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“As a small country with a small population, we can overcome any challenge we are faced with, if the people and the government work together. It is important, however, to not lose sight of our national objectives, and aim to bring normalcy as soon as possible so that when this pandemic is behind us, we can continue to work on making our future better and stronger.”

–His Majesty The King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck





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Words from Our Leadership



The past year has been a challenge for everyone. However, as we vaccinate more people and move toward achieving herd immunity, Bhutan has managed to overcome many challenges that other nations are faced with. It is evident that in the face of adversity, solidarity and a common purpose have proved to be very effective. His Majesty The King's relentless efforts coupled with the support of the government and people have enabled Bhutan to make enormous strides in battling the global pandemic.

As we forge ahead, the process of rebuilding the economy and reemploying our youth, all while still protecting our country from the pandemic, is our collective priority. In the past year, we supported the Ministry of Health with critical medical supplies needed to combat the pandemic and catered to the medical needs of our remote communities. We also adapted our efforts to focus intently on enhancing food security and supporting employment opportunities, particularly for women and youth. In fact, even our Small Grants Program has focused largely on supporting agriculture and eco-tourism

businesses, which benefit hard-to-reach communities. Despite all the challenges, we were still able to continue many of our flagship programs such as the Special Education and Snow Leopard Conservation projects through small group trainings and virtual formats. Most importantly, our efforts to restore and repurpose the most important heritage site at the Wangduechoeling Palace continued unabated, and we were even able to employ young Bhutanese at the project site throughout the pandemic.

You can read about these and other stories from our projects in *Solidarity: Bhutan Foundation Annual Report 2021*. With your steadfast support, we have been able to achieve a lot for our partners and communities during a year that has been filled with challenges. There is much to be done in order to get Bhutan's economy back in order. We must also strengthen our health systems, support livelihoods, and other social safety networks. As we re-emerge from the impact of this global pandemic, your support and solidarity with Bhutan is especially appreciated. Thank you for being a great friend to Bhutan.

Gyalyum Tseyring Pem Wangchuck

Her Majesty the Queen Mother of Bhutan
Co-Chair



In Solidarity with Our Communities



As we look back on the past year, the global pandemic was a large part of it. And we recognize that we are still not quite done with it yet. However, Bhutan, with its phenomenal success in the vaccination rollout and overall COVID-19 response has done remarkably well—especially compared with many countries around the world. That gives us the strength and resolve to remain optimistic. What is even more inspiring is that the Bhutan Foundation seized every opportunity to stay on mission and get the work done—for our partners, our communities, our supporters, and our program beneficiaries.

On the ground, we largely pivoted to supporting rural farming cooperatives, local food processing businesses, and social entrepreneurs in their collective efforts to strengthen food security and generate employment to many rendered jobless by the pandemic. Our Small Grants Program, which enables our Thimphu team to support innovative projects, has expanded to support many communities, increasing our reach further. We continued with most of our key projects undeterred, while still following public health and safety guidelines. The staff did a splendid job of bringing Bhutan to you through our webinar series so that you could stay connected and abreast of relevant issues in Bhutan. And on the international front, we engaged with several partners, including NASA DEVELOP and SERVIR, Moderna, and MIT, in ongoing and new projects in Bhutan.



As you read *Solidarity: Bhutan Foundation Annual Report 2021*, you will discover the combined efforts of our local partners and that supporters like you have made an incredible impact in Bhutan. The common thread weaving through all our stories is a strong sense of solidarity and purpose, and the focus on strengthening communities from the highlands of Jomolhari to the subtropics of Panbang. You will also notice the depth and breadth of our projects, from STEM education to snow leopard conservation, special education, cultural preservation, and health camps for remote communities.

All this was possible thanks to your generous and unfaltering support. Your support is testimony to your love and commitment for Bhutan. We are most grateful to you for partnering with us to carry on our mission to support the people of Bhutan in reaching their full potential by developing local capacity and facilitating global support.

We have a lot to look forward to in the coming year and want to express our heartfelt gratitude to you for your continuing support.

