

# TARAYANA FOUNDATION



## *Annual Progress Report* 2006 - 2007

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# Message from the President

Four years ago, Tarayana Foundation was inaugurated by His Majesty the King, then HRH the Crown Prince Dashi Dorji Wangmo Wangchuck. It was an auspicious beginning of "Service from the Heart". Tarayana Foundation is gratified and humbled with the opportunity we have of serving our people in many ways. This has been made possible with the generosity of our donors and service of our volunteers coming together, in touching and transforming lives in rural Bhutan. It makes me especially happy to share with all of you the progress we have made.



Our programmes and projects in the field have grown steadily. New donors are sponsoring special projects within the communities we already serve. The implementation of the Integrated Community Development for Poverty Alleviation funded by UNV/UNDP is progressing well with a sensitively planned development approach which will benefit the entire Olep Community. In Kheng Silambi and Nagor, with financial assistance from GEF/SGP we are reaching out to those in need, helping them organize themselves to manage their local natural resources better while strengthening their local artisan skills for income generation. The Lhops in Samtse continue with their home improvement project to ensure that the poorest are adequately sheltered. Documentation of traditional knowledge of the Monpas is underway and collaborative actions have been initiated with relevant professionals and institutions to ensure that it is properly done. The Elysium Foundation has donated generously towards skills development in rural communities and to support education in vulnerable communities.

Tarayana is currently supporting 783 students in schools across Bhutan through its Scholarship Endowment Programme. There are 113 vulnerable individuals on our beneficiary list as of March 2007, with new applications coming in on a regular basis. We strive to respond promptly to the needs of such people seeking our assistance to bring positive transformation in their lives.

Tarayana is grateful to Mr. Werner Kuelling, Resident Coordinator of Helvetas and his team for their support in institutional building and for their encouragement. Save the Children, USA, Bhutan Office, has continued to play an important part in strengthening the Scholarship Endowment Programme, sponsoring children oriented activities and supporting the 49 Tarayana School Clubs active throughout the country.

The Tarayana Craft Centre is coming up on schedule. We are grateful to Mr. Pankaj Guar and the Jai Prakash Group for providing the much needed infrastructure to support our expanding activities.

It would not have been possible for Tarayana to achieve so much without the valuable contribution and support from all our donors, well-wishers and volunteers. We are indebted to each and everyone of you. We would like to acknowledge the support we have received from all levels of the Royal Government of Bhutan and look forward to continued cooperation in the service of the vulnerable.

Tashi Delek!

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be 'Dorji Wangmo Wangchuck', written in a fluid, cursive style.

Her Majesty the Queen

Ashi Dorji Wangmo Wangchuck  
Founder and President

# ABOUT TARAYANA FOUNDATION

## *Vision:*

A happy and poverty free Bhutan

## *Mission*

To help the vulnerable and the disadvantaged help themselves

## *Motto*

Service from the Heart

## *Core Values*

**Compassion:** We will be guided by the spirit of compassion, from which the Foundation gets its name, in our service to the most vulnerable people and in working with each other;

**Dignity:** We will act with dignity in our work and seek to respect the dignity of those we Serve;

**Integrity:** We will follow the highest ethical standards.

## *Objectives:*

- 1 Help the poor rural communities become self reliant and self sufficient through the initiation and establishment of income generating activities
- 2 Promote artisan skills through the establishment of training centres and facilitation of sale of products
- 3 Enable children from disadvantages and poor families to pursue education through support grants for basic need of uniforms, shoes and other related expenses
- 4 Provide greater economic security and dignity of life to vulnerable individuals through grant of maintenance allowances
- 5 Instill the values of volunteerism in the Bhutanese youth
- 6 To help patients access medical treatment

The Foundation was formally launched by HRH the Crown Prince Dasho Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck on May 4<sup>th</sup> 2003. Tarayana Foundation is a non-profit organization working to uplift and enhance lives of vulnerable individuals and communities in Bhutan. The Foundation complements and supplements the efforts of the Royal Government in poverty reduction. The President and Founder was moved to establishing the Foundation as a means of organizing and streamlining assistance to the vulnerable communities and individuals. Having trekked to all the remote communities, it became apparent that specially targeted interventions would be required to mitigate the challenges faced by the most vulnerable groups.

### *Why should Tarayana focus on the vulnerable people?*

All human beings aspire to be happy. This is reflected in the balanced development philosophy pursued by the Royal Government to enhance Gross National Happiness. Bhutan's people centered development has focused on poverty reduction and improving the lives of the people.

While significant progress has been made in the last four decades, studies show that about one third of our people continue to live under the poverty line. The difficult terrain and the scattered nature of our communities make it very challenging for many communities to access social services and markets. The incremental cost of reaching the benefits of development is particularly challenging for remote and isolated communities.

Tarayana Foundation with its focus on grassroots development lends itself well in serving the small and remote communities one community at a time. Tarayana strives to improve rural livelihoods by promoting participation in mainstream development initiatives and enhancing income generating activities.



*Some beneficiaries of Tarayana's scholarship.*

## *Board of Trustees*

The Board of Trustees, chaired by the President, comprises of individuals from diverse backgrounds. The Board meets biannually to review and direct the programs of Tarayana. The members of the Board of Trustees serve for a term of three years, which may be renewed. During the 11<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting one new trustee joined the foundation and the term of office for the others were renewed.

## *Executive Committee*

The Executive Committee, with guidance from the Board of Trustees, supports the Secretariat in implementing the activities approved by the Board. It supervises proper maintenance of records, work plan preparation and implementation, screening of beneficiaries, allocation of funds, and its utilization. The Committee meets fortnightly to discuss and work on the planned activities. The members of the Executive Committee also serve for a term of three years, which may be renewed.

