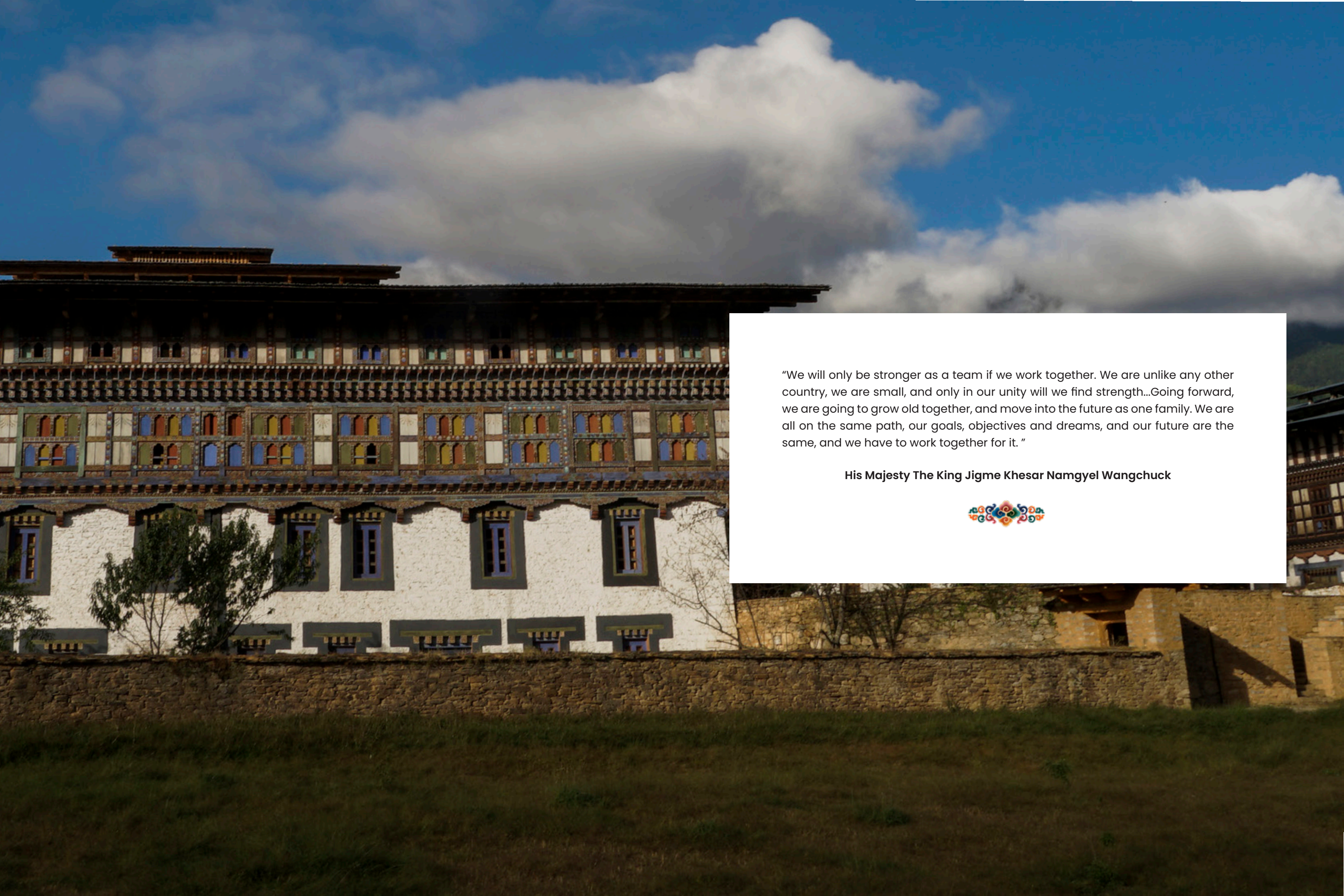


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# Stronger Alliances

ANNUAL REPORT 2022





“We will only be stronger as a team if we work together. We are unlike any other country, we are small, and only in our unity will we find strength...Going forward, we are going to grow old together, and move into the future as one family. We are all on the same path, our goals, objectives and dreams, and our future are the same, and we have to work together for it. ”

**His Majesty The King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck**







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# WORDS FROM OUR LEADERSHIP

This past year the Foundation worked tirelessly with our partners to ensure the continuation of the Bhutanese way of life. It has been a momentous year to say the least, with all the challenges of the global pandemic still not fully behind us.