Michael Philipp
Co-Chair

Tshewang Wangchuk
Executive Director

Enhancing Food Security in Response to COVID-19

After Bhutan closed its borders to the international community in March 2020, thousands of Bhutanese lost their jobs, including approximately 50,000 employees working in tourism and hospitality-driven services. For Ms. Pema Lhamo, however, who graduated right at the beginning of the pandemic, what could have been a story of loss became one of potential—all thanks to the Samdrup Jongkhar Initiative (SJI).

During the nationwide shutdowns, including when the international border remained closed to imports from India, SJI, with support from the Bhutan Foundation, created opportunities to explore the agricultural sector and worked with youth to support their communities to address issues around food supply.

“I learned various farming techniques and understood the role of the farming community in safeguarding our food supply systems—especially during the pandemic,” Pema said. After a year of engagement with SJI, she is now trained in organic farming techniques, including biopest management. These skills could make a big difference in both pre- and post-pandemic Bhutan, where food security and youth unemployment are often recognized as pressing issues facing the nation.

These days, Pema is planning to take the skills she learned over the past year and move back to her village in Orong under the Sandrup Jongkhar district to start her own farming group. Her goal is to boost agriculture production for food self-sufficiency, create employment opportunities for unemployed youth, and offer substitutions to pricey imports.

Alongside this program, the Bhutan Foundation supported three other civil society organizations in helping to mitigate food shortages. With financial assistance from the US Agency for International Development, the program *Strengthening Food Security and Employment in Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic in Bhutan* supported one food processing unit and two community-based organizations.

The project is intended to complement the Royal Government of Bhutan’s effort in achieving food security and creating employment opportunities for the unemployed youth displaced from various sectors due to the global pandemic. To date, it has employed 814 individuals, developed 63 acres of farmland, trained 329 farmers on organic and sustainable agriculture, and provided appropriate farming equipment and tools worth more than BTN 5 million. Through these initiatives, farmers have harvested approximately 45,000 kg of vegetables during the pandemic, and supply to more than 25,000 households.





Small Grants Program *A Thimphu Initiative*

Managed directly by the Thimphu Office, the Small Grants Program supports projects that complement and consolidate the Foundation's broad program goals to uplift the four pillars of Gross National Happiness. The program offers immediate support to a number of diverse projects on the ground each year, with quick results, and has been instrumental in its ability to adapt to emerging needs throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. This year, the program supported three grants for a total of \$54,500 across sectors such as employment generation, food and water security, and more.

Small Local Action to Pursue the National Aspiration of Food Self-Sufficiency and Security

The pandemic revealed that it is about time that Bhutan seriously pursues its national aspiration of food self-sufficiency. Over the past year, effects from lockdowns have highlighted inefficiencies in the food supply chain especially in terms of access to the market. Given this context, the Bhutan Foundation provided a small grant to the Khenrig Namsum Cooperative (KNC) to support youth employment and increase vegetable production to meet local demand in Zhemgang in Southern Bhutan. The KNC is a supply chain cooperative that works with 230 farmers from four villages (Nangkor, Ngangla, Pangkhar, and Trong) in Zhemgang.

Farmers in the Lower Kheng region faced challenges with market access, and therefore large amounts of vegetables went bad before they could ever reach the market. The farmers lacked adequate postharvest knowledge and had limited access to simple technologies like crates and proper storage to retain vegetable freshness and increase shelf life. Through the small grants support, a common facility for curing and two green poly houses at KNC's main vegetable center were established. This has helped farmers reduce postharvest loss, add value to farm produce, and increase off-season/winter vegetable production. This project enhanced the farmers' knowledge about postharvest production such as storage technology, curing via drying and packaging, and hands-on experience on production, seedling cultivation, crop management, and harvesting.



Small Grants Program *A Thimphu Initiative*

Innovative water harvest and climate-proof water supply technology

In collaboration with the Bhutan Water Partnership housed under the Royal Society for the Protection of Nature, the Bhuatn Foundation supported an innovative water harvest and climate-proof water supply technology in Zhemgang in Southern Bhutan and Paro in Western Bhutan.