The incumbents renewed their commitment to serve for another term during the 11<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.

## *Secretariat*

The Secretariat is responsible for the day to-day functioning of the Foundation and implementation of all the programs and projects in the field. It oversees administration and finance of all field programs, projects, prepares financial statements and reports on the work progress twice a year to the Board. It implements the planned activities of the Foundation and ensures that programs are well coordinated.

The Tarayana Training Services Center was established in 2007. This is in line with the policy of ensuring self sustainability as well as to provide quality training services in the field of volunteerism, life skills as well as in hosting meetings and seminars. The Center will also support artisan skills development and promotion, including assistance with marketing of the products. Further the Director of Training Services Center will be responsible for fund raising and also oversee the operations and sales of the Tarayana Rural Crafts.

# ACTIVITY REPORT 2006 - 2007

## *Goal 1: Support vulnerable individuals achieve greater socio-economic security*

Lending a helping hand in ensuring greater dignity in old age and sickness, Tarayana continues to pay maintenance allowance of Nu.6,000 annually to individuals incapable of earning and looking after themselves. Currently 113 beneficiaries are supported nationwide. This is a two fold increase from 58 individuals in 2006. This area of support costs approximately Nu. 700,000.

## *Goal 2: Sponsor students in disadvantaged circumstances*

### **Activity 1: Scholarship Endowment Fund**

The Scholarship Endowment Fund now stands at Nu.9 million in two fixed deposits with the Bhutan National Bank at the interest rate of 2.25% per annum. Tarayana continues to strengthen the Scholarship Endowment Fund to help disadvantaged and vulnerable children continue their education. The scholarship provides for their uniforms, supplementary meal contributions and other incidental expenses. The request for such support is growing exponentially as more people become aware of the support provided by Tarayana. There are currently 787 students being supported in 78 schools across the country at a cost of Nu.1.2 million. Tarayana School clubs collectively support another 85 vulnerable children.

In addition to the above, 37 students of Tongtongphey Community Primary School are provided monthly ration support. These students live in make shift temporary hutments near the school as they would, otherwise, have to walk at least two hours each way to school and back home daily. Tarayana supports all the Monpa students studying in Jangbi Community Primary School. This support includes the provision of one meal a day from April 2007 as the hostel constructed by the Jigme Singe Wangchuck National Park is ready. The World Food Programme provides the mid-day meal. This is one good example of how different agencies can work together to address local problems.

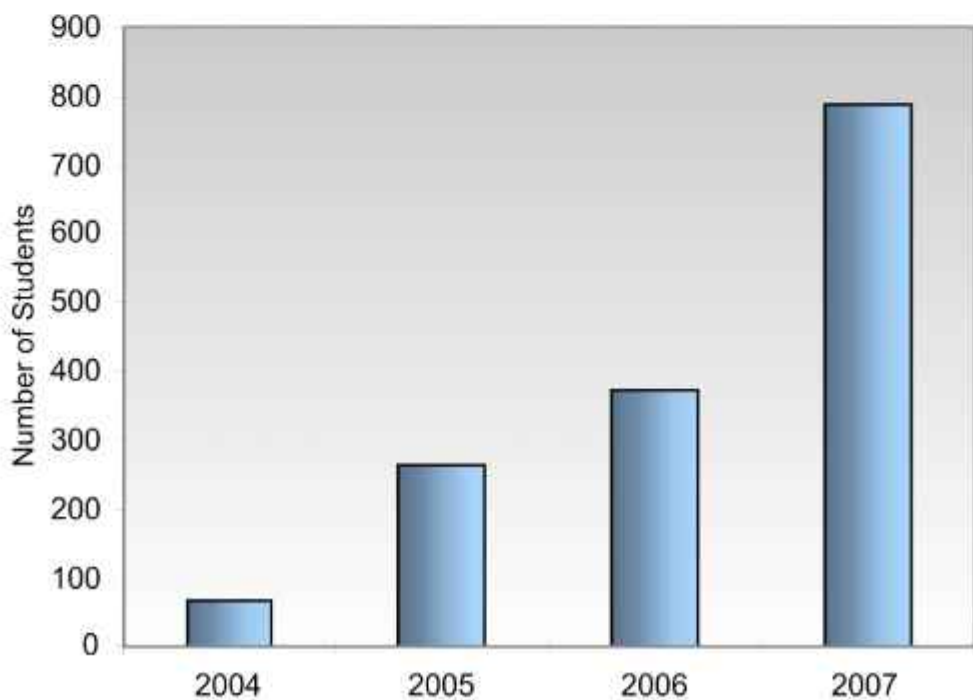


Figure 1: Increase in number of students supported through the Scholarship Endowment Fund

Table 1: Students supported by the Scholarship Endowment Programme:

	Dzongkhag	Students Supported	No. of Schools	Boys	Girls
1	Bumtang	14	2	7	7
2	Chukha	21	4	10	11
3	Dagana	1	1	1	0
4	Haa	21	4	12	9
5	Lhuentse	6	3	3	3
6	Mongar	1	1	1	0
7	Paro	12	2	12	0
8	Punakha	1	1	1	0
9	Samdrupjongkhar	4	3	3	1
10	Samtse	88	3	51	37
11	Sarpang	21	3	8	13
12	Thimphu	17	10	7	10
13	Tashigang	41	2	23	18
14	Tashiyangtse	4	2	1	3
15	Tongsa	132	11	55	75
16	Tsirang	90	0	49	41
17	Wangdue	179	4	74	105
18	Zhemgang	136	22	71	65
	<b>Total</b>	<b>787</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>389</b>	<b>398</b>