Our primary mission remains to support the people of Bhutan to reach their full potential by developing local capacity and facilitating global support. From our offices in Washington D.C. and Thimphu, and in collaboration with over sixty partners in Bhutan and internationally, we work to meet the needs of the people of Bhutan through our numerous programs. Over the years, we have managed to create strong alliances that have weathered difficult times and produced impactful results on the ground.

At the height of the pandemic, when the world was scrambling for vaccines, our deep connections in the United States helped us coordinate with Moderna, the Bhutan Mission to the United Nations in New York, and the US Department of State to procure vaccines for everyone in Bhutan. This relationship with Moderna has led to an important project on vaccine efficacy that has allowed our research lab capacity in Bhutan to be upgraded.

During 2022, among many other projects, we completed the structural renovation of the Wangduechoeling Palace, a monument of great historical significance and a tribute to our esteemed Monarchy. We received treasured historical artifacts as gifts from some of Bhutan’s generous friends to add to the Palace’s museum. The Wangduechoeling Palace will tell the story of Bhutan’s great cultural heritage for generations to come.

There are several projects described in this report and I invite you to read about them. It is clear from these stories that as Bhutan and the world come out of the pandemic, we at the Foundation are stronger than ever before. We recognize that Bhutan is a small country that must depend on strong alliances with our partners to succeed, and as we prepare for the challenges that await an open Bhutan, we are looking forward to what life after the pandemic will be like.

Our Bhutanese economy must recover from over two years of isolation and deprivation. We must work to ensure food security and youth employment in Bhutan, enhance tourism opportunities, and continue to improve our health services.

It is my pleasure to present *Stronger Alliances: Bhutan Foundation Annual Report 2022* to you. I invite you to continue with us on our journey to meet the challenges ahead together. Please know that your support and partnership are greatly appreciated.



**Gyalum Tseyring Pem Wangchuck**  
Her Majesty the Queen Mother of Bhutan  
Co-Chair

# STRONGER ALLIANCES

Our programs are functioning better than ever and are needed now more than ever. We are pleased to report that, in alignment with the Royal Government of Bhutan, the support that the Bhutan Foundation provides to the people of Bhutan has been welcomed and appreciated by our partners on the ground and we are seeing increasing improvements in lifestyles and the ability to earn a living.

Since the onset of the pandemic we have come to realize that strong partnerships and deep collaboration are the most productive way to overcome obstacles and succeed in our mission to support the people of Bhutan. Our work this year has been a testament to the efficacy of this approach.

The past year saw us continue to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic. With lockdowns and quarantine requirements frequently hampering our movement throughout Bhutan, it was not possible to visit project sites as and when we wished. Nevertheless, we remained agile and adaptable, and made site visits to our projects when opportunities arose. With this approach we were able to ensure the success and timely implementation of our projects in Aja Ney in eastern Bhutan, Bumthang in central Bhutan, and Haa in western Bhutan.

For our programs in special education and culture, we brought international experts to work with local counterparts, which involved depending on our network of partners to navigate movement restrictions. Larger projects, such as the establishment of the Super FabLab, required an unprecedented level of international partnerships that spanned across governments and institutions.

In *Stronger Alliances: Bhutan Foundation Annual Report 2022*, you will read about a few of these projects made possible through collaboration with our partners. You will find it especially heartwarming to read the testimonials of our constituents. We hope you can visit some of these projects in person on your next trip to Bhutan so that you can see the impact for yourself.

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to you for your continued and unwavering support. Your long-standing friendship and commitment to Bhutan is vital as we look toward the year ahead.



**Daphne Hoch Cunningham**  
Co-Chair



**Tshewang Wangchuk**  
Executive Director



# FOOD SECURITY THROUGH ENHANCED LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS

By Kinga Wangdi

Bhutan is an agriculture-based society, with more than half of its population dependent on farming for their livelihood. This sector is increasingly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change and other natural calamities, including human-wildlife interaction.

In light of this, the Bhutan Foundation is actively supporting civil society and community-based organizations aimed at reaching food self-sufficiency in Bhutan by means of increased local production. The Foundation expanded its support at the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic and has been working closely with partners and communities since.

In 2022, the Foundation supported the Tarayana Foundation in implementing a project on sustainable, climate-adapted agriculture for Bhutan's food systems and nutrition security. The project is being implemented in five districts of Dagana, Mongar, Zhemgang, Pema Gatsel, and Tsirang, and consists of ten self-help groups (SHG). These groups enable stakeholders to collaborate on income-generating activities, such as the collective marketing of products. Through improved access to credit and agriculture-related services, as well as innovation along the value chain, this program aims to reduce poverty and improve food and nutrition security for approximately 29,250 households in these five districts.

