughout the 20 Dzongkhags with a voluntary membership of 4537 students as of November 2015. The Foundation promotes the spirit of volunteerism at the community level as well as amongst our youth so that they learn to become passionate and caring citizens, helping those most in need.

Tarayana School Club members of Kheni Lower Secondary School in Trashiyangtse helping farmers with land preparation



Some of the activities carried forth by some of the clubs in 2015 were:

- a) The members of the Taryathang Community Primary School in Sarpang organized and facilitated a cleaning campaign in the villages. Local community members were mobilized for the clean-up and waste segregation and management was advocated. The Gewog Administrative Officer, Health Assistant, Tshogpas and other community members actively participated in this initiative.
- b) Club Members from Kheni Lower Secondary School along with other volunteers rendered help to a destitute family from Panthang village in Toetsho gewog under Trashiyangtse Dzongkhag. The members helped Memey Nado and Abi Maling, with their household chores and field work which included ploughing and sowing of maize. The Tarayana School club members from Chimong under Pemagatshel participated in white washing of the Stupas in their village.

Tarayana School Club members from Chhimong, Pemagatshel undertaking club activities in the community



- c) Tarayana Club members of YHSS visits Ramtokto Camp located on the outskirts of Thimphu every year. The club members distributed clothes, shoes, accessories and books to the community members and children at the camp. They organized a reading session to encourage the school going children to develop reading habits.
- d) Tarayana Club in Lhuentse Higher Secondary School celebrated the International Women’s Day (IWD) with the theme “Empowering Women, Empowering Humanity.” The event brought into focus violent crimes committed against women in the form of domestic violence and sexual harassment/assault/rape. The Club used the opportunity to raise awareness of their fellow students and the local community on the dangers of violence against women in its varied forms. It also gave the school counselors an opportunity to talk about gender equality, gender based violence and share information about the existing national programmes and CSO activities in the country for empowering women.
- e) Youth Initiatives: Tarayana supports different youth initiatives in the sites it operate in to keep them meaningfully engaged. One such initiative is the project funded by UNICEF aiming to provide leadership opportunities to youth in rural and urban Bhutan. This project aims to encourage youth to take up innovative community-based actions which will enhance the individual skills as well as promote civic engagement in the communities they live and work in. Ten youth projects (4 projects for Tarayana School Clubs and 6 projects for out of school youth) were implemented by different youth groups in



Students from Yadi Higher Secondary group after setting up their community waste segregation unit.

Lhuentse, Thimphu, Trashigang, Samtse, Monggar, and Wangduephodrang. The initiatives include waste management, skills development in pottery, documentation of language and cultural traditions, graffiti art and care giving for those with special needs. Clubs and 6 projects for out of school youth) were implemented by different youth groups in Lhuentse, Thimphu, Trashigang, Samtse, Monggar, and Wangduephodrang. The initiatives include waste management, skills development in pottery, documentation of language and cultural traditions, graffiti art and care giving for those with special needs.

Students from Yadi Higher Secondary group segregating waste





Micro Hydro project site in Dali, Zhemgang

GREEN TECHNOLOGIES

The Foundation has collaborated with several partners to implement a number of green technologies in rural Bhutan including fuel efficient stoves, bio-gas, solar dryer, solar lighting, rain water harvesting, micro hydro, gravity goods ropeway and eco-friendly construction techniques. These interventions have improved people's living standard and provided them with life skills and knowledge on climate change issues ensuring sustained development and growth. Green technologies currently being promoted and adopted by the communities are:

- a. **Micro Hydro Rural Electrification:** Tarayana is in the process of piloting a micro hydro power project to create access to clean energy and to increase the income of the people at Dali in Zhemgang Dzongkhag through a community-managed sustainable programme and a participatory approach. Dali village remains off the national grid as it is six hours away from the nearest road head and is inaccessible during the monsoon season. This initiative will provide lighting, reduce drudgery, prevent health hazards caused by smoke and enable the community to operate household appliances as well as small food processing units for food security and income generation. The 17kW micro hydro will benefit 32



Community members in Tsento, Paro fabricating solar dryers

households and is being implemented on a cost sharing basis with the community members contributing labour. This micro hydro is expected to be complete by June 2016.