In Zhemgang, the community mainly consists of 35 nuns from the Pema Chopeling Nunnery, people with disabilities, orphans, and low-income households. The nunnery was using unsafe water from open-channel streams, which are actually meant for irrigation purposes. Through the small grants program, a safe and potable water source for drinking and sanitation was set up using untapped water sources nearby, and an upgraded water reservoir tank was set up to serve at least 250 community members.

Chubjakha village is one of the smallest communities in Paro, with a population of 200, and is also one of the most water-stressed communities in the area. Its primary source of water is 4 miles away. Collectively, the community owns 50 acres of dry land, and agriculture is its main source of income. However, due to water scarcity, only 20 of the 50 acres are under cultivation and more than 30 acres are left fallow. Through the small grants program, the Foundation funded an enterprising women's group, the *Chubjekha Aumtshu Chithuen Tshogpa*, to install 10 roof rainwater harvesting systems that will allow farmers to collect rainwater and use it for their agricultural fields. The group objective is to improve the quality of life for women in the village by increasing nutrition and income from organic farming.

Special Education Partnerships Achieve Positive Outcomes

As one of the Bhutan Foundation's longest-running projects, the Special Education program has grown and diversified over the years as we work with multiple partners on the ground toward a shared mission to enhance educational opportunities for children and youth with disabilities. The combined efforts of all the partners over many years finally led to the Royal Government of Bhutan to adopt a National Policy for Persons with Disabilities in 2019. This is the first time Bhutan has adopted a policy that directly addressed the needs of persons with disabilities, although concurrently many efforts were being made by various agencies toward this goal.

As the pandemic unfolded, it was clear that our partners on the ground needed to work in collaboration with all stakeholders to achieve the best possible outcomes for all our children with disabilities. The Bhutan Foundation's focus was to continue to build the capacity of educators, caregivers, and parents in the area of transition planning for children with disabilities at an early age. With our current partnership with Perkins International and their expertise, we created transition plans for specific children encompassing their strengths, weaknesses, and interests. These plans allow parents and teachers to problem-solve together, keeping in mind the child's best interest and creating a supportive environment for the child to succeed. With the complete shutdown of schools during the pandemic and lockdowns throughout the country, all of these efforts were done virtually.

In addition, in collaboration with the Ministry of Education, we created *Guidelines for Parents and Teachers of Children with Special Education Needs*, which are available online to continue to provide educational support for children at home. We also worked with local civil society organizations like Ability Bhutan Society (ABS) to furnish parents with home-based materials so they could continue to support their kids while schools were closed. With technical expertise from Perkins International, we worked with ABS to create short audiovisuals, tactile boards, massage tips, and much more so that parents could provide these simple but meaningful interventions for their children at home.

As we all know, the past year was a surreal and unique time for all of our programs. However, because of the unwavering support from parents, teachers, caregivers, and all stakeholders in this program—including the Ministry of Education—the growth in learning for our children with special needs did not stop. As schools reopen this year, we hope to continue to work with all our partners toward more successive and positive outcomes for our children with special needs.



STEM Invention through Innovation and Fabrication

The Bhutan Foundation, with funding from the US State Department, is supporting Bhutan's effort to strengthen science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education and learning. The Bhutan STEM project aims to catalyze applied STEM learning and innovation among Bhutanese research professionals, entrepreneurs, teachers, and youth by reforming the STEM teaching and learning process through providing access to digital fabrication tools and technology as well as necessary training.

The project has two goals: to establish a Super Fabrication Laboratory in Bhutan and to develop and disseminate audio and video STEM content. The Druk Holdings Investment (DHI) and Center for Bits and Atoms at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) are working together to establish the super fab lab in the Thimphu Tech Park. The fabrication facility center will provide hardware capabilities and a platform for digital design that will enable emerging entrepreneurs to prototype their ideas using digital fabrication tools. The only super fab lab in South Asia currently is in Kerala, India, and the next one will be the Bhutan Lab.

