

Vision

A better today, a brighter tomorrow for the youth of Bhutan

Mission

The Bhutan Youth Development Fund is committed to making every youth a leader. As Bhutan's leading youth organization, we are working to ensure that all youth have equal access to education, meaningful employment and opportunities to develop their potential. Our programs build leadership skills, encourage teamwork and promote the value of service among youth. Through advocacy work and strategic partnerships, we work to encourage youth participation, raise awareness of youth issues and promote youth-oriented policy. We invest in Bhutan's future, one youth at a time.

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From the President



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remember not so long ago when YDF was a small organization with four staff members and a handful of volunteers. Today, with over sixty employees and a budget that is six times larger, our vision for an empowered nation of young people remains as clear as the day we were launched on 16th June 1999. I look back at the fleeting years with a sense of achievement and happiness in making a difference in the lives of many families.

Our successful endeavour to enhance access to educational opportunities for children and youth with special needs through the formal education system and more recently, through the non-formal education system has prompted us to phase out the Special Education Programme. We would like to bring it, on a smaller scale, under the purview of a broader framework of child protection. With the enactment of the Child Protection Bill in 2011, we decided to introduce a new programme - 'Protection of Children under Difficult Circumstances', to contribute towards achieving the objectives of the new Act. With this addition, YDF now runs five core programmes; Drug Education, Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation, Youth Leadership and Participation, Empowerment for Employment and Scholarships.

Throughout the years, we have used much of our funds to address the drug issue in view of the potential damage this affliction could have on our most important resource-our youth. Today, our focus is on building our rehabilitation center in Tshaluna, Thimphu to provide a better and larger facility so that our youth do not have to go elsewhere for rehabilitation, services. Annually, over 50 youth go to neighboring places for rehabilitation while many wait to be admitted into our facility in Serbithang which can accommodate only 12 clients at a time. In our efforts to achieve a drug free society, we have to address needs at all levels including those in need of rehabilitation. For us, every youth is precious and the loss of

a life to drug addiction or over dose is most heart-rending.

An important area of concern has always been our sustainability and the need to be a self reliant NGO. Conscious steps have been taken to build our assets to earn enough income every year to cover our recurrent costs and while fund raising from international sources continues to remain a priority, we have started our own home grown strategy to promote small giving among our people through the '250 for YOUth' initiative. It provides even our young friends with an opportunity to extend a helping hand to their needy peers. Likewise, in August 2011, we launched Simply Bhutan. Built and developed to present a Bhutanese experience to its visitors, it aims to raise resources for YDF and give disadvantaged youth an opportunity to work and acquire employable skills.

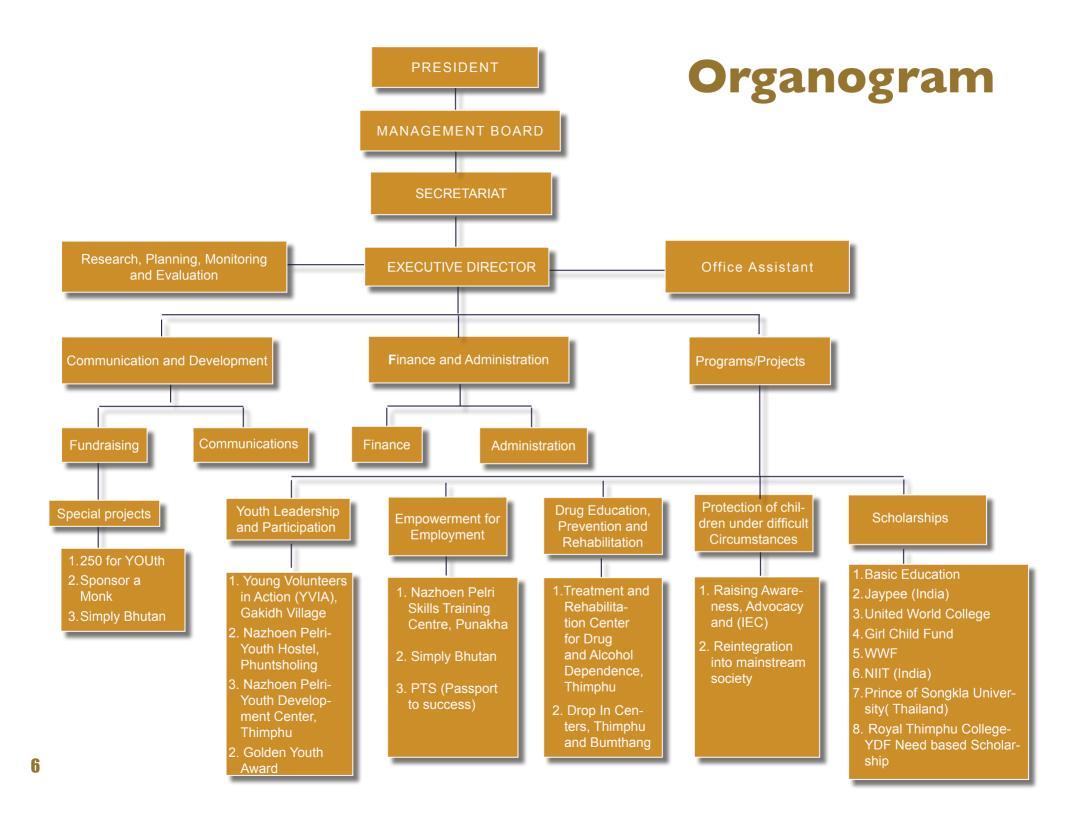
Besides the initiatives one has to take to meet the dynamic needs of the youth and YDF as a service organization, one of my greatest joys has been to meet and interact with youth from all walks of life. Their bright eyes and smiling faces, sometimes, even in the face of challenges, is and will always be the motivation behind YDF.