- b. **Solar Dryers:** Solar dryers were introduced in order to foster sustainable development, which allows the communities to derive incomes from agriculture using improve techniques of food preservation and reduce CO₂. The dryers help the farmers preserve their excess produce for use during the lean season and have contributed to their food security and nutrition enhancement as well as income generation. The solar dryer fabrication unit of Dagana introduced the technology to the women Self Help Group (SHG) in Tsento, Paro Dzongkhag and provided capacity building assistance on the use and management of the dryers. A total of 45 solar dryers were fabricated in Tsento, Paro benefitting 110 households.
- c. **Natueco Farming:** Natural and eco friendly farming methods along with incorporation of “on-farm” production of compost and vermi compost are promoted in all the Tarayana sites for diversified and enhanced productivity. Six groups in Khengkhar, Monggar and one in Samtse have taken up the production of vermi compost to an enterprise level through packaging and selling it in the local markets.



Yeshey Choden, community member of Dechenpelri, Sarpang using a newly constructed eco-stove

- d. **Improved Stoves:** The newly designed stoves have inherent attributes which can meet the needs of changing times such as high fuel wood efficiency, clean combustion, no indoor smokes and high heat retention capacity. All the eco-stoves are locally manufactured to create employment, provide skill development and promote local economy. These stoves are made from mud and some metallic parts which require less maintenance.
 - a. Tarayana as one of the local implementing partners for the Sustainable Rural Bio-mass Energy (SRBE) Project, executed by the Department of Renewable Energy (DRE), Ministry of Economic Affairs (MoEA) installed 818 stoves in Sarpang Dzongkhag in 2015. The Foundation was outsourced an additional 1000 numbers of stoves to be installed in Sarpang, Samtse, Tsirang, Pemagatshel and Lhuentse in 2016. 618 households, two Royal Bhutan Army Camps, two Forest Park Offices, five Community Primary Schools, three Dratshangs, eight Community Lhakhangs, 3 Geog Offices and one Anim-Dratshang benefitted from this project.
 - b. Tarayana is currently implementing a GEF-SGP funded project “Development and Pilot Testing of Improved Cooking and Heating Stoves” in Gamri watershed, Trashigang with Druk Care Engineering as the technical partner. The project is committed towards developing



Communities learning construction of check dams using stones at Tsirangtoe, Tsirang

improved fuel-efficient cooking and heating stoves to reduce fuel wood consumption and conserve biodiversity and natural eco-system, and understanding the benefit to alleviate smoke related health problems of the rural population, mainly women and children. The project will be completed in September 2016.

- e. **Compressed Earth Block:** Compressed Earth Block (CEB) is a building material made primarily from damp soil compressed at high pressure. The CEB technology offers a cost effective, environmentally sound masonry system. The product has a wide application in construction for walling, roofing, arched openings, eco-stoves, pavement tiles, etc. The Self Help Group at Dechenpelri community owns and operates the unit. The Unit has provided an alternate source of construction material in the Dzongkhag. A total of six houses with six toilets and one early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD) centre were constructed in 2015 using the CEB in Dechenpelri. With proper marketing strategy in place, demand is growing from the new construction sites in the nearby areas. Besides the local market, the unit also marketed 10000 blocks to the Dantak Imtrat in Thimphu.