Because of the pandemic, there were many delays in the procurement and delivery of equipment for the lab. However, the development and dissemination of STEM content has been underway over the past year. STEM audio and video content is being produced and distributed by our partners at Kuzoo Radio Station (Kuzoo FM) and the Royal Tutorial Project (RTP). From November 2020 to June 2021, Kuzoo FM produced and aired 19 episodes of the popular "Space Break" program, a weekly radio show about space and space exploration targeted to youth ages 10 to 18.

In addition, the project also supported the purchase of transmitters and decoders to restore radio broadcasts in two eastern districts of Bhutan. Similarly, RTP used high definition video equipment procured through this grant to produce a variety of popular STEM-related programming this quarter. RTP also formed a unique collaboration with volunteer teachers in Bhutan, resulting in the creation of 26 STEM-related programs for broadcast throughout Bhutan.





Bringing Solar Power to Remote Communities

Aja Ney is one of the most sacred and remote pilgrimage sites located at an altitude of 3500m above sea level in Bumdeling Wildlife Sanctuary (BWS) in Eastern Bhutan. This community has 34 households and has been deprived of access to electric power mainly owing to its remote location. The national electricity grid will not connect these households that are located in the national park because of conservation and park regulations.

The Bhutan Foundation, in partnership with the Bhutan Ecological Society, and the Department of Renewable Energy (DRE) of the Royal Government of Bhutan, will assess, install, and provide a solar photovoltaic plant with enhanced battery storage and inverter systems to the Aja Ney community. This project aims to diversify sources of energy aside from hydropower and also contributes to multiple Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), such as poverty alleviation, environmental conservation, and enhancing the well-being and health of the people.

Bhutan has made significant achievements in rural electrification in the past decade, and today only about 1.6 percent of rural households (1,600+) are not connected to the national grid. After a full assessment to bring power to Aja Ney through transmission lines, the DRE discovered that it would need to be constructed through the BWS, a protected area and national park, where felling of trees is strictly prohibited. The majority of the community is highly dependent on firewood for cooking and heating, which also adds pressure on forestry resources and negatively impacts their health from the smoke. Solar power is therefore the most viable solution for this community. A key component of this project is to also draw community participation especially from women and youth who will be trained to carry out basic operations and maintenance of the solar power system. The DRE will provide overall technical support and will also train of the community members. A sustainable financial model will be adopted whereby the community pays toward a fund for the energy consumed and this fund in turn will be used to support operations, maintenance, and upgrades to the system.

The Bhutan Foundation is excited to support other sources of renewable energy in Bhutan and focus on providing access to power in remote communities. We will work in collaboration with the DRE, the UN Small Grants Program, Bhutan For Life, and the Bhutan Ecological Society to ensure this project will succeed.

Supporting Healthcare in Nomadic Communities

It is amazing how far the Bhutan Foundation has come with the Nomad Health Camp Program! The program was initiated in 2015 to address the public health needs of the highland population of Jomolhari. Slowly, we expanded to include highlanders in Bumthang, Merak, and Sakteng. The four communities are at high altitudes 4000m above sea level, which are inaccessible via road and take several days to reach the nearest Basic Health Unit. To date, the Foundation has supported 12 health camps. The camps are conducted annually with services such as general health screenings, dental and eye check-ups, pap smears, physiotherapy, traditional Bhutanese medicine consults, and pharmacy provided by the Bhutanese health team from the nearest hospital.

Because of the pandemic, no health camps were carried out in 2020. This year, after much anticipation, the health teams carried out some of the nomad health camps following strict COVID precautionary measures and protocols. The first-ever camp in Sephu was conducted in June by the Eusa Health team, covering Gangtey and Phobjikha gewogs (blocks) in Western Bhutan. The team trekked for 20 days through thick snow and provided health services to 98 patients. In continuation, the Eusa health team also carried out a health camp in Gogona to 127 patients.