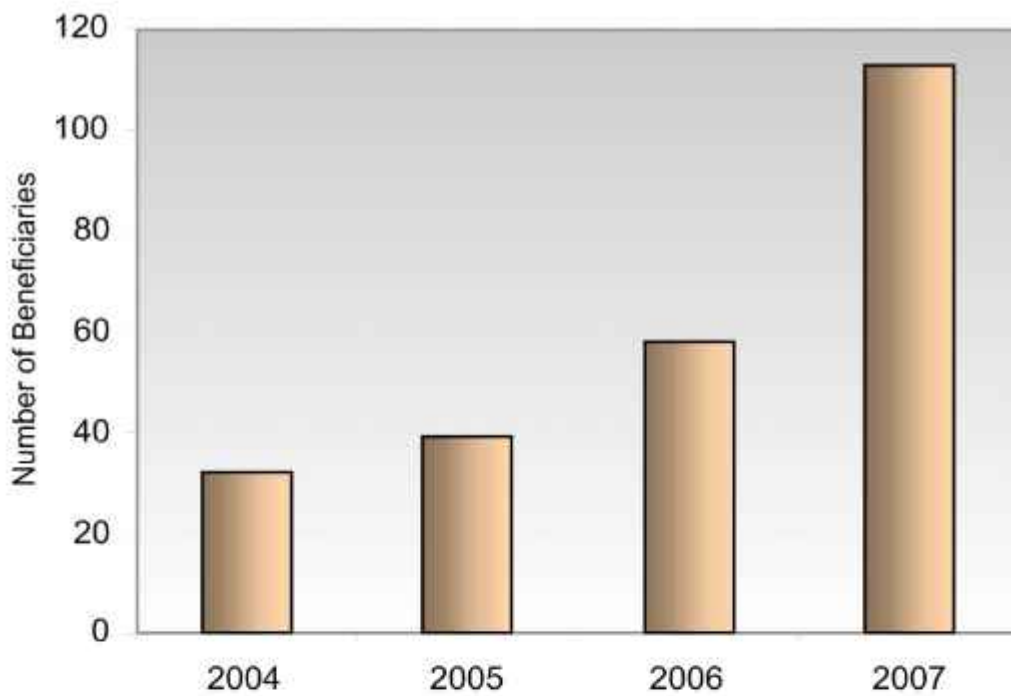
Tarayana also facilitated the collection and distribution of blankets, mattresses, bed-sheets and pillow covers to 57 student of the Tashibi Community Primary School in Zhemgang.

The foundation continues to receive the equivalent of US\$7,500 from Terre des Homme as per their commitment of support for 200 students for 12 years starting from 2005. Tarayana is also working with Terre de Hommes to assist students in Sha Taksha enjoy better hostel facilities. The construction of the new hostel was stalled due to the Royal Government's school consolidation plan. It was suggested that the new hostel would be redundant if the school was to lose half of its students as was proposed under the new plan. Tarayana has been requested to provide the same support to another community if possible.

The feedback on the scholarship programme has been very positive. Timely intervention has enabled parents to keep their children in school and helped to overcome some of the opportunity costs of keeping them in school.

Tarayana has also been supporting families by purchasing their hand-woven fabrics and facilitating in the sale of their rural handicrafts at the beginning of the school term. This helps parents earn cash income needed to meet the children's education





requirements. These are families who are better off compared to the others and do not need direct support from Tarayana.

The dzongkhag wise breakdown of students availing support under the Scholarship Endowment Programme is given in Table 1.

Tarayana continues to support special needs students in higher grades on a case by case basis depending on their circumstances. The Foundation has also helped to place some of the student beneficiaries in relevant boarding schools in the country. Tarayana continues to liaise between students and donors and help with the disbursement of scholarships as per the request of the donors.

### *Goal 3: Support needy patients in receiving medical care*

The Royal Government spends millions in ensuring that serious Bhutanese patients have access to good medical care and attention in larger specialized hospitals in India. However, the fund constraints result in most patients having to travel back after their treatment by bus or train. Tarayana has supported referred patients with incidental expenses, including airfare in serious cases after major operations. Tarayana has found it imperative to prevent the postoperative trauma and mishap on the long journey overland in serious cases. So far the assistance in this regard has not been organized. However, discussions are underway to lend a helping hand to improve the chances of complete healing by minimizing post operative travel related trauma.

Tarayana has also been helping poor patients get back home after their treatment at the Referral Hospitals in the country. The provision of travel grant has enabled poor patients to reach home safely after their treatment.

A surgical camp is being organized for burns victims. A team of volunteer doctors and nurses are coming in from America led by Dr. Jack Demos. The ground work is under way and the camp will be held during the second half of May 2007, at the Paro Hospital. The Ministry of Health has been very supportive in the preparation of this special camp.

## *Goal 4: Promote relevant artisan skills to enhance rural income*

### **Activity 1: Establishment of Tarayana Craft Centres**

The construction of the Tarayana Craft Centre, is underway at Chubachu in Thimphu and is scheduled for completion in November 2007. The center will house the Secretariat as well as the rural crafts training center and a sales unit for the artisan crafts made by the rural communities. The construction of the center has been made possible through the generous contribution of the Jai Prakash Group of Companies.