Participants during a soil and land management training in Tsirangtoe, Tsirang

- f. **National Adaptation Plan of Action (NAPA) II:** Tarayana is one of the local implementing partners for the project on National Adaptation Programme of Action (NAPA II), to address the risk of climate induced disasters and build national, local and community resilience to climate change through enhancement of capacity to prepare for and respond to climate-induced multi-hazards in order to reduce potential losses of human lives, national economic infrastructure, livelihoods and livelihood assets. With the baseline survey carried out in 2014 for 20 villages in four

Dzongkhag	No. of Water User Committees formed	No. of reservoir tanks constructed	No. of water harvesting tanks installed	Training on watershed & land management (no. of participants)	Training on Local Organic Climate Change Action and Learning
Mongar	5	16	54	59 M,36F	23M,17F
Samtse	6	8	12	19M,44F	19M,44F
Tsirang	7	1	31	59M,24 F	34M,16F
PemaGatshel	4	2	12	45M,15F	27M, 10F
Total	22	27	109	301 (182M & 119F)	190 (103M & 87F)

TABLE 1.2: NAPA II ACTIVITIES IN DIFFERENT DZONGKHAGS



The winning team for 2015 with their model

target Dzongkhags, the Foundation started implementing environmental friendly interventions to manage the watersheds and adopted appropriate water-harvesting techniques in these water stressed target villages. The interventions include community mobilization, trainings on watershed and land management, training on local organic climate change action and learning, clearing of water sources, plantation of suitable plants around the water sources to recharge the water table, installation of rain water harvesting tanks and construction of water reservoir tanks. With 22 water user committees formed to take ownership of the 7 project initiatives in Pemagatshel, Tsirang, Samtse and Monggar Dzongkhags, 2 water reservoir tanks were constructed in the sites and 109 water harvesting tanks were installed by the end of December 2015.

- g. **Annual collaboration on Green Technology:** The Foundation and the College of Science & Technology (CST) initiated collaboration in 2013 to develop easy to use cost effective green technologies for the communities. Every year, a competition is floated on the subject on green technologies and students team up to develop cost effective green technologies. The winning entries are tested in the field and replicated in the project sites if found appropriate. In 2015, the theme for the green technology event was 'Low cost insulation material' targeted at 3rd year students from the Civil and Electrical Engineering Departments. A total of five teams participated in the competition and the entries were unveiled on 2nd June commemorating the Social Forestry Day. The entries were judged on the following criteria; efficiency, originality, affordability, marketability, presentation and elevator pitch. The winning teams were awarded cash prizes. The participants donated Nu. 10,000 to the Foundation and we would like to thank them for their generous spirit.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

The Foundation's second objective is to support rural communities with sustainable income generating activities ensuring capacity building of the beneficiaries for a better future. In order to help improve vulnerable lives through sustained livelihoods, the Foundation has undertaken various interventions supporting the economic development of the communities. The economic development programme includes skills development of the communities, promoting income generating activities and market facilitation of products.



Self Help Group members in Lhuentse weaving cane and bamboo baskets

INCOME GENERATING ACTIVITIES

- a. **Self Help Groups (SHGs):** By December 2015, a total of 137 SHGs have been formed in different Tarayana sites with 1,843 members in total. These groups undertake different income generating activities such as farming and crafts for skill enhancement and gainful engagement of the members. The different SHGs formed over the years are classified with their income generating activities as; 36 SHGs are producing vegetables, 16 groups are weaving textiles (3 groups nettle weaving), seven SHGs are producing woodcrafts, 21 groups are producing cardamom, 10 groups are weaving cane and bamboo products, one group has taken up bee keeping as an income generating activity and three groups have started poultry farming. The remaining groups are working on producing fruits, areca nut, mushrooms, pickles, compressed earth blocks, natural dyes, solar dryers, and earthen pots. The Foundation provides with the SHG with the seed money of Nu. 5000-10000 depending on the size of the group, all the SHGs have started saving with each member contributing an agreed amount monthly to sustain the groups. Some of the groups have started their saving account with the Bhutan Development Bank Ltd.