An Integrated Approach to Snow Leopard Conservation

We believe that bringing benefits from conservation to local communities will encourage residents to actively participate in snow leopard conservation. Through the Bhutan Foundation's Snow Leopard Conservation program, we support yak-herding communities so that they benefit from improved health care, livestock husbandry, education services, and income generation from tourism and related initiatives.

The Jomolhari Mountain Region has some of the highest snow leopard activity in Bhutan and is a hotbed for the snow leopard and its prey, the blue sheep. Residents of this region are primarily yak herders, as the area is mostly above the tree line. While yak predation is prevalent in the area, the herders have generally been tolerant of some level of predation all along. However, public attitudes and perception toward snow leopards are quickly changing. There are now 87 registered members with three different snow leopard conservation groups (Soe-24, Lingzhi-49, and Yaktsa-14) in the Jomolhari Region.

To promote snow leopard conservation efforts through education and awareness, the Bhutan Foundation, in collaboration with the Royal Education Council, developed snow leopard educational materials such as readers, board games, jigsaw puzzles, and snow leopard fact sheets. These materials were distributed to 16 schools in five districts. In addition, the Foundation has supported the local community primary school, which is also known as the "School Among Snow Leopards."

Over the past year, the Foundation provided 20 new tents to yak herders from Lingzhi Gewog in Jomolhari and 20 new tents to highlanders in Bumthang. These improved tents will replace the flimsy plastic tarps that herders commonly use for shelter. The new tents provide larger living space, improved durability, and better insulation from colder weather, while reducing risks from smoke inhalation.

In addition, 16 members of the Snow Leopard Conservation Group underwent training on weaving traditional yak-hair tents known as Bja. The training is one of the efforts to preserve and revive the use of traditional tents. As residents have begun using the lighter and cheaper tarpaulin sheets, the use of traditional Bja has been significantly reduced. Over time, this also contributed to more waste from the flimsy tarpaulin sheets, which littered the mountainside. During distribution, the livestock officials from Soe demonstrated how to install and dismantle the new tents. The metal frames are easy to set up and dismantle and are portable and durable for shifting between pastures. In addition to being an improvement for the local communities, the durable iron poles will also reduce the cutting of trees, which are scarce at higher altitudes, thereby helping to decrease human impact on the environment.

Wangduechoeling Palace

A Museum in the Making

Wangduechoeling Palace, which is situated at the geographic and historic heart of the country, is of utmost importance to Bhutan and its people. Constructed in 1856 by Jigme Namgyal, the father of the First King of Bhutan, His Majesty Gongsu Ugyen Wangchuck, the Palace symbolizes the establishment of the Wangchuck Dynasty and the beginning of a peaceful and stable era in Bhutan. In the 21st century, Bhutan is at the cusp of another new era with rapid socioeconomic development and globalization. If the Palace is not well preserved, our tradition, culture, and its inherent values are at risk of disappearing. In this context, the Foundation has undertaken this project to restore the Wangduechoeling Palace to its former glory and explore the best possible future.

Having completed the critical first phase of the project—to physically preserve this unique architectural treasure—we are now in phase II of creating our vision of adapting this heritage site into a living history museum and cultural center. The Palace will become a portal that connects the past with the present so that the people of Bhutan today can better appreciate the origins of our incredible culture and traditions. The Palace will also become a gateway into the East by boosting the local economy and creating employment opportunities through sustainable tourism.

The Palace is the first of its kind in Bhutan, a living museum designed with the future in mind. The finished grounds will contain an accessibility plan that incorporates universal design principles, including braille signage and audio features, spaces for the those with disabilities and elderly visitors, and activities for children. It will be a vibrant living space that encourages research and education programs as well as community programs that engage the local community around the Palace, such as the great Annual Fair, or Mela, founded by the Second King.

