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## Bhutan Youth Development Fund

### Scholarships

#### Did You Know?

69 percent of poor children are enrolled in primary school while only 3 percent of them continue to be enrolled in lower secondary school

#### Background

Education is provided for free in Bhutan, yet 12% of families live in poverty and cannot afford school uniforms, stationary and other basic needs. Through YDF's Scholarship program, children from disadvantaged backgrounds are given equal opportunities to attend schools and succeed in life. YDF provide basic, secondary and higher education scholarships to both needy and deserving youth.



#### Activities

1. Basic Education Scholarships
2. Higher Secondary Education Scholarships
3. Jaypee Scholarships
4. United World College (UWC) Scholarships
5. YDF/Royal Thimphu College Need-Based Scholarships
6. Goodwill Shop, first-ever thrift store in the country to raise funds for scholarships

#### Impact

- Supported over 400 plus youth with scholarships within and outside country under various scholarship schemes since 2002
- A 7-year-old boy named Tandin Gyeltshen was found begging in the streets of Thimphu. YDF discovered and has been able support him with a Basic Education Scholarship. Currently, he is 12 years old in 4th grade.
- During the Phuentsholing 2015 fire, YDF discovered one of the victims, 7 year-old Kesang Seldon Drukpa who can neither speak nor hear. The girl was left at home and not enrolled in school. YDF intervened and enrolled Kesang in a school for the hearing impaired in Paro under a YDF Basic Education Scholarship. Currently, she is in pre-primary.

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