Ashi Kesang of Endochholing has graciously donated land to the local community for the construction of a permanent workshed for making soaps and candles. A permanent workshed is also under construction in Baling for the nettle weaving unit. The land at Baling is also being processed for community ownership as donated by

An approach road to the Craft Centre site at Kalapong, Mongar, has been completed by volunteers with support from the Kurichhu Hydro Power Corporation. However, due to lack of funds, the construction of the centre has not yet materialized. When established this centre will provide a base for our activities in the East and serve as a marketing node for rural artisan crafts from the remote villages in the area. The cane and bamboo craft training centre will be set up here.

### **Activity 2: Promote skills of artisans**

In the past year many villagers have been trained in house construction, cane and bamboo production, product development, standards and standardizations, marketing and product handling, storage and packaging. They have also been exposed to concepts of quality assurance and pricing for niche markets. The rural artisans were given several opportunities to come in direct contact with buyers and gain a better understanding of the market demand.

The Olep community has also been trained in basic carpentry and masonry so that they could improve their houses. Though there are only 17 households in Rukha village, only one family has managed to construct improved house while the rest of the villagers live in small huts made of bamboo mats and wooden planks. The implementation of the UNDP funded project on poverty alleviation and community development has brought about opportunities for the community to learn carpentry and masonry skills to build proper shelter. The project also ensures that the community has access to skills that can generate cash income. The construction of a community workshed is planned and the process has been initiated. In the meantime, improved vegetable seeds and basic agricultural tools and implements have been distributed.



*Artist's rendering of the Tarayana Craft Centre presently being constructed in Thimphu.*



*Making traditional paper products (left). Candles and soap made from bees wax on nettle table mat (right).*

Representatives from the Lhop and the Monpa community participated in the First National Crafts Festival organized by the Ministry of Home and Cultural Affairs in October 2006. These remote community representatives along with some of the Tarayana Field Staff also attended a training workshop on “Quality Standards and Seal of Excellence” organized by the Ministry of Trade and Industries with facilitation from UNDP. Basic on the job skills in accounts and record keeping were also given to the respective community members.

“Tarayana Rural Crafts” was set up to provide a sales outlet for the rural craft products that were coming in from the communities ranging from soaps and candles to nettle fabric to traditional clay pots to traditional paper and paper products to cane and bamboo products to woven textile produced by some of our beneficiaries. It was felt important to have a sales counter in Thimphu to both showcase these diverse Bhutanese rural products and also to help facilitate marketing of the products ensuring that fair price was given to the artisan.

### **Activity 3: Implementation of GEF-Small Grants Programme funded project in Silambi Geog**

Tarayana identified the need to support the Khenpa community of Silambi and Gongdu Geogs of Weringla Dungkhang in Mongar. It was noted that the Ministry of Trade and Industries was working with the Gongdu community hence Tarayana concentrated only on Silambi geog in 2006. The screening of the activities was done in consultation with the local communities and local officials. Helvetas support was utilized to begin our activities in Silambi geog. This involved providing assistance to the needy families identified in the villages nearby. A field staff was hired and posted to Nangor village from where he could help the communities implement the SGP funded project ‘Regeneration of Cane and Bamboo species in Silambi geog.’

Under this project, three worksheds have been constructed one each in the villages of Nagor, Dak and Jalgaon. One community workshed has also been initiated in Broksar, the first village enroute to Silambi from Thingkarbi roadhead. Sites have been identified with the help of local officials and forestry staff. While the process is underway, a nursery is being initiated so that this season is not lost. It is anticipated that the government formalities will be completed shortly with the support of the Social Forestry Division, Department of Forest and the Divisional Forest Officer’s office in Mongar.



*Nettle products are gaining a niche market and demand is providing income for some of Tarayana's target communities.*

#### **Activity 4: Nettle weaving**

The nettle weavers of Baling have faced difficulties in meeting the demand for their fabric. The bed runners, towels and place mats have gained a niche markets. However, this past year the weavers have been concentrating on meeting the demand for small bags ordered by the National Institute of Traditional Medicine. The fabric woven by the Baling community is stitched by the students at Draktsho School for the Disabled.

As nettle spinning is a labour intensive process, the progress is slow. The community collected over 1,500 kgs of raw material during October 2006. As there is a growing number of people interested in nettle weaving, the foundation is in discussion with the Park staff to ensure sustainable use of local resources. It is also imperative that community cultivate raw material closer to the village to save labour and time.

Three girls from the Baling village will be given basic tailoring training and will then take up value addition work in the village itself.

Nettle weaving in the traditional style from other parts of the country is also being explored. Some of the other communities could spin and help provide the nettle yarns to the weavers in Baling. This division of labour may bring in more cash income to a wider network of villages and keep the people gainfully engaged. The availability of ready supply of yarn may spur the output of the weavers, hence making it possible to fulfill orders much quicker.

The income form the sale of Nettle fabric in the past year was close to Nu.80,000 and this has encouraged more villages to take interest in the work. The fabrics were sold at the Tarayana Fair, during the First National Crafts Festival and through the sales counter at Tarayana Rural Crafts.

### ***Goal 5: Improve socio-economic security of vulnerable communities***

The housing improvement project in the Lhop community has been highly successful. Of the 47 houses to be completed within 2007, 32 have already been completed as of April 2007 and the remaining 15 were in varying stages of completion. Three new houses have been approved taking the total up to 50 houses for the Lhop community.



*Under the housing improvement project, many families have moved into improved and permanent houses.*

Tarayana provided the CGI roofs, technical guidance and supervision while the community organized themselves into groups that helped build the houses on a reciprocal basis. The success of this project can be felt in the applications coming in from surrounding villages requesting support in improving their housing.