During the pandemic, all partners on the ground and internationally have taken the time to revive a renewed and expanded Wangduechoeling Palace to present to both Bhutanese and foreign visitors with the engaging history, Buddhist values, and living arts that underpin Bhutanese culture and continue to sustain its people. This would not have been possible without the combined efforts of our team on the ground, including the Ministry of Home and Culture, Tashi Deling, and our international experts, including our curatorial and design team at EKA, branding team at Hoffman Creative, our donors, and the US Ambassador's Fund for Cultural Preservation.



Documentation and Inventory of Bhutanese Heritage Sites

The Bhutan Foundation has taken on a two-year culture project that aims to conserve Bhutan's nationally important heritage sites through a proper inventory and development of a database system. The project will promote local people's sense of ownership and appreciation for their cultural heritage through recognition of cultural heritage value using the system of registration and designation of heritage sites. The project, funded by the US Ambassador's Fund for Cultural Preservation, will cover 54 selected heritage sites total—20 sites in Bumthang in central Bhutan, 19 in Mongar in South Eastern Bhutan, and 15 in Trashigang in Eastern Bhutan.

This past year, a team of 10 experts, architects, and researchers led by the senior architect from the Department of Culture, Ministry of Home and Cultural Affairs, surveyed the 20 heritage sites in Bumthang. The sites were selected by the respective local gewog (block) leaders in consultation with the community. Some of the sites date back to as far as the 7th century and are associated with ancient Buddhist masters and hold religious and cultural significance for the district and country.

Local government officials and young aspiring professionals engaged in this project will be trained in the documentation of heritage sites. This is an ongoing effort to contribute to human resource development and instill responsibility for cultural heritage protection in Bhutan. Mindu Wangmo, a researcher from the Department of Culture, shared that “working on this project helped me understand the importance of the heritage sites which define the identity of our country. I realized the need and benefit of documentation and inventory of heritage sites in Bhutan for future records and reference for the researchers like me.”

After the on-site documentation of all 54 selected heritage sites, the team will input their findings into a database system. The Department of Culture under the Ministry of Home and Cultural Affairs is the central agency that will manage the heritage sites' inventory system.



Digital Development *The Dragon Series*

Much of the world spent the last year and a half working diligently to stay safe and aware throughout the worst of COVID-19. For our team at the Bhutan Foundation, that meant working remotely with colleagues, partners, and local organizers to fill critical gaps and continue our mission despite ongoing restrictions and lockdowns in Bhutan and internationally. As part of that effort, in 2020, the Bhutan Foundation established the *Dragon Series*—an online event forum bringing our partners in Bhutan and the international community together to share stories from our partners on the ground and to remain connected with our supporters.

From tiger scientists, musicians, storytellers, political leaders, and conservationists, these talks are a glimpse into Bhutan and the many ways that we interact with and react to the rest of the global community. Each of these events are available for viewing by scanning the QR code below. The Dragon Series is scheduled to continue through 2022, so we hope you can join us virtually if you have yet to attend a session.



Local Partners

- Ability Bhutan Society (ABS)
- Bhutan Animal Rescue and Care (BARC)
- Bhutan Association of Women Entrepreneurs (BAOWE)
- Bhutan Cancer Society
- Bhutan Centre for Media and Democracy (BCMD)
- Bhutan Ecological Society (BES)
- Bhutan Nuns Foundation (BNF)
- Bhutan Tiger Centre
- Bhutan Youth Development Fund
- College of Natural Resources (CNR)
- Disabled Persons’ Association of Bhutan (DPAB)
- Draktsho Vocational Training Centre for Special Children and Youth
- Druk Holdings and Investments (DHI)
- Jangsa Animal Saving Trust (JAST)
- Jigme Dorji National Park (JDNP)
- Jigme Singye Wangchuck Law College
- Khesar Gyalpo University of Medical Sciences of Bhutan (KGUMSB)
- Lhomon Society
- Loden Foundation
- Music of Bhutan Research Centre (MBRC)
- PHENSEM Parents Support Group, Bhutan
- Respect, Educate, Nurture and Empower Women (RENEW)
- River Guides of Panbang
- Rotary Club of Thimphu
- Royal Government of Bhutan
- Royal Society for the Protection of Nature (RSPN)
- Royal University of Bhutan (RUB)
- SAARC Business Association of Home Based Workers, Bhutan