We cannot achieve our goals without the support of our friends who have been our constant anchors. To name them all here would be impossible but we are very grateful to each and every one of them for helping us and our youth, the beneficiaries, whose stories of success and growth keep our spirits uplifted.

Her Majesty the Queen Mother Ashi Tshering Pem Wangchuck President



Her Majesty The Queen Mother Ashi Tshering Pem Wangchuck, President of YDF and Her Royal Highness Ashi Chimi Yangzom Wangchuck with the Board of Directors







Ever since our establishment in 1999, the Bhutan Youth Development Fund, with the aim to fill gaps in youth development programs in the country, has been initiating new programs and expanding constantly to meet the needs of young people and children. As a new initiative of the YDF, the Child Protection Program, with the goal to prevent and respond to violence, exploitation and abuse against children, was added to YDF's core programs in 2011 after the enactment of the Child Care and Protection Act (CCPA).

Today, we have Child Protection officers in relevant organizations trained by YDF. We work with other stakeholders and partners to ensure that services are provided to protect children at risk of violence, abuse and exploitation. To commemorate the launch of the State of the world's children report 2012, a rapid study of the state of Bhutanese children living in Thimphu was undertaken by our Young Volunteers in Action. The findings and awareness materials were successfully launched in partnership with UNICEF which drew the attention of many media houses and members of the Parliament. A strategic plan to support the CCPA implementation plan lead by the National Commission for Women and Children will soon be developed.

In 2011, with assistance from the Civil Society Organizations Fund facility and Bhutan India Foundation in 2012,YDF started a project to include special education in the curriculum of the Non Formal education system of the Ministry of Education mainly addressing the needs of out of school youth living with disability through community based activities. The project incorporated public awareness on disability, development and distribution of educational learning materials to the NFE centers and training of trainers.

An instructor's manual was developed and translated into dzongkha to enable more centres to cater to the needs of the disabled learners.

YDF has also been making progressive strides in ensuring that our organization exists in perpetuity. Like all non profits around the world, the challenge to sustain our programs and activities is a huge concern. In order to bridge the funding gaps, YDF has been working on strategies that allow sustainable funding of youth development programs within the country. 250 for YOUth, a fund raising strategy to raise money from individuals, was launched in 2011 by the