Nettle weaving members process nettle fibre in Khengkhar, Monggar

b. Common Work-shed : In 2015, a total of 15 work sheds were constructed in Wandguephodrang, Samtse, Haa, Monggar, Pemagatshel, Tsirang and Lhuentse for the SHGs members to carry out income generating activities. These work-sheds provide the SHG members a space to work together and exchange skills. It enables them to develop social relations and offers a platform where the group members have an equal say in the decision-making process to promote transparency. The work shed provide a common place for the members to come together work on enhancing their skills and develop social relations. This is also where the exchanges of skills happen and where the group members have an equal say in the decision-making process and offers transparency. The work sheds also serve as multi-purpose halls to organize trainings, conduct meetings and in some sites as sale outlets.



Communities undertaking sustainable land management training in Tsirang

SKILLS TRAINING

The Foundation collaborates with various sectors and service providers to build capacity of community members in different skills. The trainings provided are as follows:

1. Community Technician Training on construction of Energy Efficient Fuelwood Stove
2. Training of Trainers (ToT) on Local Organic Climate Change Action and Learning
3. Sustainable Land Management
4. Watershed management
5. Propagation of bamboo for sustainable raw materials
6. Product diversification of cane and bamboo
7. Dry Felting (soft toys production)
8. Candle and Soap Making
9. Hand knitting of souvenirs
10. Nettle weaving
11. Natural dye processing
12. Pottery
13. Daphne paper making
14. Vermi composting
15. Natueco Farming
16. Food Processing
17. Solar Dryer Fabrication and Management
18. Packaging and labeling
19. Carpentry & masonry
20. Financial literacy



Tarayana Rural Crafts Outlet in Chubachu, Thimphu

MARKET FACILITATION

The Foundation facilitates in marketing the SHGs products through the outlets; Tarayana Rural Crafts Outlet on Norzin Lam, the Crafts Outlet at the Folk Heritage Museum and an Outlet in Terma Linca Resort & Spa, free of rent and a small counter at the Paro International Airport. The Outlet in Thimphu has a Production team that works on adding value to the products supplied by our artisans. They also create new products and transfer skills to the interested communities. In 2015, a new range of dry-felting and knitting products were introduced with as-

sistance from Ms. Ute Meuser, a German volunteer. The SHG in Tsento, Paro Dzongkhag has been trained in these skills and has started generating revenue from the sale of products. Metal souvenirs, contemporary pottery and natural dyed products are also being tested for market. The skills have been acquired by the rural craft staff during their training period in Japan, through the Bussi-En.

The Tarayana Annual Fair is another platform for the rural artisans to promote, test-market, sell and link up with customers. The fair has enabled small producers to link up with high end hotels in the capital, giving them better opportunities of income generation. It also gives them exposure and an opportunity to learn from artisans other than their own communities. Every year the artisans from different communities take home thousands of ngultrum from the fair.

Tarayana Rural Craft Center Activities

1. Two Tarayana rural artisans from Khengkhar, Monggar were awarded 'the Bhutan Seal Award for Handicrafts, on 5th January 2015 by the Department of Trade, Ministry of Economic Affairs; Mr. Sangay Tshewang for his product 'The Jandom' (wooden Container) and Mr. Kinzang Jurmey for his product 'The Zaw Container'. Their products were selected among 36 entries and they were awarded a cash prize of Nu. 18,000/- each.

2. Training on contemporary pottery and dyeing was held from the 26th of January till the 5th of February for seven participants from Wangling and Bezam villages, at the Tontongphey Centre in Langthil, Trongsa. The main focus of the training was product diversification, innovation and quality control. The trained community members now have the capacity to produce a wide range of crockery items.

3. Ms. Ute Charlotte Meuser, a volunteer helped train the TRC staff in designing and production of lampshade using daphne paper.

4. The SHG in Tsento, Paro Dzongkhag were trained on candle making from March to June, 2015 by Tenzin la from the Soap & Candle making unit in Langthil in Trongsa, as a part of peer to peer skills imparting.