The Foundation also assisted the Panbang Youth Cooperative (PYC), a community-based organization pursuing integrated agro-livestock farming in Zhemgang. The group was founded by five childhood friends who returned to their hometown after graduating college to become farmers. They are focusing on mass cultivation of vegetables, fruits, and cereals, as well as livestock and poultry. Encroachment of wildlife is a major challenge faced by the group, with nearly 20% of their produce being lost to wild pigs and porcupines each season. To address this, the Bhutan Foundation supported PYC's construction of chain-link fencing for their 12 acres of farmland. The Foundation also sponsored the planting of 14,000 pineapple seedlings, which produced 100 kilograms of pineapples this year.





# STRENGTHENING BHUTAN'S LABORATORY AND RESEARCH CAPACITY

By Dawa Sherpa

When the world was scrambling for vaccines, the Bhutan Foundation played an instrumental role in securing them through Moderna, Inc. Our relationship with the US Department of State allowed us to further strategize with Bhutan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, ultimately gaining their support in procuring the vaccines for Bhutan.

Bhutan is an exemplary nation in how it planned, strategized, and implemented a nationwide Covid-19 vaccination campaign. Their approach included a dedicated team, known as the National Immunization Technical Advisory Group, which monitored adverse events following immunization (AEFI). In addition, Bhutan developed the Bhutan Vaccination System to register and capture all detailed information on demographics, AEFI, vaccine types, and time of vaccination for the entire country. Considering these initiatives, Bhutan is an excellent environment for conducting detailed studies on the efficacy of these vaccines, particularly mix and match vaccinations that use heterologous regimens.

The Bhutan Foundation initiated a project with Moderna to utilize the unique opportunity that Bhutan presented. The project aimed to generate greater scientific evidence for vaccination studies and to strengthen Bhutan's laboratory and research capacity at the Royal Center for Disease Control, the Khesar Gyalpo University of Medical Sciences (KGUMSB), Jigme Dorji Wangchuck National Referral Hospital, and the Ministry of Health. Through this grant, the Foundation has purchased lab equipment, such as two Cobas E411Analyzer Machines, ElecsysR



AntiSARSCoV2 S assay equipment, test kits, and other reagents.

As of August 2022, Bhutanese researchers have tested a total of 9,500 samples. These include day-of, 14, 28, and some 90-day post-second-dose samples. They also completed a collection of immunogenicity data and an analysis of the results for both adolescents and adults. The preliminary results have been shared with Moderna. According to Dr. Sithar Dorji, project director, "The most exciting part of this project is the collaboration between Moderna, a renowned pharmaceutical company in the US with our University, Khesar Gyalpo University of Medical Sciences, for which we are thankful to the Bhutan Foundation. We are excited to be working together and building local capacity to conduct research and advance our vaccine technology. This project will immensely benefit Bhutan as it can be applied to other diseases or similar pandemic situations that may arise in the future."



Image: Bhutanese researchers at the Royal Centre for Disease Control.



# HISTORICAL ARTIFACTS GIFTED TO THE WANGDUECHHOELING PALACE

By Sangay Lhatso

This year the structural restoration of the historic Wangduechoeling Palace, implemented under the guidance of Her Majesty Gyalum Tseyring Pem Wangchuck, has been completed. Now the Bhutan Foundation, in collaboration with the Department of Culture, is creating gallery plans, narratives, and exhibits for a world-class Palace Museum and Cultural Center. These efforts are being undertaken with the help of professional teams from Bhutan, India, and the United States. A formidable challenge, however, has been the lack of artifacts necessary to augment the storytelling and enrich the visitors' experiences.

Happily, the goodwill and generosity of some long-time friends of Bhutan have injected renewed vigor into the project. They have generously gifted many artifacts to the Wangduechoeling Palace, including a rare and sacred Tashi Gomang, ancient silk appliqué thangkas, a mid-18th century Karmapa statue, traditional amulets and jewelry, as well as textiles indigenous to the Bumthang region. These gifts add to the growing trove of tangible heritage that can be integrated into the museum's exhibits.

From the beginning of this project, a major focus for all involved has been to build the museum and cultural center using available artifacts with intriguing narratives. In that spirit, these gifts, and the benevolence of those who offered them, are invaluable. Most notable among the artifacts is the Tashi Gomang, translated as 'the many doors of good fortune.' This is a traveling shrine representing the copper-colored palace of Guru Padmasambhava which dates back to the mid-18th century. There are only thirty-five such relics in the country according to the Tashi Gomang Project.