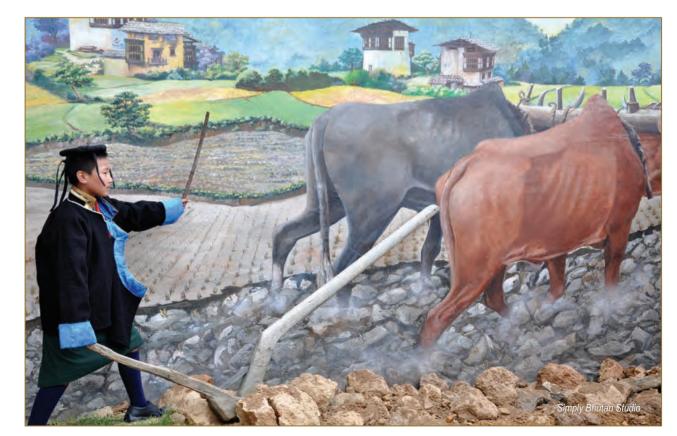
President,Her Majesty the Queen Mother Ashi Tshering Pem Wangchuck. While the main aim is to raise funds, this strategy allows individuals to feel the ownership of youth programs in the country. The target for this project is to raise 3000 individuals to donate Nu. 250 (US\$ 5) every month within the next five years. Since it started,we have secured the support of about 500 individuals.

One of the most important milestones in the last two years is the establishment and inauguration

of the Simply Bhutan project. One of a kind in the entire country, Simply Bhutan is the only living museum and photo studio in Bhutan. Inspired by Her Majesty, the Queen Mother Ashi Tshering Pem Wangchuck, Simply Bhutan is built to engage and empower young entrepreneurs through preservation, promotion and showcasing Bhutanese traditions and cultural diversity and to raise funds to support other programs of the YDF. Located in the campus of the Nazhoen Pelri Youth Development Center, Simply Bhutan aims to be one of the most visited tourist spots in Thimphu.









Youth Leadership and Participation



Youth Leadership & Mind Training Camp: January 10th - 17th 2012

The "Youth Leadership & Mind Training Camp", after its success in Bumthang in 2008, became an annual event of the Y-VIA. Each year, the camp is conducted in different regions. Since 2008, about 450 youth in the age group of 14 – 24 have participated in this training. The camp focuses on life skills, personal goal setting, local wisdom (village home stay) team building and finally working on a dream project. The participants are youth who are in school and under graduate students. The camp includes spiritualism in the program with meditation every morning. The facilitators are the regional coordinators and a few Y-VIA senior members who are trained as counselors in training. Since inception, the program has received funding from the UNICEF who see this program as unique, fun and educative. The camp is attracting non Y-VIA members and organizing a similar international youth leadership and mind training camp is in the pipeline.

Regional Coordinators Meeting

The year 2012 was punctuated with the Young Volunteers In Action (Y-VIA) Regional Coordinators Meeting in the southern border town of Phuntsholing in the premise of the Nazhoen Pelri Youth Hostel. The youth representatives and their coordinators in the Y-VIA regions (six) attended the meeting and planning of the annual work for 2013. In future, training workshops on proposal writing, fund raising strategy and child rights are to be included. The Y-VIA Regional Coordinators Meeting creates a forum for all coordinators and counselors in training to come together to share their experiences and update on activities of the Young Volunteers In Action (Y-VIA) in their respective regions.

The 5th Golden Youth Award

Just as the monsoon breaks, the schools in Bhutan close for two weeks after the mid term examinations. It is during this summer holiday that the Golden Youth Award Camp is held in Thimphu. 80 participants gathered to compete for the award on July 2012. The award was bagged by Sherab Dorji, a class ten student from Wangdue Higher secondary school situated in central Bhutan. While the people of Wangdue suffered a great loss of one of our greatest historical monuments, the news of a young boy winning the title as the Golden Youth that came with a scholarship to study in the Netherlands, UWC, brought smiles on the faces of many



in the valley. Sherab Dorji also stood second in the Bhutan Certificate of Secondary Education examination.

GNH workshop for Y-VIA with students of a Great Writer

In September, a group of students of the great writer and buddhist teacher, Thich Nathn Than, from Plum village in France, conducted a mindfulness workshop for different cross sections of youth in Thimphu in collaboration with Gross National Happiness Centre. Four hundred youth enjoyed exciting activities such as walking and eating meditation, Dharma talks and Deep relaxation exercises.





Young Volunteers In Action (Y-VIA)

Pemagatshel is a region in the east still considered remote and rural. With the discovery of gypsum the region is now accessible by road and many development activities are happening. However, many villagers are still shy and run away when they see a stranger. The Young volunteers in Action is on the venture of educating and informing on issues related to change and its effects in their community.

