



Nazhoen Lamtoen

Annual Report 2020

Through the lens of children

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INTRODUCTION

Mission: To empower children and youth through reintegrating them by providing livelihood skills.

Vision: To be known as best CSO for empowering and transforming children and youth in Bhutan.

‘Nazhoen Lamtoen’ was conceptualized in 2013 following encounters with many children and youths living in distressing and difficult circumstances, and who had not been benefitting from the services provided by existing youth agencies – public, private and institutional.

Nazhoen Lamtoen’s priority is to provide effective and appropriate services to children and youth who find themselves in difficult circumstances such as coming into contact with the law. We provide our services when they are in the rehabilitation centre in partnership with the Royal Bhutan Police, and help them reintegrate into society.

We work in close collaboration and consultation with Save the Children, who is the primary donor for Nazhoen Lamtoen, NCWC, RBP, Thimphu Thromde, OAG, Paro Dzongkhag, Monggar Dzongkhag and Chukha Dzongkhag.

We work for Children in conflict with law and children in difficult circumstances in providing effective after care service

Nazhoen Lamtoen has been instrumental in reintegrating children who complete their time at the Youth Development and Rehabilitation Center (YDRC) at Tsimsham, Chhukha Dzongkhag. Children who come in conflict with the law and who are found to have committed serious offences are referred to YDRC to undergo rehabilitation. Many such children belong to broken families lacking care and guidance contributing to their risky and often anti-social behavior.

In 2020 Nazhoen Lamtoen achieved tangible results in advancing the ‘children conflict with law’ and ‘Child care and protection act 2011’ breakthrough for the children in conflict with law. The first ever advocacy on child in conflict with law with the LGS of five districts; Thimphu, Paro, Monggar, Zhemgang and Chukha laying the foundation for the CCPA 2011 to reviews some of

the main clause 59- all the record of the child should be expunge upon release of the child from the juvenile centre' Nazhoen Lamtoen had been working closely with National Commission for Women and Children, Royal Bhutan Police, Office of Attorney General, Save the children and legal officer of five piloted Districts, to review CCPA act 2011 diversions, expunge the record, and reintegration systems.

The CCPA 2011 provides for Non Objection Certificate once the child is release from the juvenile and adjudication process within 45 days for the heinous crime. In both the case its is not happening practically, many children released from YDRC stills faces NOC issues resulting in recidivism.

Our advocacy with the LGs saw commitments from Drangpons and legal representatives, which will be tabled during Dzongkhag Tshogdue meeting and will be eventually forwarded to National Assembly for further discussion.

The building social protection and supporting Children in difficult circumstances benefited most marginalized children. Providing long term self sustaining support establishing micro business for the family to depend on it. The project to support Children in Difficult circumstances has so far reached to 159 children in five piloted districts, enabling them them to prevent from becoming child in conflict with law. As per the RBP 2018 reports shows 99% of child in conflict with law belongs from Children in difficult circumstances.

Sonam Wangmo, a 12 years old girl and her 6 years old sister Sonam Choden goes to schools with the support of micro business and all the family member depends on the business.

The children shelter home had received 98 children since its establishment. In 2020 shelter received 23 children victim of domestic violence, sexually abused and neglected.

Support to informal youth group called Happiness centre in Phuentsholing, enabled them to provide after care service to children and youth coming out of rehabilitation centre with the objectives to prevent relapse and integrating them into mainstream society. They opened cafeteria to engage such youth and other most deprived youth. Phuentsholing has highest number of substance user mostly youth.

NEED BASED SUPPORT-CHILDREN IN DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCE -Thimphu-Paro-Monggar-Zhemgang-Chukha

Table 1: Number of Children supported -2019

Dzongkhag	Male	Female	Total
Chhukha	16	15	31
Monggar	9	11	20
Paro	30	22	52
Thimphu	12	10	22
Zhemgang	5	19	24
Total			149

The support

The identified children through the Rapid situation assessment survey are compiled in the case file and each children case management file were developed by the Case Management officer in respective Districts. The process of case plan starts with the child and his/her parent or guardians. The process involves both the parties (Nazhoen lamtoen Case Manager officer and child family) to come up with means of sustainability of the family and how to develop or come up with the solution that could support child welfare. The whole process of case management plan from start to end takes 15-20 days, the outcome of the plan depends on kind of skills and interest of the family or the guardian. Depending on their interest and skills the case manager will develop a business implementation plan and submit for the procurement.

Micro business supported for the family to support child welfare

In total 149 children were supported through the rapid situation assessment from 5 piloted districts (2020) | Micro business fund ceiling Nu.200,000 to Nu. 30,000/- for each family were allocated and implemented so far. These includes differs types of micro business like; Tailoring shop, Grocery shops,

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Garment shops, Vegetable vendor, Street hawker, dairy farming, saloon, agri farming, weaving centre and mushroom farming.