- Tarayana Foundation
- Ugyen Wangchuck Institute for Conservation and Environmental Research (UWICER)
- United Nations Development Programme - Bhutan
- World Wildlife Fund – Bhutan

International Partners

- Adidas Runtastic
- European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN)
- The Explorers Club St. Louis
- The GEF Small Grants Program
- Health Volunteers Overseas
- Internet of Elephants
- Karuna Foundation
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Moderna
- Medshare
- National Academy of Sciences
- National Aeronautics and Space Administration
- National Geographic Society
- Perkins International
- Phelps Memorial Hospital Center
- Rubin Museum of Art
- Smithsonian Institution
- Snow Leopard Conservancy
- Squire Patton Boggs
- Tsao & McKown
- University of California, San Francisco
- University of Montana
- US Agency for International Development (USAID)
- US Ambassadors Fund for Cultural Preservation
- Venture Well
- World Wildlife Fund

Bhutan Foundation Grants

Fiscal Year 2021

Conservation of the Environment

50,000 to 99,999

Bhutan Ecological Society
Sustainable Building Initiative, BLISS and General Support

Bhutan Tiger Centre
Tiger Conservation Program

20,000 to 49,999

Ugyen Wangchuck Institute for Conservation and Environmental Research
Bhutan Phenology Study—Himalayan Environmental Rhythms Observation and Evaluation System

10,000 to 19,999

Jomolhari Community
Snow Leopard Conservation Community Programs

Ugyen Wangchuck Institute for Conservation and Environmental Research
Daphne Hall and Organic Farming

1,000 to 4,999

Marangdut Community
Sustainable Agriculture

Up to 999

River Guides of Panbang
Social Enterprise

Equitable and Sustainable Development

1,450,000+

Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Druk Holding and Investments
STEM Grant for Bhutan

150,000 to 199,999

His Majesty’s Kidu Fund for COVID-19
COVID-19 Response

50,000 to 99,999

Ministry of Education
Every Child Can Learn: Access to Education for Children with Significant Disabilities

Ministry of Health
Improving Emergency Medical Services

20,000 to 49,999

Royal University of Bhutan
STEM Workshop

10,000 to 19,999

Khesar Gyalpo University of Medical Sciences of Bhutan
Public Health Program

Tarayana Foundation
COVID-19 Response

5,000 to 9,999

Sakteng Wildlife Sanctuary
Nomad Health Camps in Merak and Sakteng

Wangduephodrang Dzongkhag Administration
Nomad Health Camps in Sephu

1,000 to 4,999

Shaba Primary School
ICT initiative

Good Governance

500,000+

Jigme Singye Wangchuck School of Law
Law Library

150,000 to 199,999

Bhutan Nuns Foundation
General Support

100,000 to 149,999

Ministry of Education
School Design Guidelines

Tarayana Foundation
General Support

World Wildlife Fund
Bhutan For Life

50,000 to 99,999

Bhutan Animal Rescue and Care
Animal Welfare

Bhutan Centre for Media and Democracy
Project Mikhung, Citizen Engagement, and General Support

Bhutan Youth Development Fund
My Gakidh Village, Water Is Life, and General Support

Khedrup Foundation
General Support

20,000 to 49,999

Jangsa Animal Saving Trust
Animal Welfare

Loden Foundation
Loden Entrepreneurship Program

Respect, Educate, Nurture, and Empower Women
General Support

10,000 to 19,999

Ability Bhutan Society
General Support

Department of Disaster Management
Disaster Response and Coordination

5,000 to 9,999

Draktsho Vocational Training Centre for Special Children and Youth
General Support

GNH Center Bhutan
General Support

Royal Society for the Protection and Care of Animals
Animal Welfare Awareness Program & General Support