The Y-VIAs visit the village that they adopted which they fondly call, 'Gakid Village' (Happy Village) twice a week to carry out advocacy programs and lend a helping hand to those in need. The Y-VIA also continues to build bridges between the community and relevant organizations.



Volunteering from the heart

A family of eight lost everything to fire on 8th April 012. in Pemagatshel. The Y-VIA found them homeless, hopeless and horrified. Although they had taken only provisions of food and clothings for the family, their plight moved them so much that they immediately decided to build a home for them. Resources were few but many heads put together and the will to do good, brought the family hope and a home even if it was temporary. 86 young volunteers gave their pocket money to the bereaved family. That is compassion in action. That is what volunteerism is all about. That night, as the family of 8 had a roof over their head and shelter from the cold, 86 young minds felt happy and content.





Special Education is as old as the YDF itself. From supporting, establishing and finally weaning off a vocational institute for children with disability (DRAKTSHO) to building a hostel for the visually impaired in Eastern Bhutan, the YDF has successfully been able to raise awareness of interest groups to initiate their own organizations catering to young people living with a disability. The Special Education Program is now phasing out as a program but will remain addressed under the new program of Child Protection. As of now, the YDF continues to provide support and help facilitate other groups to enhance education opportunities for children and youth with special needs through Non-formal Education centres under the final phase of the Special Education Program.

In partnership with the Department of Adult education and NFE centres, YDF has provided training to the teachers, NFE instructors and officials from the Ministry of Education and its own staff. A total of at least 60 NFE instructors in the country have been trained and their professional competencies and skills enhanced in special education. Further, public awareness through forums, parenting education and workshops has reached its zenith.

Special Education has been introduced to the NFE system in the hope that many more children and youth with special needs will have access to education.

Drug Prevention Education Rehabilitation



In 2012, 68 male and 22 female clients have received treatment at the rehab centres.

367 clients, 254 male and 113 female clients have dropped into the DICs to avail the services of counselling, referral, after care and support.



"The calamity of drug addiction affects the entire globe as no other in our time, it has enslaved and destroyed more lives than any war in recorded history. In this challenging scenario the dedication and resolute will of the Youth Development Fund team is an example to be followed.

Our children and grandchildren are the heirs of the world we are building now and I am deeply grateful to you for being able to take a small part in such an important endeavor."

Mr. Marcos de Moraes, Philanthropist, Brazil

YDF is very grateful to Marcos de Moraes who has contributed immensely to the expansion of services in our Drug Program.

Chiphen Rigpel-'Enabling a Society, Empowering a Nation' is an ambitious human capacity building project that was launched by the Prime Ministers of Bhutan and India on April 30, 2010 on the sideline of the 16th SAARC Summit. Since the Bhutan government has prioritized ICT as the enabler of a knowledge-based society which will help fulfil the national vision of Gross National Happiness, Chiphen Rigpel envisions to build capacity in all sections of society to help build an ICT literate society. The fact that youth are both the present and future of the country, YDF has been fortunate to be selected as one of the stakeholders of the project by the government. In 2011, the project created a space in the form of an, 'ICT Learning Centre-empowering and engaging the vulnerable youth' at the three drug recovery centres. In order to reach a wider section of youth, a winter training program was started in 2011 and since its inception, over 225 students have been trained in the basics of IT.

Besides the training of over 350 clients at the DICs and 150 clients at the rehab centre in the basics of information technology, YDF, in partnership with the National Institute of Information Technology (NIIT) India, launched the IT diploma scholarship for 12 needy youth. Annually, 4 youth will be sent to NIIT Training Centre in Kolkata for 3 years. With an objective to empower youth in IT, two IT playground learning stations have been installed at the Nazhoen Pelri complex.



DIC Bumthang organised a football tournament under the theme of 'Think Health, Not Drugs' for the Bumthang community.

Empowerment for Employment Program

Passport to Success: For a brighter future..