Assuring accessibility for all who wish to visit the Palace will safeguard the country's rich heritage and pass it on to the next generation of Bhutanese. It will be a cultural hub where people from all backgrounds can come together and connect with unique exhibitions, immersive programs, and a wealth of stories. Visitors will gain a deeper understanding of Bhutan's history and culture in general and, specifically, the Wangduechoeling Palace and Bumthang region. All of this will occur within the architectural grandeur of a palace that has historical significance as the seat of Bhutan's monarchy.







## SOLAR POWER ELECTRIFICATION OF REMOTE COMMUNITIES OF AJA NEY

By Kinga Wangdi

Bhutan's commitment to environmental protection makes it one of three carbon-negative countries in the world. This is largely due to its vast, mandatory forest coverage that absorbs more carbon dioxide than the country emits. Beyond this, the government also offers free electricity to rural farmers and invests in sustainable transportation, overall supporting the transition to a clean and renewable future for the country.

Situated in Mongar, Aja Ney is one of the most popular and sacred pilgrimage sites in eastern Bhutan, attracting thousands of pilgrims each year. It's also one of the few remote communities deprived of on-grid electricity. This is primarily due to its rugged terrain and remoteness, as well as the strict conservation regulations of the Bumdeling Wildlife Sanctuary that it falls within.

To remedy this, the Bhutan Foundation, in partnership with the Royal Government's Department of Renewable Energy, installed a 30kW solar plant in the region. This plant will provide electricity to 24 households, including temples, guesthouses, and retreat centers in Pema Yangdzong and Dungkarcholing, communities of Aja Ney.

Once complete, the plant is expected to reduce dependence on forest resources for heating and cooking which negatively impacts the environment as well as the health of the community. This project is expected to be completed by the end of October 2022.



# PROJECT MIKHUNG: TRANSFORMING THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT PLANNING PROCESS THROUGH COLLABORATION

By Deki Wangmo

Since the introduction of democracy to Bhutan in 2008, the sociopolitical landscape and economic environment have changed dramatically. The priorities of the local communities, however, such as water schemes, farm roads, and monastery renovation plans, remain mostly unchanged. Project Mikhung, a joint effort of the Bhutan Foundation and the Bhutan Centre for Media and Democracy, develops programs for citizens to participate in and gain a deeper understanding of the democratic process. The project teaches stakeholders to actively participate in community mapping and planning, which empowers them to be voices of change in their communities.

This year the Bhutan Foundation funded the creation of a toolkit that uses the four pillars of Gross National Happiness (GNH) philosophy as a framework for holistic community analysis. This toolkit, titled *A GNH-Based Toolkit for Participatory Community Analysis*, draws closely from the Gross National Happiness Commission’s participatory planning process.

The project also began to shift its training focus from only educators and youth members to include government officials and elected leaders, stakeholders that bear a greater influence over planning and prioritization at the local government level. Though the project was put on hold for more than six months due to the Covid-19 pandemic, members are now seeing the changes brought about by previous efforts.

Additionally, Project Mikhung trained 19 local government officials, including seven women, in community mapping. 146 people participated in a research survey titled *An evaluation study on Citizenship Education Initiatives*, 71 men and 71 women attended a community empowerment workshop, and 69 members of local government administrations in Paro attended a local action plan training. 800 people attended the conference Cultivating Civic Mindset and Civic Action.

Mr. Sonam Gyelpo, Wangchang’s local government leader, noted, “The training is timely as we prepare for the upcoming 13th Five Year Plan. Through the GNH tools, I am certain we will make better local development plans.”







## NEW PROJECTS AND PARTNERSHIPS ENHANCE SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

By Sonam Yangden Tobgyel

With an aim to enhance the lives of children with disabilities and their loved ones, the Special Education Program (SPED) is one of the Bhutan Foundation's longest and most successful projects. The program entered a post-Covid recovery period this year and was able to initiate new projects and partnerships while rolling out new phases of its existing programs.

Having completed the first phase of their 18-month project, nine graduates started phase two of the multimedia program in April. This is a two-year program focused on building students' portfolios and working on paid projects. The group will work together with the project coordinator to complete their assignments.