Case study- I

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Children in conflict with law-CICL reintegrated

10 children in conflict with law, released from Youth Development and Rehabilitation Centre (YDRC) we successfully reintegrated back to society.

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Case study

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Name: Sangay Wangmo (Name changed)

DOB: 24/05/2011

Class: I

On 19/10/2018 at around 7:00 pm Sangay , 7 years from
Tsirang Toe was forwarded by NCWC for the shelter.

She was brought by NCWC, protection to the shelter. Sangay was loitering and running around the town without any guidance or any adult with her. We found out that her father, fee collector was busy collecting the parking fee that time and he didn't care where his daughter was. She was brought up to the shelter for few days as NCWC wanted to investigate about her father and her family. Later we learned that her father was alcoholic and a drug user. They also got the information that her parents were divorced and her mother and little sister stay at Phuentsholing and Sangay has been staying with her dad and her step mother.



Sangay stayed in shelter till whole winter. NCWC informed that after investigating at her school and class, found out that Sangay has missed out lots of classes and she is short of attendance for the annual examination. NCWC also found out that she was weak at her studies and at school she was so careless. For the remaining days left for the school, Sangay was dropped out and she will continue her schooling from next year only and they wanted to put her to central school when the school begins.

Sangay is currently staying at shelter home, continuing her studies from shelter.

2020 Time line activities and events

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Majesty The King shared wonderful Losar Cake for our children in shelter We wish your Majesty, The Gyaltsuen, and the Gyalsey a very Happy Losar With Gratitude from Nazhoen Lamtoen family



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March- 20

Nazhoen Lamtoen office in partnership with Save the children developed Business Continuity Plan (BCP) to address issues and challenges to overcome if nation goes for lock down. The BCP was developed and design to provide holistic approach intervention to our beneficiaries, during lockdown. The SoP defines roles and responsibilities for each staff to respond in pandemic and flow of order and implementation. The BCP was also shared to cabinet and National Covid task force to seek special permit movement during nation lock down.

May 25

The second year annual children shelter home annual rental check amount Nu. 360,000/- was handed over by country representative Mr. Ugyen Tshering of Opening Your Heart to Bhutan on 25th May 2020.



June-21

Nazhoen Lamtoen released a short film 'KELDEN' based on the true story of a teenage boy who loses everything in his life, slowly begins to distort and disappear as he follows a small crew of junkies and comes in conflict with the law.

While children build their identity, question the world around them, and identify their strengths – how society reacts is a major factor when it comes to determining the life they will lead upon their release from a juvenile correctional facility.

Aftercare with unconditional support without stigmatization and discrimination is vital for the child transition.

The short film was aimed to create awareness and to garner support from general public to curb stigma against children coming in conflict with law.

The film was made with financial support from Helvetas and EU.



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July -12

Successfully completed 2 days training on Early Identification and Safe Referrals of Child Protection Cases for Front liners of Chukha Dzongkhag. The total of 25 participants from Youth centre, Desuup, Gups, Mangmi, Happinesses Centre, School Counsellor, Health sector, BNCA, ABS and Youth volunteers had attended. The training will help to identify the children in Difficult circumstances and provide timely support. The project was funded by UNICEF.



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July-20

The 2nd phase of Early Identification and Safe Referrals training concluded for Paro Dzongkhag front liner.

A total of 20 participants from different agencies; Paro DIC, Throm Tshogpa, gewogs Tshogpas, Mangmis, Desuup, school counselors, WCPU, community volunteers attended the training. The 2 days training concluded with an awarding



of certificate by our Secretary Board Member Sonam Choki

The training will enable the front liner to identify children in distress and provide timely intervention during such pandemic times.

The training was funded by UNICF



August-5

Motivational Talk Program at Youth Development Rehabilitation Center (YDRC) Tshimasham. The Day long program is conducted annually to motivate the Youth while they are still in the center.



Ms Denkar gateway Speaker for the program shared about how women inmate's in Thailand inspired her to become the first women travel blogger in Bhutan while she was teaching in Thailand. She also encouraged our youth to explore our beautiful country and take pride in it. Mr Phub Dorji another inspirational speaker who was also the Ex Residence shared his experience of being in and out of the centre. His message to the youth was there is no good or bad person, only good or bad choices and encourage them to be resilient. Phub also talked about important of being positive in life and taking opportunity to learn the skills provided by center to enhance the skills

The program was conducted with the funding support from Unicef Bhutan

August -19

Nazhoen Lamtoen with the support from Save the children supplied vegetables and groceries to our beneficiaries.(Families and children in difficult circumstances).The initiative was continued until lockdown is lifted in five piloted districts.