5. The TRC production team trained the Tsento SHG members in dry felting using sheep and yak wool and ceramic pottery as part of the UN Women supported activities to empower women through skills development and economic opportunities.

6. The SHG members in Trongsa were trained in ceramic pottery with glaze by Mr. Mahesh Tamang, Ceramic Expert.

7. In collaboration with JICA, D-HOPE (Decentralized Hands on Program Exhibition), the TRC staff conducted a workshop for candle making to 18 participants on 9th September 2015. The main objective of the workshop was to create a platform for networking for all who are engaged in promotion and development of crafts. The trainings conducted were:

1. Candle making (6 participants, 5 male, 1 female)
2. Dry felting (10 participants, 8 male, 2 female)
3. Lampshade making (2 female)

8. The TRC staff were also trained in making customized products and accessories from copper.



The Annual Tarayana Fair, 2015

TARAYANA FAIR 2015

The 12th Annual Tarayana Fair was held from 1st to 3rd of May, 2015 at the Coronation Park, Changlimithang, Thimphu. Unlike the previous fairs, this was the most auspicious one as the Foundation dedicated the event to the three great inspirational leaders of our time; our beloved Fourth Druk Gyalpo His Majesty Jigme Singye Wangchuck, His Holiness Trulku Jigme Choeda and Our honorable President, Her Majesty Gyalyum Dorji Wangmo Wangchuck on their 60th Birth Anniversary. To honour our Hon'ble President, the Foundation took the opportunity to showcase different initiatives that has been undertaken in the rural communities of 147 villages across 15 Dzongkhags.

The Fair setting was based on a village scenario. A variety of crafts, culture and way of life from the sites were at display for everybody in the capital to experience the beauty and essence of rural life. The opening day was graced by the President, Her Majesty Gyalyum Dorji Wangmo Wangchuck, and attended by Her Royal Highness Ashi Sonam Dechan Wangchuck, Hon'ble Prime Minister Tshering Tobgay, Members of the Parliament, representatives from national & international agencies, and representatives from rural communities that Tarayana works with, friends, supporters, volunteers of Tarayana Foundation and the Thimphu community.

We are grateful to the volunteers and sponsors for their support in making the Fair a joyous and a successful event.

