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Bhutan Youth Development Fund

Nazhoen Pelri Eco-friendly Initiative: A Waste Paper Recycling Unit

Did You Know?

As of 2011, Thimphu alone produced some 51 tonnes of waste daily.

Background

As an innovative social enterprise of the YDF, the Nazhoen Pelri Eco-Friendly Initiative in Bjemina, Thimphu is Bhutan's first ever waste paper recycling unit that produces on average 20,000 egg trays per week from waste materials and employs recovering drug dependent youth to reintegrate them into society. Income from the unit also supports and sustains the Drug Education and Rehabilitation Services program of the YDF. The project was supported by GEF-SGP, UNDP and the Goodwill Community Foundation.



Activities

1. Preserve the natural environment through waste management and recycling in urban areas
2. Create employment and reintegration opportunities for the recovering drug dependent youth
3. Generate income to sustain YDF programs

Impact

- Recruited, trained and employed six recovering drug dependent youth
- Recycles 500kgs of waste per day, approximately 100 tonnes per year
- Reduces the import of egg trays from India and abroad
- Net income from the unit sustains YDF's important youth programs

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