In May of 2022, the program hosted its first live webinar on special education and disabilities titled *Building an Inclusive Workforce for Our Future*. The webinar was moderated by Dr. Namita from Perkins International. Three panelists representing Phensem Parent Support Group, Royal Thimphu College, and the Special Educational Needs Division (SEN) under the Ministry of Education participated. They discussed the future of youth with disabilities and the ongoing efforts to enhance the lives of people living with disabilities in Bhutan.

The Bhutan Foundation's Positive Future Planning Project (PFP) aims to instill hope in the parents of disabled children. The program stresses that, with proper planning, it's possible to create a positive future for disabled children and their family.

The Special Education Program expanded to Tang, Bumthang with a central goal of enabling children with disabilities to become contributing members of society. This will be achieved by collaborating with local and international organizations to improve access to education, strengthen the quality of inclusive education, and build greater awareness of disabilities in the school and community.



# NEW SUPER FABLAB TO EXPAND STEM IN BHUTAN

By Namgyel Dema

The Crown Prince of Bhutan, His Royal Highness Gyalsey Jigme Namgyel Wangchuck, had his first official royal duty on June 4th of this year when he inaugurated Bhutan’s Super FabLab. The FabLab is a collaborative space in Thimphu’s Tech Park, designed to bring people together and inspire technical innovation and creativity.

During the inauguration ceremonies, the poise and self-possession of the future monarch was remarkable as he walked among his courtiers and the crowd of attendees. This auspicious visit by the Gyalsey is a symbol of Bhutan’s commitment to the creation of a technology-based economy in the vision of His Majesty the King. The Super FabLab has been officially named *Jigme Namgyel Wangchuck Super FabLab*.

The Bhutan Foundation, in partnership with Druk Holding and Investment’s InnoTech Department, and the Center for Bits & Atoms at MIT, helped to create the lab, which is the third of its kind in the world. It has advanced capabilities in research and prototyping, which has already proven to be beneficial to its users. One of the first collaborative projects carried out at the Lab was to successfully assemble a modular drone.

It’s our hope that the FabLab will nurture social and professional networks and promote robust partnerships in the IT sector, ultimately creating a social capital of “fabbers,” makers, and innovators from diverse backgrounds. The FabLab will also focus on integrating digital fabrication into STEM education by providing educators with a platform to co-create lessons. Exposing young minds to these methods will cultivate knowledge and creativity, paving a path for innovation and economic diversification in the future.

The FabLab and its capabilities are easily accessible to students, researchers, entrepreneurs, and anyone interested in design and innovation, and will give guided tours to anyone upon request.

Photo Credit: Official Facebook Page of His Majesty King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck, 2022.







# MILLION TREE PROGRAM TO HELP BHUTAN MAINTAIN CARBON NEGATIVE STATUS

By Kinga Wangdi

The Million-Tree Program was launched in Thimphu, Bhutan in April, 2021. The program aims to promote ecological diversity through the restoration of over 3,000 acres of degraded forest and the rehabilitation of 2,000 acres of fallow farmland. To enhance the economic productivity of this uncultivated land, the plantation program was initiated in select locations across the country, engaging volunteers and other local partners.

In 2022, as part of this program, the Bhutan Foundation and its partner, the Bhutan Ecological Society (BES), supported the planting of 86,300 wild trees in government lands and 33,000 fruit trees in 40 gewogs (counties) spread across ten districts.

Due to its location in a fragile mountain ecosystem and the adverse effects of climate change, Bhutan is vulnerable. The ecologically productive landscapes created by the program will significantly increase biodiversity and help buffer the effects of extreme climate events such as landslides, flash floods, windstorms, and forest fires, among others. The Million-Tree Program will complement the Royal Government's efforts to fulfill the constitutional mandates of maintaining at least 60 percent forest coverage at all times, along with increasing the carbon storage capacity of our forests to keep Bhutan on its carbon-negative trajectory.

Over the next three years, the Bhutan Foundation will continue to support our partner, the Bhutan Ecological Society, to plant a total of one million trees across the country. The Million-Tree Program aims to improve the livelihoods of the participating communities while nurturing the broader ecosystem. It will also promote the use of farmlands and government land in collaboration with partners, such as local governments, the Department of Forest and Park Services, volunteers, and individual landowners.





# BHUTANESE SCIENTISTS PARTNER WITH U.S. UNIVERSITIES ON RESEARCH GRANTS

By Dawa Sherpa

Six Bhutanese scientists were awarded grants to carry out research in collaboration with US universities on public health, food security, and environmental conservation in Bhutan. This program is managed by the Bhutan Foundation and the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, with funding from USAID through their Partnership for Enhanced Engagement in Research program (PEER). The PEER program invites scientists from low and middle-income countries to apply for funds in support of research and capacity-building activities on topics with strong potential development impacts.