The Oleps have also started improving their houses. It is only when the basic need for shelter is taken care of that the communities maybe able to utilize skills developed and engage in economic cash income generating activities. Tarayana continues to assist poor people to access loans for asset building purposes. Loans for home improvement have also been supported as in the past but on a more stringent basis. Tarayana constantly looks at new ways to support poor people build assets and has supported the purchase of tools and equipment where relevant, purchase of yarn for weaving, and seed grants for starting small village shops.

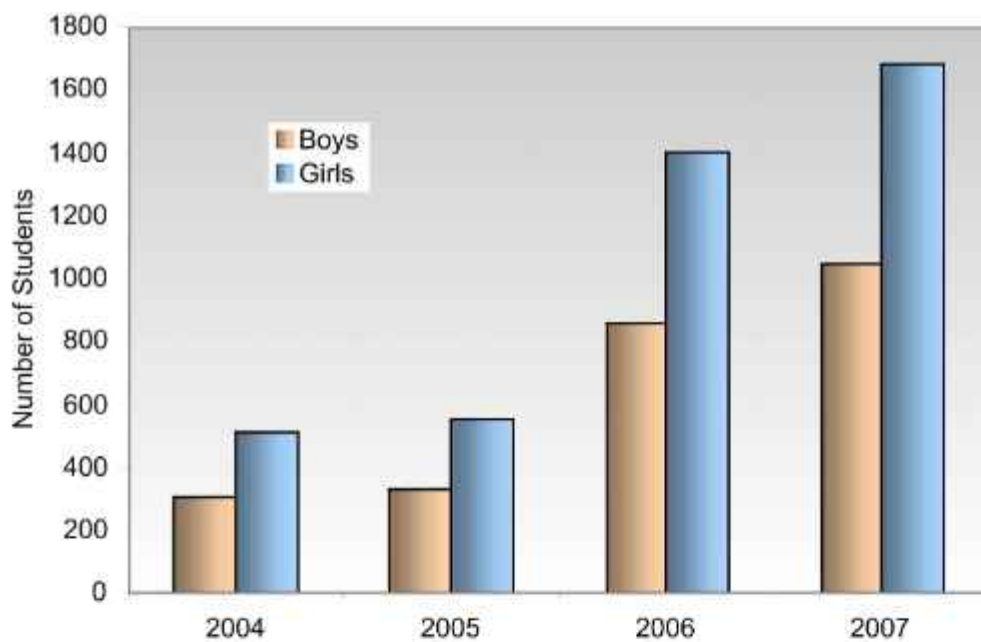
Tarayana continues to engage and facilitate skills training activities to ensure that people have employable skills thereby have opportunities for cash income generating activities.

### *Goal 6: Make Tarayana an organisation of compassionate professionals*

Volunteerism is the core message espoused by the Tarayana School Club. There are 49 Tarayana School Clubs as of April 2007 in 18 Dzongkhags, with a volunteer population of 2,755 children. There are 1,682 girls and 1,073 boys. The surge in the number of Tarayana Clubs is due to the multiplier effect of the club members graduating from the National College of Education, Paro, who have gone as teachers to all corners of the country. Figure 3 shows the growth in Tarayana Clubs.

Save the Children, USA, Bhutan office has supported the expansion of the clubs through a grant of Nu.200,000 that was used for seed money. An amount of Nu.10,000 is disbursed to each club.

It is heartening to note that the Club activities have been spread out to all school levels starting from Community Primary Schools to the College of Education Paro as well as in Samtse.



## *Fundraising Activities*

Tarayana has not been very successful in taking on many fund raising activities. More time was spent in grant writing and submitting proposals to potential donors. Several new donors have come forward to support some of the activities in the communities we serve. Donations, both individual and corporate continued to be the main source of funds in the past year followed by project tied grants.

### **Activity 1: Tarayana Fair 2006 (4-7 May)**

Continuing in the spirit of celebrating May 4<sup>th</sup> the founding day of Tarayana with the larger Thimphu community, a four day fair was organized at the Changlimithang Archery grounds. The Hon'ble Prime Minister Lyonpo Sangay Ngedup graced the occasion as the chief guest and gave an inspirational speech encouraging the spread of volunteerism and social work. The fair was well attended by both young and the old. The trainees undergoing their Post Graduate Diploma in Public Administration at the Royal Institute of Management volunteered to help operate the Tarayana stalls. The fair provided entertainment and fun for the entire family. The importance of waste segregation was also demonstrated and for the duration of the fair all were encourage to use the segregated waste bins set up for the purpose. There were many positive feedbacks from the general public on the fair.

### **Activity 2: Fundraising Sales**

#### *a) Sale of post cards:*

Tarayana continued with the sale of postcards donated by Mrs. Serena Chopra.

#### *b) Sale of Books:*

A children's picture story book, the 'River that Ran Away' was released on 4<sup>th</sup> May



*The Tarayana Fair attracted a large number of people and was well attended by both the young and old.*

2006 coinciding with Tarayana Foundation Day. The story was written by Ms. Louise Dorji and the illustrations were done by Mr. Rajesh Gurung, a local artist. The picture story book with an ecological conservation theme was very popular with the children. All proceeds were donated to Tarayana.

Dr. Seeta Giri's also donated the proceeds from the sale of her book, 'The Vital Link: Monpas and their Forests.' The proceeds were used for development programmes implemented in the Monpa community as desired by the author.

*c) Sale of shoes:*

A Japanese friend of Tarayana very generously donated over 700 pairs of shoes. These were sold at the fair to raise funds for community development initiatives in rural Bhutan. Suitable shoes were also distributed to school children in community primary schools.