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

1. 8th January– Signing of contract agreement for the Rural Economic Advancement Programme (REAP) phase II between Tarayana Foundation and the Gross National Happiness Commission Secretariat
2. 26th January–5th February– Training on Pottery and Natural Dyeing for community members in Trongsa, conducted by Ms. Sonam Dema, Production Manager of the TRC
3. 1st–7th February– Training on construction of Energy Efficient Fuel wood Stove for community members in Dechenpelri, Sarpang
4. 3rd –6th February– Field visit to Tsirang under the NAPA II Project at the targeted rural communities of Tsirangtoe, Kapashing, Thankthang and Tongsingna by the Tarayana team and international Consultant to consult with community members on water scarcity and climate change impact issues
5. 6th February– MoU on Community Radio was signed between Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, Bhutan and Tarayana Foundation was signed
6. 10th–13th February– Tarayana team along with the international NAPA II Consultant visited Lotokuchu Jigme, Singye and Wangchuck and Lumbey in Samtse to carryout community consultations on water scarcity issues and climate change impact issues
7. 25th February – 6th March– Ms. Barbara Savage, Founder & President of the Tribal Trust Foundation, USA met Tarayana officials and discussed collaboration possibilities between the two organizations including partnership in supporting the Monpa community in Trongsa in preserving their ancient culture. The Travel Trust Foundation donated Nu. 250000 to support Tarayana social impact initiatives
8. 26th February– Orientation and distribution of the ECCD materials to 33 facilitators
9. 31st March– 3rd April– Palden Ongmo, Programme Officer attended the workshop on Noteworthy practice documentation (Early Childhood Care and Development) in Bangkok,Thailand
10. 1st – 8th March– Mr. Karma Wangchuk,Programme Officer ,participated in the study visit to Nepal for the Sustainable Rural Biomass Energy executed by the Department of Renewal Energy, Ministry of Economic Affairs
11. 18th – 19thMarch– Ms. Sonam Pem, Programme Director, was one of the resource persons for the Youth Conference organized by Wadah Foundation in Indonesia,this was attended by four students (Tarayana members) selected from Yangchenphug High School and Kharsadrupchu School
12. 17th March – 5th April– Training on construction and maintenance of Energy Efficient Stove at Umling, Gelephu, Dekiling, Sangey and Chudzom gewogs under Sarpang Dzongkhag
13. 123rd March– Signing of contract agreement with Mr. David Y. Park, President of NES Corporation, South Asia for Young–ma rice cooker distribution
14. 23rd – 25th March– Two Tarayana staff members participated in the Fund Raising workshop organized by the Civil Society Organizations Authority
15. 23rd– 25th of March– Mr. Jamyang Phuntsho, Programme Officer participated in the training on Integrated Water Resource Management Plan (IWRMP) and River Basin Management Plan (RBMP) organized by the National Environment Commission Secretariat (NECS) with technical support from ADB
16. 10th April– 23rd Tarayana Board Meeting at the Tarayana Centre
17. 0th April– The Board approved the establishment of Tarayana Centre for Social Studies
18. 16th April– A workshop on ‘Experience Sharing on Social Inclusion’ was held at the Bussi–En Office, Chubachu, Thimphu. The resource persons were Ms. Wangmo, Programme Officer, from Tarayana Foundation and Mr. Gaden Chopel, Project Coordinator, from Draktsho Vocational Training Centre for Special Children.
19. 25th April–4th May– The 12th Surgical Camp in collaboration with Surgicorp International and the Ministry of Health was held at Paro Hospital

20. 1st –3rd May– 12th Tarayana Fair held at the Coronation Park,Changlimithang,Thimphu
21. 6th–8th May– Roseleen Gurung, Dhendup Tsering and Jigme Wangchuk, Programme officers attended the homecoming seminar and partners meeting of the Fredskorpset South–South Project “Promotion of Green technologies to bring about rural prosperity” in Bangkok, Thailand
22. 2nd June– Unveiling of annual collaboration on Low Carbon Technology between Tarayana Foundation and College of Science and Technology, Rinchending
23. June– July– Training on dry felting and candle making at Tsentso,Paro Dzongkhag supported by UN Women
24. 17th– 18th July– Members from Dagana Solar Fabrication Unit conducted a training on fabrication and usage of solar dryer for the self Help group in Paro Tsentso.
25. 8th–23rd July– Six field officers trained on Natueco farming methods at Dr. Suchde ‘s farm in Indore
26. 1st–27th July– Ms. Ugyen Dema from the Pottery Unit (SHG) in Togtongphey conducted a training on ceramic pottery for the women SHG in Paro Tsentso
27. 1st August– Dr. Rebecca Reichmann Tavares, UN Women’s representative visited the UN Women supported project in Tsentso,Paro
28. 2nd– 10th August– Six staff members visited Bangladesh for South Asia Food and Nutrition Security Initiative Exchange Programme
29. 3rd–14th August– Four Tarayana staff members, Dhendup Tshering, Wangmo, Namgay and Pema Lhendrup visited Lunana to carryout consultation meetings and survey for Yosena and Wachey villages under the REAP II
30. 19th–22nd August– A team from UNICEF and Tarayana visited Lhuentse to monitor the Youth initiatives implemented by youth groups in Ney, Yadi and Gangzur
31. 20th–22nd August– Mountain Echoes 2015
32. 27th–29th August– The Foundation participated in the Ecological Fair organized by Bhutan Ecological Society at the Clock Tower Square, Thimphu
33. 7th– 8th September– Ms. Roseleen Gurung, Programme Officer attended the Adaptation Committee Expert Meeting on Livelihoods and Economic Diversification in Bonn, Germany
34. 8th – 10th September– Twelve Programme Officers attended a training on Soil and Land Management in Tsirangtoe Gewog, Tsirang Dzongkhag conducted with technical support from National Soil Service Centre. 60 community members from Tsirang toe, two from Dorokha Dungkhag, Samtse, two from Langthil, Trongsa and one from Daga, Wangduephodrang.
35. 23rd– 25th September– 13th surgical camp in collaboration with Ministry of Health and Smile Asia, Singapore at Monggar Regional Hospital
36. 13th October– Tarayana with Tourism Council of Bhutan and Vast Bhutan offered sincere prayers and warm wishes to their Majesties on the joyous occasion of the Fourth Royal Wedding Anniversary
37. 19th October– 6th November– Training of Trainers on Local Organic Climate Change Action and Learning conducted for NAPA II project sites in Tsirang, Monggar and Pemagatshel
38. 5th November– Training on making bricks for improved cook stoves conducted at Tsentso gewog Paro Dzongkhag
39. 17th–26th November– Two Tarayana Staff attended training on Community Radio at College of Science and Technology, Rinchending organized by the Department of Information and Media, MoIC in collaboration with UNESCO
40. 3rd December– First ever Community Radio Station established in Dechenpelri, Sarpang
41. 3rd–13th December– Two officers from the Foundation accompanied 8 senior citizens for the Annual Pilgrimage to Bodhgaya
42. 29th –31st December– Annual review and planning workshop