Changa Tshering from the Ugyen Wangchuck Institute for Conservation and Environmental Research is one of these research grantees. He will be studying the impact of climate change on the alpine timberline and its socio-economic effects on highlanders in Bhutan. Bhutan falls under the highly vulnerable category of countries wherein climate change is expected to have a very significant impact. This is due to its high dependency on climate-sensitive socio-economic infrastructures, such as hydropower, agriculture, and forestry. As of now, most studies have focused on glaciers, snow, and glacial lake outburst floods. Not much attention has been given, however, to forest ecosystem responses to climate change. When forest vegetation shifts upward, it alters grazing land, changes the compositions of native plants and animal species, and even affects the livelihoods of highland people. Thus, it has serious ecological and socio-economic impacts that require not only technological intervention but also policy



considerations.

Through this research grant, Changa hopes to gather data and information such as maps, socio-economic survey data, and biodiversity assessment reports. These can be used by stakeholders to plan and implement evidence-based conservation, management, and development activities. This project will train 20 field staff members on geospatial technology, between 20 to 30 highland youth members on GPS technology, and employ additional youth members as data collectors. Ultimately, the research output is expected to benefit highland communities living in five national parks.

Other research topics selected from Bhutan this year include conserving water basins, saving freshwater biodiversity, promoting climate-smart agriculture, balancing human and primate biodiversity needs, and improving the quality of life and psychological well-being of people living with HIV/AIDS. The Bhutanese scientists have partnered with US institutions such as Yale University, the University of Montana, Michigan Technology University, Brigham Young University, and Central Washington University.



*Image: Researchers collecting water samples and field data.*





# UPLIFTING COMMUNITIES THROUGH IMPROVED HEALTH SERVICES IN BUMTHANG

By Deki Wangmo

The Foundation has been supporting the Wangdicholing Hospital through the Bumthang Health Association, a local civil society organization in Bumthang. The aim of this partnership is to carry out a community-based rehabilitation program. The physiotherapy team from the hospital provides a variety of medical services, including medical checkups, physiotherapy assessment and treatment plans, wheelchair assessment, environmental modification, and construction of wheelchair-accessible equipment.

A survey conducted in 2018 by the Wangdicholing Hospital indicated that just over three percent of the population has some form of disability. Close to 80 people are registered with the hospital for special services.

This year the team provided services to Mr. Tashi, a 69-year-old man with severe rheumatoid arthritis and multiple deformities in his upper and lower limbs. During their assessment, the health team found that he is mostly indoors without any active engagement. They provided him with a ramp around his house for mobility, a general medical checkup and treatment, documentation of his situation for future reference and treatment review, education of his family regarding hygiene and moral support, and exercises to increase his strength and mobility.

“I am thrilled to receive help from your organization in making a ramp around my house,” Mr. Tashi said. “I am deeply thankful to the Bhutan Foundation for giving me encouragement and hope during this difficult time. I am incredibly grateful for your support and help, and I won’t forget this for the rest of my life.”

Besides the community-based rehabilitation program, the Foundation has provided a health camp to the monastic body serving 30 monks, supported one traditional medicine health assistant in training at the National Medicine Hospital in Thimphu, provided skills enhancement for all staff, and supported two nurses in neonatal intensive care training.



*Image (top): Workers building a wheelchair accessible ramp around Mr. Tashi’s house.*





# LOCAL PARTNERS

Ability Bhutan Society  
Bhutan Animal Rescue and Care  
Bhutan Association of Women Entrepreneurs  
Bhutan Baseball & Softball Association  
Bhutan Cancer Society  
Bhutan Centre for Media and Democracy  
Bhutan Ecological Society  
Bhutan for Life  
Bhutan Nuns Foundation  
Bhutan Tiger Centre  
Bhutan Youth Development Fund  
College of Natural Resources  
Disabled Persons’ Association of Bhutan  
Draktsho Vocational Training Centre for Special Children and Youth  
Druk Holdings and Investments  
Jangsa Animal Saving Trust  
Jigme Dorji National Park  
Jigme Singye Wangchuck School of Law