*d) Sale of clothes:*

Almost 7,000 pieces of winter clothing was donated by from Youngone Corporation, a Korean company. The clothes were distributed in the rural areas where Tarayana is active. Some clothes were sold to raise funds to cover transportation and distribution costs in the remote areas. Part of the fund raised was put to support school feeding programme in Jangbi Community Primary School.

*e) Royalty received:*

The royalty earned on the sale of the book 'Treasures of Bhutan' written by Her Majesty Ashi Dorji Wangmo Wangchuck, and published by Penguin India, was donated to Tarayana as desired by the author.

## *Support from Save the Children, USA Bhutan Program*

Save the Children USA Bhutan Program (SC-USA), continues to be one of the main donors in strengthening the Scholarship Endowment Fund. In addition, many children related activities like the Healthy Options project was funded by SC-USA. Through this support 72 children were engaged for 6 weeks in various activities ranging from cooking classes to cleaning campaigns to white washing chortens, to day hikes to overnight camping to visiting cultural and historical sites and visiting the sick in the hospitals. A Media and leadership course was also organized by prominent volunteer professionals in the field of media. SC-USA support has made it possible to support the 49 Tarayana School clubs spread across the country. SC-USA also supported the publishing of the children's picture story book 'The River that Ran Away'.

## *Support from Helvetas*

Tarayana gratefully acknowledges the continued cooperation and goodwill received from Mr. Werner Kuelling, the Helvetas Coordinator and his team for their support in institutional strengthening. The budgetary support provided by Helvetas gives Tarayana the freedom to respond more quickly to the needs of the vulnerable individuals and communities. The salary of the staff and purchase of office equipment are some of the areas where support is provided.

Support from Helvetas makes it possible to develop and promote artisan skills in the vulnerable communities. Support is also provided in the area of construction of worksheds and solar lighting for these facilities. The communities received support to market their products as well to purchase simple hand tools and implements. Standardization of product quality is still a challenge for the communities. With support from Helvetas, Tarayana has put local artisans in direct contact with buyers bringing about a better understanding of the market requirements.

Through Helvetas support, two field staff were trained in cane and bamboo technology by the Bamboo Mission, India. They also attended the Bamfest 2006 held in Agartala in December 06.





# FINANCIAL STATUS

	RECEIPTS	PAYMENTS
<b>OPENING BALANCE</b>		
Cash	32,867	
Bank	867,317	
<b><u>I. CORE FUND</u></b>		
<b>RECEIPT:-</b>		
Donations	6,781,043	
Income from Misc Sales	111,395	
Candle Project	650,000	
Soap Project	200,000	
Fund raised during Tarayana Fair 2005	362,980	
Interest on Fixed Deposit	244,900	
Interest on saving Account	3,806	
Matured Fixed Deposit	14,400,000	
Refund from Bhutan National Bank	3,651,050	
<b>PAYMENT:-</b>		
Beneficiary Allowance		485,400
Operation & Administrative Expenses		134,204
Fixed Deposit		17,000,000
Scholarship		1,387,441
TDS Remitted	30,683	36,466
Tarayana Fair		321,808
Support Group/Kidu		90,270
Printing & Publications		792,040
Tarayana Druksho		10,000
Provident Fund	14,149	3,202
Salary Tax & Health Contribution	12,297	6,185
Candle Project		126,929
Soap Project		19,094
Wages		14,000
Advance Adjusted	1,566,909	1,918,357
<b><u>II. PROJECT TIED FUNDS</u></b>		
SAVE THE CHILDREN - USA, BHUTAN PROGRAM	2,100,000	681,984
GEF / SGP - UNDP	803,250	9,300
HELVETAS / SDC - BHUTAN	6,373,876	
Daphne Paper Development		196,484
Installation of Solar Lighting		135,300
Training & Cultivation in 4 clusters		1,157,037
Research		50,168
Monitoring		217,067
Staff Salary		620,413
Creation of Artisans Association		6,542
Community Development		18,900
Operation & Administrative Expenses		144,911
Annual Foundation Day Expenses		10,983
Advances	189,124	363,264
<b>CLOSING BALANCE</b>		
Cash		39,337
Bank		12,398,560

# Highlights of the Year May 2006 – April 2007

2006

- May* Tarayana celebrates its third Foundation Day with a four day Tarayana Fair held at the Changlingmethang Archery grounds
- A children's picture story book "The River that Ran Away" was released (Story donated by Louise Dorji and illustrated by Mr. Rajesh Gurung)
- Facilitated the Village Immersion Programme for seven future leaders led by Ms Meiko, ex- Vice President of World Bank
- Soap and Candle-making training in Delhi attended by Tarayana Field Staff and three trainees
- "Treasures of Bhutan" authored by the President, Tarayana Foundation and published by Penguin India was launched by the Tongsa Penlop, His Royal Highness Jigme Khesar Namgyal Wangchuck
- June* Start of Construction at the Tarayana Craft Centre, after drawings were approved by the City Corporation.
- Improved housing project initiated in the Lhop villages
- July* Project based Field Staff posted to Langthel, Trongsa to initiate the Endochholing candle making unit
- Recruited Ms. Pem Lama, an undergraduate student of as an intern on site in Endochholing village, a student on summer vacation to help set up the candle making unit.
- August* Tarayana President on monitoring visit to Endochholing Candle making unit, Baling Nettle waving unit, Tongtongphey Community School, Jangbi community, Karma Dorji's pottery unit, site for new pottery unit in Langthel; visit to Tarayana Club, Langthel Lower Secondary School, Tarayana Club initiation in Chumey Lower Secondary School and Jakar Higher Secondary School, Bumthang Dzongkhag
- Started ration support for 37 students of the Tongtongphey Community Primary School
- September* Recruited project based staff for Silambi Geog, to implement the GEF-Small Grants Programmed financed project on sustainable use of natural resources.
- The President led a goodwill visit to Denmark, organized by Terre de Hommes, Denmark. The visited included an informal dinner hosted by the Queen of Denmark among other activities.
- October* 11<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting held
- Sept - Nov* Intern Peter Spyrou put in a two month stint with Tarayana, taking up varied tasks, including a monitoring visit to some of the remote communities Tarayana works in.
- November* First Consultation for the implementation of the UNDP supported poverty alleviation project. Activities were identified based on the ground needs of the community. Team led by Sonam Pem, Programme Officer.
- November* Tarayana fund raising meeting held

*December* Passang Tobgay and Sonam Jamtsho attended a training in cane and bamboo technology and also attended the Bamfest 2006 organised by Bamboo Mission, India.