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4. Sonam Pem, Director of Programmes
5. Roseleen Gurung, Sr. Programme Officer
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9. Wangmo, Social Inclusion Programme
10. Karma Wangchuk, Improved stoves
11. Sonam Wangmo, UN Women
12. Tashi Choden, REAP II

Documentation, Monitoring and Evaluation

13. Tshering Deki, Documentation & Communication Officer
14. Dechen Choden, Monitoring & Evaluation Officer

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15. Thinley Bidha, Samtse (Lotokuchu)
16. Namgay, Tsirang
17. Sonam Jamtsho, Lhuentse
18. Passang Tobgay, Mongar
19. Jigme Wangchuk, Wangduephodrang
20. Phuntsho Wangmo, Trongsa
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22. Deki Zam, Pemagatshel (Chhimong)
23. Tashi Tshering Doya, Samtse (Doya)
24. Sonam Gyaltshe, Haa

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25. Meme Bongtong, Caretaker, Kalapang site
26. Namgay Om, Cleaner
27. Tobgay, Gardener
28. Dhendup Tshering, Night Guard
29. R.B. Ghallay, Driver

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35. Ngawang Tashi, Zhemgang

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1. Mingma Lhamo Tamang, Kana, Dagana
2. Leki Choezom, Tsendeygang, Dagana
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4. Ningi Dema
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11. Pema Lhaden
12. Dechen Zangmo, Murung, Kengkhar, Monggar
13. Pema Yangchen, Munma, Kengkhar, Monggar
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24. Tashi Choezom
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26. Tshering Pem, Baling, Trongsa
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1. Sonam Dema Drukpa, Production Manager
2. Pema Yangzom, Embroidery Expert, Production Division
3. Pema Wangchuk, Traditional paper expert, Production Division
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6. Tshetenmo, Sales person, Tarayana Rural Crafts Outlet, Folk Heritage Museum

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Financial Status

Financial Statement for the Year 2015

Receipt		Payment	
	Amount (Nu)		Amount (Nu)
Opening Balance	26,490,038.69	Less: Total Expenditure for the Year 2015	33,502,428.04
Add: Total Receipt for the Year 2015	66,946,696.15	Closing Balance	59,934,306.80
Total	93,436,734.84	Total	93,436,734.84

- This Statement includes all the Project Fund.
- Unaudited Statement.


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