Khedrup Foundation  
Khesar Gyalpo University of Medical Sciences of Bhutan  
Lhomon Society  
Loden Foundation  
Music of Bhutan Research Centre  
PHENSEM Parents Support Group, Bhutan  
Respect, Educate, Nurture and Empower Women  
River Guides of Panbang  
Royal Government of Bhutan  
Royal Society for the Protection of Nature  
Royal University of Bhutan  
SAARC Business Association of Home Based Workers, Bhutan  
Tarayana Foundation  
Ugyen Wangchuck Institute for Conservation and Environmental Research  
World Wildlife Fund – Bhutan

# INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

Anderson Center for Autism  
The Explorers Club  
The GEF Small Grants Program  
Health Volunteers Overseas  
Karuna Foundation  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
Moderna  
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  
US Agency for International Development (USAID)  
US Ambassadors Fund for Cultural Preservation  
Venture Well  
Yale University



# BHUTAN FOUNDATION GRANTS

## Fiscal Year 2022

### GOOD GOVERNANCE

- Up to 350,000

Bhutan Nuns Foundation  
*General Support*
- 240,000 to 300,000

Jigme Singye Wangchuck School of Law  
*Law Library*
- 50,000 to 100,000

Bhutan Center for Media and Democracy  
*Project Mikhung, Citizen Engagement, and General Support*
- Bhutan Animal Rescue and Care  
*Animal Welfare Awareness Program*
- Tarayana Foundation  
*General Support*
- Bhutan Ecological Society, Bhutan Youth Development Fund, Katsho Eco Camp, Draktsho, Khemdro Kuenphen Omgi Detshen, Soe Lanor Cooperative.  
*Small Grants Program*
- 30,000 to 49,999

Khedrup Foundation  
*General Support*
- Respect, Educate, Nurture, and Empower Women  
*General Support*
- Bhutan Youth Development Fund  
*General Support*

- 20,000 to 29,999

Ability Bhutan Society  
*General Support*
- 5,000 to 10,000

Bhutan National Baseball League  
*Pitch in for Baseball*
- Draktsho Vocational Training Centre for Special Children and Youth  
*General Support*
- Loden Foundation  
*Loden Entrepreneurship Program*
- Rotary Club of Thimphu  
*General Support*
- 1,000 to 4,999

Bhutan Stroke Foundation  
*General Support*
- Ogyen Choling Foundation  
*General Support*
- Royal Thimphu College  
*Scholarships*
- Samdrup Jongkhar Initiative  
*Organic Farming*

### EQUITABLE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

- Over 1,000,000

Ministry of Health, Khesar Gyalpo University of Medical Sciences  
*Moderna-COVID-19 vaccine research and capacity building*
- 150,000 to 300,000

Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Druk Holding and Investments  
*Bhutan – Center for Bits and Atoms Super FabLab Agreement*
- Bhutan Association of Women Entrepreneurs, Loden Foundation, River Guides of Panbang, Samdrup Jongkhar Initiative, Tarayana Foundation  
*USAID Covid Support to Bhutan Economic Support Fund*
- 50,000 to 149,999

Ministry of Works and Human Settlement  
*Urban Planning and School Design*
- 15,000 to 49,999

Ministry of Health  
*Improving Emergency Medical Services – BEAR Team*
- Ministry of Education, Aims Multimedia Pvt. Ltd, VTOB Lifelong Learning Institute, and PHENSEM Parent Support Group  
*Special Education Program*
- 5,000 to 14,999

Lingmukha Sanam Detshen  
*Enhancing Farmers Livelihood Program through Post-harvest Technology*
- Bumthang Health Association  
*Improving Health Care Services Delivery and Nomad Health Camps in Bumthang*
- Venture Well  
*U.S. Department of State’s Global Innovation through Science and Technology (GIST) Initiative*





CONSERVATION OF THE ENVIRONMENT

200,000 to 250,000  
Gross National Happiness Commission  
National Academies of Sciences Partnerships  
for Enhanced Engagement in Research Grant

100,000 to 199,999  
Bhutan Ecological Society  
Million Tree Project

30,000 to 50,000  
Bhutan Ecological Society  
Sustainable Buildings Initiative, BLISS, and  
General Support

Bhutan Tiger Center  
Tiger Conservation Program

10,000 to 20,000  
Panbang Youth Cooperative  
Sustainable Agriculture

Panbang Basic Health Unit  
Supply of Medical Equipment

Jomolhari Community  
Snow Leopard Conservation Community  
Program

5,000 to 9,999  
Ugyen Wangchuck Institute for Conservation  
and Environmental Research  
Establishment of Genetics Lab