Construction of three workshed in Nagor, Dak and Jalgaon, Silambi Geog initiated

Certificates awarded to graduating members of Tarayana Club, College of Education, Paro

Tarayana Rimdro at construction site

Reio Sangchoe at Dochula invoking blessings for all the constructions being undertaken by Tarayana

Handing over of Traditional Paper Making unit in Lotokuchu Jigme to a Lhop committee

Taking over of the Tarayana Annex building on Norzin Lam on long term rent from the Department of National Properties, Ministry of Finance

Donation of winter jackets and pants received from Youngone, a Korean Company with its factory in Chittagong

## 2007

*January* Shifting of Tarayana Rural Crafts from Zomlha Complex to the Tarayana Annex

Distribution of clothes to the core communities Tarayana works in

*Jan - Feb* Healthy Options activities engaged 72 students for six weeks. Namgay Tshering, Graduate volunteer coordinated the activities.

Ms Mayumi interned with Tarayana and helped give a facelift to the website [www.tarayanafoundation.org](http://www.tarayanafoundation.org) . We invite you to check out the new look

Second community consultations held and Inception workshop for the stakeholders undertaken.

Sale of clothes to generate funds to take up feeding support for students of Jangbi Community Primary School

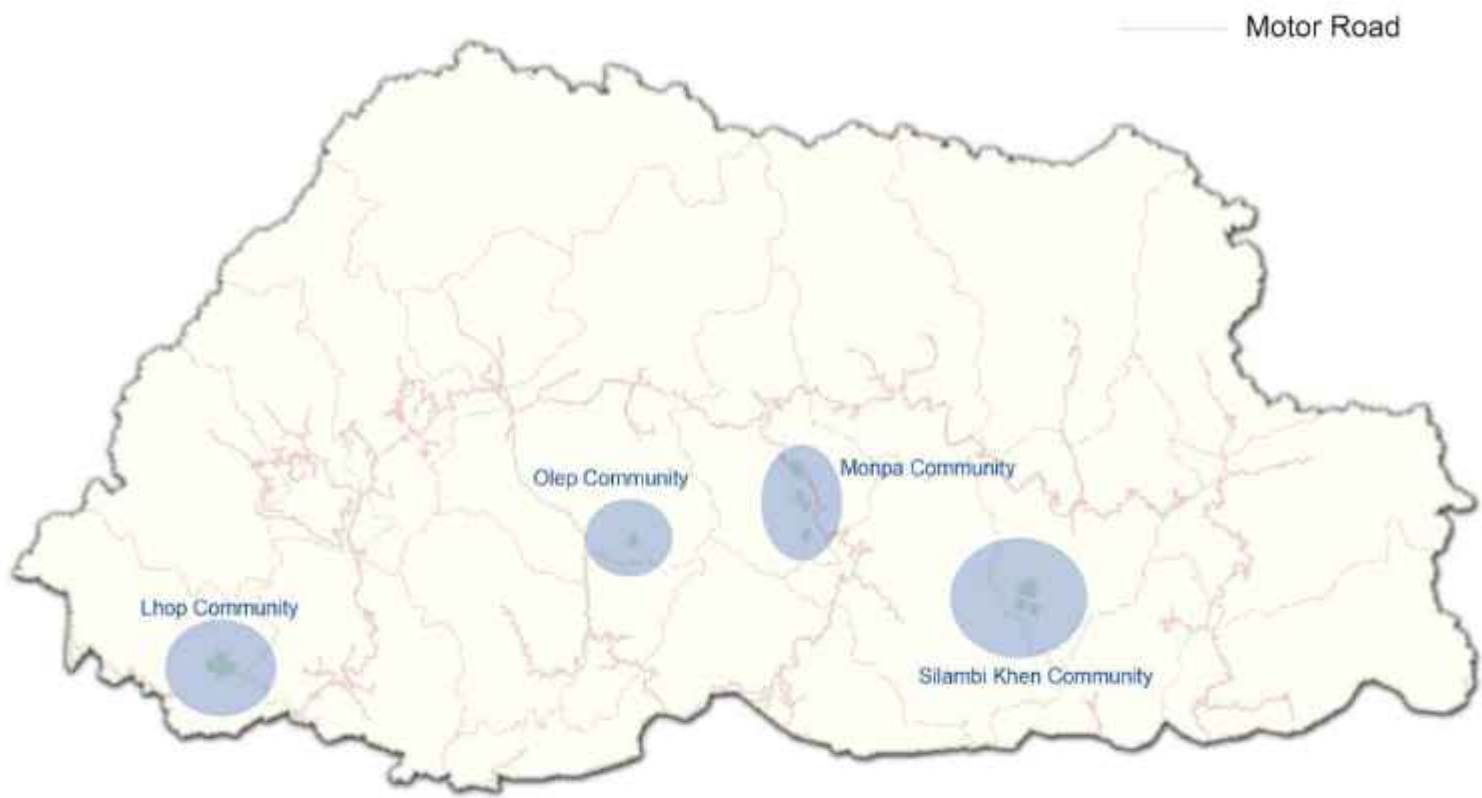
*February* Madam Tshewang Choden Wangdi joined Tarayana as the Director, Training Services

*March* A total of 47 houses being constructed in the Lhop community. 32 houses have been completed and 15 are under varying stages of completion. Three more houses have been approved taking the total to 50 houses.