Ten YDF program officers attend the Passport to Success (PTS) training program facilitated by Youth Reach , a Delhi based nonprofit and partner of the International Youth Foundation based in the US. PTS equips young people who are either in school but at risk of dropping out, out of work, or working in dangerous environments, with a range of skills to help them stay in school, find employment, and succeed in life. The agenda of the PTS program covers the life skills and workplace English element of the YES (Youth Employment for Success) program. The PTS program is available in 16 languages and has been tested in 14 countries. More than 61,000 young people around the world have successfully completed the PTS program.

The trained YDF staff will incorporate this as a training module for the beneficiaries of their program and other young people who need such services. It will not be long before young school leavers seeking employment can avail different YES curriculums. This training will enhance life skills of young people who are looking for jobs and also help them in spoken English at work places.

Nazhoen Pelri Skills Training Centre:

Building skilled workers...

The Nazhoen Pelri Skills Training Centre in Punakha was established in 2005 in a private residence with the mission to provide opportunities to disadvantaged young girls who have not qualified for higher education nor met the admission criteria of the state run vocational training institutions. With the pressing challenge of addressing gainful employment for young females who are early school leavers the centre strategically and specifically targets this group despite limited resources. The YDF believes in the ripple effects of advocating women empowerment through the provision of employable skills particularly to this vulnerable segment of our society. It enhances their ability to pursue their own goals and live according to their own values, thus putting them in a position to be able to help their families and communities, indirectly contributing to the alleviation of poverty and empowering young female adults as they are the ones who will eventually raise their family.

The girls at the centre are trained for a year in souvenir production covering the skills in weaving, tailoring, embroidery, product design, development and packaging and a basic course in entrepreneurship. The centre sustains itself through the sale of the products. The girls at the centre, besides gaining skills, also learn communication and life skills. Today the Centre has become a full fledged and well managed training institution from a one skilled instructor training centre in 2005.

We have built the capacity of five alumni who are now employed as instructors. This is what we call the ripple effects of advocating and empowering young women as also reported in the recent tracer study. It is the success of these young women that drives the YDF to keep the program going despite many challenges. The YDF is pooling in resources to build a centre on the land in Paro. leased from the Government.



Scholarship Program

1. Basic Education Scholarship (grade 7 - 10) helps provide equal access to education for Bhutanese children. Even though education is free in Bhutan, there are still some costs for uniforms, stationery, toiletries, bedding, travelling costs etc. that must be borne by the parents. Many poor families cannot afford these costs and as a result they remove their children from school. Nu. 5000 (US\$ 100) is

provided annually for four years. (This The list of applicants grow each year but the re is only a limited number that the YDF can sponsor. At the moment, the Colombo Plan is supporting this program. Since the start, over 93 children have benefited from this scholarship.

2. YDF - WWF- Girl Child Scholarship

With the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding with WWF on 8th October, 2011 the WWF Bhutan provided a sum of Nu 13,38,000 (US\$ 26760) as seed money for the support of this program. The main objective of this Fund is to enable girls from disadvantaged families to continue their schooling and attain a high school education. WWF-YDF is currently funding 22 girls ranging from classes five to twelve.

3. United World College

United World College makes education a force to unite people, nations and cultures for peace and a sustainable future. It is the only global educational NGO that brings students together from all over the world, selected from within their own countries, on merit and regardless of their ability to pay. Students come together at one of twelve United World Colleges that aim to foster international understanding and peace. The Bhutan Youth Development Fund and UWC National Committee of Bhutan administer admission and scholarships to UWCs in America, Canada, UK, Norway, Maastricht, Hong Kong and India. We currently have 5 scholarship students in various UWC campuses.

4. Jaypee University Scholarship

The Jaypee Group of India is committed to helping the people of Bhutan by harnessing the country's most precious resource; young people. In February 2005, the Jaypee Group signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Bhutan Youth Development Fund, to provide 20 scholarships to meritorious youth annually for ten years at undergraduate and certificate levels. The beneficiaries are placed in their IT institutes in Northern India.

5. RTC-YDF Scholarship

Recognizing the importance of education and the fact that there are many capable youth from challenging backgrounds who do not have the opportunity to pursue higher education, the Bhutan Youth Development Fund and Royal Thimphu College signed a Memorandum of Understanding whereby agreeing to jointly provide two scholarships per annum to deserving/needy students to attend various undergraduate programs at the Royal Thimphu College. Six students have already availed this scholarship since 2013.