College of Natural Resources  
Bruce Bunting Scholarship

1,000 to 4,999  
Nature Conservation Division  
Ranger Day Celebration

Up to 999  
River Guides of Panbang  
Social Enterprise



PRESERVATION OF CULTURE

540,000+  
Ministry of Home and Culture  
Adaptive Reuse and Restoration of  
Wangduechhoeling Palace

25,000 to 30,000  
Ministry of Home and Culture  
Documentation of Cultural Heritage Site

2,000 to 6,000  
Phajoding Monastery  
English Language Education Program

Rangshikhar Gonpa  
Meditation Shelters for Goemchens

Kamjong Chodpa Tshogpa  
Construction of Community Chorten  
(Stupa)





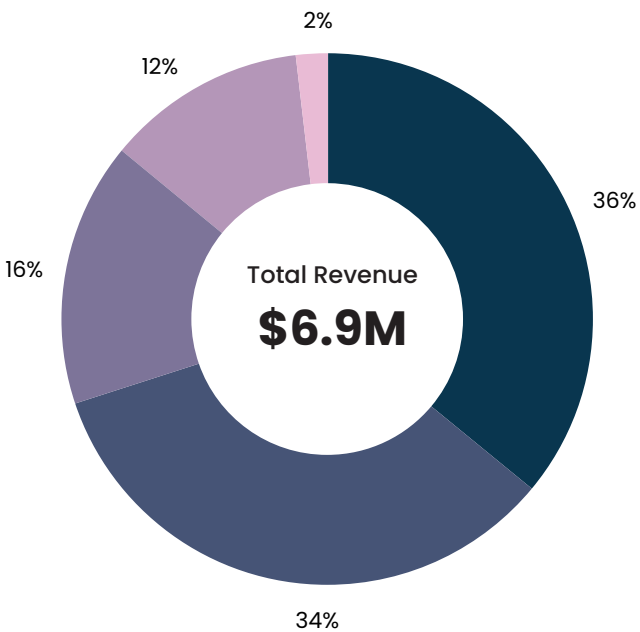


# FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Fiscal Year 2022

## SOURCES OF FUNDING

- Public Organizations (36%)
- Individuals and Private Foundations (34%)
- Corporations (16%)
- Government Grants (12%)
- In-Kind Pro Bono Services (2%)



## GRANTS AND EXPENSES

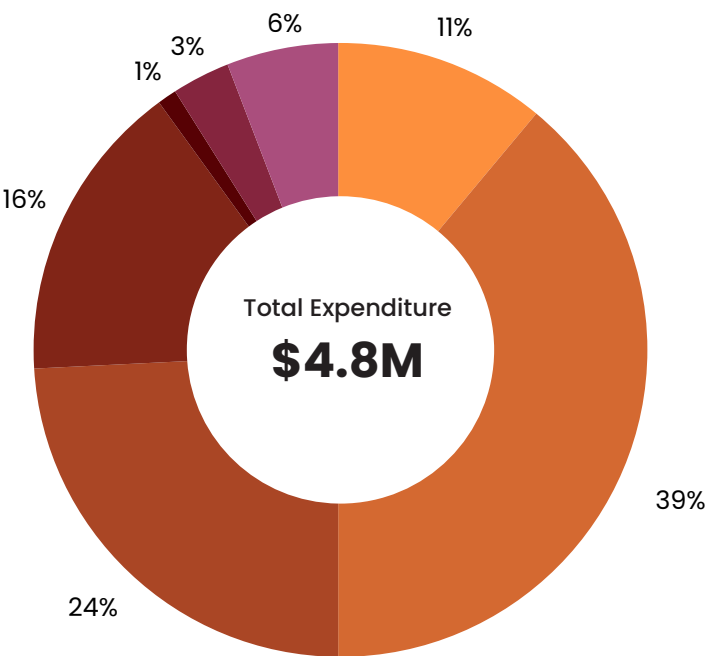
### Program Expenses

- Conservation of the Environment (11%)
- Equitable and Sustainable Development (39%)
- Good Governance (24%)
- Preservation of Culture (16%)
- Events (1%)

### Supporting Services

- Fundraising (3%)
- Management and Administration (6%)

**91%** of the Foundation’s spending goes directly toward grantmaking and programs in Bhutan.











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## Support the people of Bhutan to reach their full potential.

Your support of the Bhutan Foundation will help us in our mission of advancing all four pillars of Gross National Happiness in Bhutan: environmental conservation, equitable development, good governance, and cultural preservation. However you choose to donate, know that you have our deepest gratitude.

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