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Bhutan Youth Development Fund

## *Empowerment for Employment*

### **Did You Know?**

7.3% of Bhutanese youth are unemployed, more than three times the average unemployment rate for Bhutan.

### **Background**

The Nazhoen Pelri Souvenir Production Centre was initiated in 2006 to provide hands-on employment for the graduates of Nazhoen Pelri Skills Development Centre. The skills development centre was initiated to address youth unemployment particularly among young women who are vulnerable and at risk. Since 2005, the training centre provided skills development in souvenir production for 82 young women who are happily employed in various agencies today. Currently, the production centre located in the Thimphu employs six female artisans.



### **Activities**

1. Provide vocational skills training in textile and souvenir production
2. Provide direct employment at the Nazhoen Pelri Souvenir Production Centre
3. Continual innovation and design in souvenir production

### **Impact**

- 82 young women trained, employed, and empowered to be leading artisans as well as entrepreneurs
- Hundreds of products sold to generate income for the YDF Empowerment for Employment Program

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