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August -31

Domestic violence: Children who see abuse suffer as much as those abused. Nazhoen Lamtoen in collaboration with Save the children presents production 'RAISED AGAINST', an awareness video on Violence Against Women and Children. The short film was aimed to address alarming cases of child abuse during lock down.

The film was aired in BBS during 2 nation.Wide lockdown.



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September 2nd -10th

EISR- Early identification and safe referrals 2 days trainings for the front liner - Deesups, local leaders, volunteers and teachers was conducted in Zhemgang and Monggar. The training is to prevent child abuse in the grass root level and to prevent, support and do the referrals. The project was supported by UNICEF



September-13th -18th

The term 'children in conflict with the law' refers to anyone under 18 who comes into contact with the justice system as a result of being suspected or accused of committing an offence. Most children in conflict with the law have committed petty crimes, some of which are not considered criminal when committed by adults. Very often when a child comes into conflict with the law it represents a fundamental failure to fulfill that child's rights to adequate care and protection at an earlier point in their lives. To address the issues underlying according to the CCPA-2011, local leaders of Zhemgang, Mongar and Tashiyangtse, especially the judiciary sectors held advocacy dialog to table the issue in the Dzongkhag Tshodu and eventually to parliament for amendment of the CCPA -2011. The project was supported by HELVETAS and EU

November -18

Virtual Life Skill Training

Nazhoen Lamtoen with funding support from Save the children conducted a virtual life skill training from 15th-18th November for the Residence of Youth Development Rehabilitation Centre (YDRC Tshimasham Chukha) to enhance their life skills. During these four days they learned about 10-course life skills which are Self Awareness, Empathy, Coping with Emotion, Coping with Stress, Problem Solving Skills, Decision-making Skills, Creative Thinking, Critical Thinking, Effective Communication, and Interpersonal Relationship. These are very important in our daily lives. The program was successfully Resource by Madam Deki Choden (Counselor, Changangkha MSS) and Sir Karma Tenzin (Zilukkha MSS).



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December-18

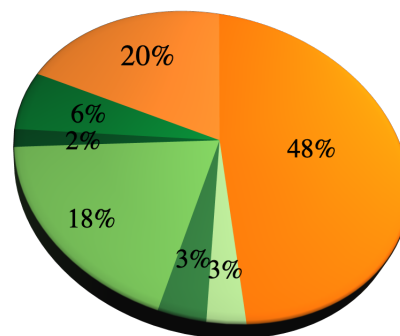
The Nazhoen Lamtoen successfully conducted its 5th board meeting. During the meeting, Board of Directors were updated on progress of all the planned activities and financial status of the organization including the planned activities for the year 2021. The Board of Directors endorsed the revised HR and administration policy of Nazhoen Lamtoen. The policy is aimed towards providing a strategic guidance to the organization and its employees.



The Board of Directors has always been a driving force of the organization. The Nazhoen Lamtoen management would like to extend our gratitude to board members for the continued guidance and support which will enable the organization to realize the vision of empowering the life's of our children. The management would like to acknowledge our Development Partners, member's, Volunteers and well wishers for your continued support.

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- Save the children
- HELVETAS
- OYHTB
- UNICEF
- NCWC
- DONATION
- ENDOWMENT



Donors	Total Budget for 2020
Save the children	Nu. 4,530,142/-
HELVETAS	Nu. 2,01825/-
OYHTB	Nu. 360,000/-
UNICEF	Nu.1,996,679/-
NCWC	Nu. 200,000/-
Donation	Nu. 705,871/-
Endowment fund	Nu. 2,282954/-
Total budget	Nu. 9,840,140/-

THANK YOU

...to our donors and members of Nazhoen Lamtoen for enabling us to innovate, implement, and scale-up our programmes and transform children's lives

SAVE THE CHILDREN-BHUTAN-PRIMARY DONOR

For your financial support, technical support and guidance since the inception of Nazhoen Lamtoen. Without your support the organization won't exist.

HELVETAS-SWISS INTERCOOPERATION

In reaching out for the Nation and to inform general public on child in conflict with law.

OPENING YOUR HEART TO BHUTAN

Thank you for providing safe shelter for our children.

UNICEF-BHUTAN

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To our implementing partners and stake holders for your continued support, and confidence in Nazhoen Lamtoen and for efficient implementation of the programmes to benefit our children.

National commission for Women and children

Royal Bhutan Police

Office of attorney general

Kuzu FM

Read Bhutan

Global shapers

Ability Bhutan society

Thimphu Dzongkhag Administration

Monggar Dzongkhag Administration

Zhemgang Dzongkhag Administration

Chukha Dzongkhag Administration

Paro Dzongkhag Administration

Nazhoen Lamtoen staff strength: 16

Board Member: 06

Volunteer: 250