1,000 to 4,999

College of Language and Culture Studies
Bhutan Cultural Atlas Project

Lhomon Society
General Support

Ministry of Health
Green Hospital Design

Ogyen Choling Foundation
General Support

Rotary Club of Thimphu
General Support

Royal Society for the Protection of Nature
General Support

Samdrup Jongkhar Initiative
Organic Farming

United Nations Development Program
CSO Capacity Building Workshop

Voluntary Artists' Studio, Thimphu
Life as Art

Up to 999

Bhutan Bird Festival
Promotion of Bird Festival

Bhutan National Baseball League
Pitch in for Baseball

Dorji Nedup
Organic Farming in Babesa

Lama Shenphen Zangpo
Training of Former Addicts

Royal Thimphu College
Scholarship

Venture Well
*U.S. Department of State's Global Innovation
through Science and Technology (GIST) Initiative*

Zungnaling Production
Fall Fun and Creativity Festival

Preservation of Culture

250,000+

Ministry of Home and Cultural Affairs
*Adaptive Re-use and Restoration of
Wangduechoeling Palace*

20,000 to 49,999

Music of Bhutan Research Centre
*Research and Archiving of Traditional Songs
and Ritual Arts*

10,000 to 19,999

Rangshikhar Gonpa
Meditation Shelters for Goemchens

5,000 to 9,999

Ministry of Home and Cultural Affairs
Trashigang Dzong

1,000 to 4,999

Faculty of Traditional Medicine
*Identification and Documentation of High-Altitude
Medicinal Plants of Bhutan*

Phajoding Monastery
English Language Education Program

Sewala Buddhist Institute
General Support

Thangka Conservation and Restoration Center
General Support

Up to 999

Gangteng Sangnag Choeling Monastery
General Support

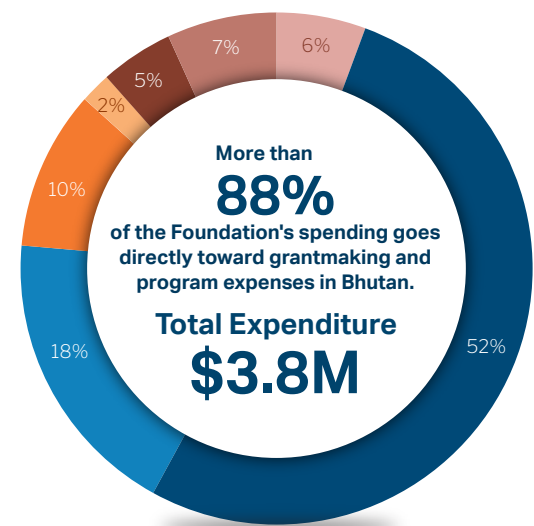




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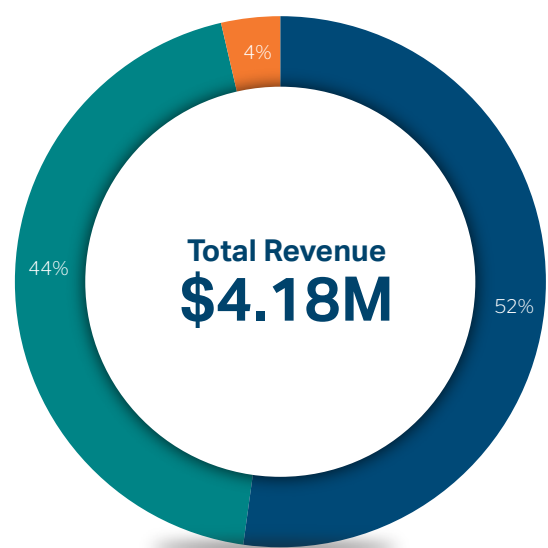
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Grants and Expenses



- Program Expenses**
- Conservation of the Environment (6%)
 - Equitable and Sustainable Development (52%)
 - Good Governance (18%)
 - Preservation of Culture (10%)
 - Events (2%)
- Supporting Services**
- Fundraising (5%)
 - Management and Administration (7%)

Sources of Funding



- Contributions and Grants (52%)
- Government Grants (44%)
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