Launch of Simply Bhutan

On the 26th of August 2012, the much awaited project of YDF, Simply Bhutan – a living museum and photo studio was inaugurated by our President, Her Majesty the Queen Mother Ashi Tshering Pem Wangchuck and His Eminence Gyalsey Tenzin Ragbye.

HRH Ashi Chhimi Yangzom Wangchuck, HRH Ashi Kesang Choden Wangchuck and HRH Dasho Ugyen Jigme Wangchuck also graced the occasion.

The guests experienced the unique magical moments of Simply Bhutan as each journey during the tour opened glimpses of Bhutan. The living museum was opened to public and visitors henceforth.

Visitors can have a guided tour, participate in the activities, and dress up in traditional and indigenous costumes. They can also have their pictures taken instantly and send it as a postcard the old fashion way; posting it into a red letter box!



The income generated from the entrance fees will go towards sustaining the project and also provide funds to support other YDF programs. The project has also trained over 100 school leavers seeking jobs while at the same time providing them with hands on experience.



Traditional /indigenous costumes



Atsara Guide escorting the tourists through Simply Bhutan



Pachham – building mud walls with sing song rhythm



Young boys making masks for sale



Photographing with indigenous costumes in front of the Festival Backdrop





Pounding cereal the old way



Making Zaw ' roasted rice'

Audited Financial Report 2011

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUND

Thimphu: Bhutan

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31.12.2011

Particulara	Schedule	31.12.2011
Income		
Project-Tied Releases	1	17,394,159.21
Donations	II	2,380,475.00
Earned Income	m	2,791,086.72
Interest Income		2,010,000.0
Income from Shares		5,167.50
Income from Nazhoen Pelri, Thimphu		1,736,000.00
Rental Income from YDF Building		1,565,000.00
Loan		10,999,000.0
Gross Income	RECORD !	38,880,888.43
Expenditure		
Building Safe Environment For Youth	IV	7,713,461.0
Sports Development	V	1,554,516.40
Human Resources Development	VI	5,716,909.6
Awards & Scholarships	VII	2,035,020.0
Enhancing Youth Participation	VIII	1,476,754.9
Drug Education, Prevention & Treatment	IX	3,623,306.6
Secretariat	x	4,982,524.5
Fund Raising Expenses	XI	1,938,643.24
250 for Youth		221,178.50
Dep		490,489.28
Production Unit		123,510.00
Total Expenditure		29,876,314,19
Surplus/Deficit	9	9,004,574.28

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YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUND

Thimphu: Bhutan

STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS (BALANCE SHEET) AS AT 31.12.2011

	Schedule	31.12.2011
ASSETS		
Fixed Assets		
Land in Gelephu	XII	2,700,000.00
Land In Punakha	XII	1,170,000.00
Office equipment	XII	353,698.40
Office Furniture	XII	136,759.16
Hilux (Great Wall)	XII	280,000.00
Hilux	XII	967,495.50
Shares BNB	100	17,015,000.00
Shares Bhutan Insurance Ltd.		68,900.00
Shares PNB		3,400.00
Total Fixed assets		22,695,253.06
Current Assets		
Advances	XIII	665,114.00
Fixed Deposit	XIV	30,000,000.00
Bank balances	10000	2,180,081.39
Total Current Assets		32,845,195.39
Less: Current liabilities		
TDS Payable	XV	92,443.04
Total Liabilities		
Net Current Assets		
TOTAL ASSETS		55,448,005.41
FINANCED BY:		
Opening Accumulated Fund		44,137,524.14
Deficit/Surplus		9,004,574.25
Deffered Fund		2,305,907.02
TOTAL ACCUMULATED FUND		55,448,005,41

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YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUND Thimphu: Bhutan