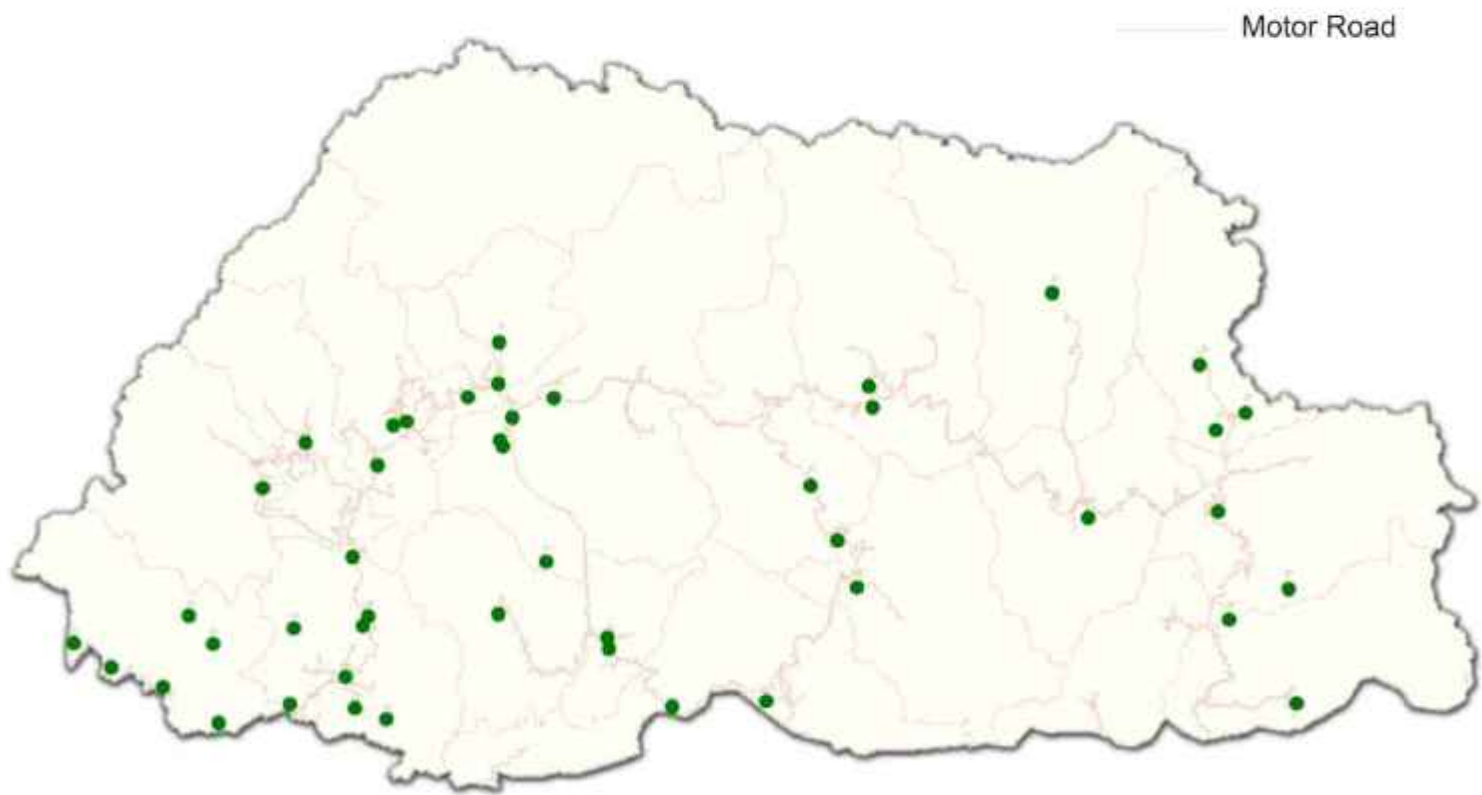
*Mar - April* Chhimmy Pem and Chime P. Wangdi went to Kolkatta to purchase gifts and games for the Tarayana Fair 2007

*April* Ms Karma Choden and Mr. Yang Gyaltshen have been recruited as Manager Marketing and Manager Events respectively. Mr. Pema Gyelpo has been recruited as the Administrative Officer.

12<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting Held



Map 1: Location of Tarayana Community Development Projects



Map 2: Location of Tarayana School Clubs



(1) Media and leadership camp, Punakha; (2) Creative writing class; (3) Students of Tongtongphey Community Primary School and Dawa Tshering; (4) Cultural visit from Tawang; (5) Needs assessment visit in Rukha; (6) Needs assessment in Jangbi; (7) Cultural programme by participants of winter programme for students; (8) Young weaver in Goenpakarpo, Lhuentse; (9) Timber for house improvement project in Lotokuchu; (10) House improvement training in Rukha; (11) Students supported by Tarayana in Sengdhyen Community Primary School, Samtse; (12) Lhop beneficiary; (13) "Seal of Excellence" training participants from Lotokuchu; (14) Tarayana Fair 2006; (15) Ap Sanga, Lotokuchu.



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