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31.12.2012

Particulars	Schedule	31.12.2012
Income		
Project-Tied Releases	1	13,483,136.93
Donations	11	1,467,634.12
Earned Income	tit	2,218,689.96
Intrest Income		2,010,000.00
Income from Nazhoen Pelri, Thimphu(rental)		1,173,030.00
Income from Nazhoen Pelri, Thimphu	1 1	586,830.00
Income from YDF Building	1 1	1,714,173.00
Income from Nazhoen Pelri, Pling	1 1	900,000.00
Nazhoen Pelri Account		408,000.00
Loan		6,000,000.00
Gross Income		29,961,494.01
Expenditure		
Building Safe Environment For Youth	1V	8,634,478.19
Sports Development	V	850,693.00
Human Resources Development	VI	2,945,003.05
Awards & Scholarships	VII	2,273,246.00
Enhancing Youth Participation	VIII	2,367,444.00
Drug Education, Prevention & Treatment	IX	3,332,045.89
Secretariat	×	4,842,017.24
Colombo Plan		1,158,837.31
250 for Youth		672,758.00
Dep		493,939.28
Loan		1,673,192.00
TDS paid for 2011		92,443.04
Total Expenditure		29,336,097.00
Surplus/Deficit		625,397.02

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YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUND Thimphu: Bhutan

STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS (BALANCE SHEET) AS AT 31.12.2012

	Schedule	31.12.2012
ASSETS		
Fixed Assets	100	
Land in Gelephu	XI	2,700,000.00
Land In Punakha	XI	2,400,000.00
Office equipment	XI	184,728.50
Office Furniture	XI	110,524.28
Hilux	XI	796,761.00
Shares BNB		17,015,000.00
Shares Bhutan Insurance Ltd.		68,900.00
Shares PNB		5,100.00
Total Fixed Assets		23,281,013.78
Current Assets		
Advances	XII	3,138,198.00
Fixed Deposit	XIII	33,000,000.00
Bank Balances		(516,705.03
Total Current Assets		35,621,492.97
Less: Current liabilities		
TDS Payable	XIV	15,413.00
Total Liabilities		
Net Current Assets		
TOTAL ASSETS		58,887,093.75
FINANCED BY:		
Opening Accumulated Fund		53,193,758.84
Deficit/Surplus		625,397.02
Deffered Fund		5,067,937.89
TOTAL ACCUMULATED FUND		58,887,093.75

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Youth Speak

The world today faces various problems out of which, the most alarming are those related to our youth. The word YOUTH, over the centuries has had such a big impact on our world. What today's youth is will determine how bright tomorrow is going to be. Youthfulness is a time of joy and of rainbows, a time of hope and a time of change... However, its euphoria has begun to fade and youth-related problems – mainly that of drug abuse have started to quick-fire all around the world.

However it is also important for us to realize that "If you grab a handful of mud and squeeze it, it will ooze through your fingers. People who suffer are the same. When suffering has a squeeze on them, they, too, try to seek a way out."

So In our hopes of helping the youth seek a way out of their suffering and out of drug abuse my friends and I initiated a Drug Free Pledge Signing Event under the theme "Yes We Can" during the Royal Wedding celebration at the Clock Tower, from 13th-14th October 2011. We decided to set up a stall and take full advantage of the crowd in order to inform people about the evil of substance abuse while also raising money through a face painting event. The "Yes We Can" project received immense help from various people that we would like to thank.

The funds that were raised were later donated to the Youth Development Fund for its new drug rehabilitation center. The YDF has undertaken the duty of helping build a brighter future for our youth and I think it's high time that we thank them by giving back and supporting them... because it's not just charity, but a social responsibility!

Yangchen Dolkar, Volunteer and UWC Scholarship Recipient 2013

From our Partner



UNICEF is very proud to partner with Bhutan Youth Development Fund (YDF) to support and empower youths in Bhutan. Our collective efforts have been diverse and dynamic, and 2012 has been no exception. Through this partnership, we have seen the Y-VIA network expanded and strengthened, we have seen young people raise their voice to address the needs of urban children during UNICEF's 2012 State of the World's Children report launch, and we have seen alcohol and drug services helping youths reform their lives.

Looking forward to 2013 and beyond, UNICEF remains committed to supporting YDF to especially reach out to youths at risk and in transition with a strong equity and participatory approach to ensure appropriate investments for a better tomorrow and the meaningful future they deserve. UNICEF is also committed to continuing to expand our partnership to include child protection, a newer priority area for YDF.

Juliet Attenborough Child Protection Specialist UNICEF Bhutan



Acknowledgments for 2011 & 2012

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5 Star Machinary

Rinson Construction

Hotel Migmar

Druk Wang

Lhaki Cement

Bhutan Ploythene

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Dasho Tobgyal & Aum

Tashi Kunzom

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