

ANNUAL REPORT 2021

Nazhoen Lamtoen

Transforming Children and Youth through Reintegration

To the Children in Difficult Circumstances and Children in Conflict with Law!

Vision

To be the nationally recognised CSO in Bhutan that advocates and serves the needs of children in difficult situation

Mission

To advocate and serve children in difficult circumstances by providing timely intervention, empowerment and reintegration into communities

The concept of 'Nazhoen Lamtoen' germinated in the beginning of 2013 due to live and distressing encounters with many vulnerable children and youths.

The country has many vibrant other government and private institutions to provide services to many situations for the youth, but what about the after care services soon after their post released from Youth Development Rehabilitation Centre (YDRC) and other similar facility.

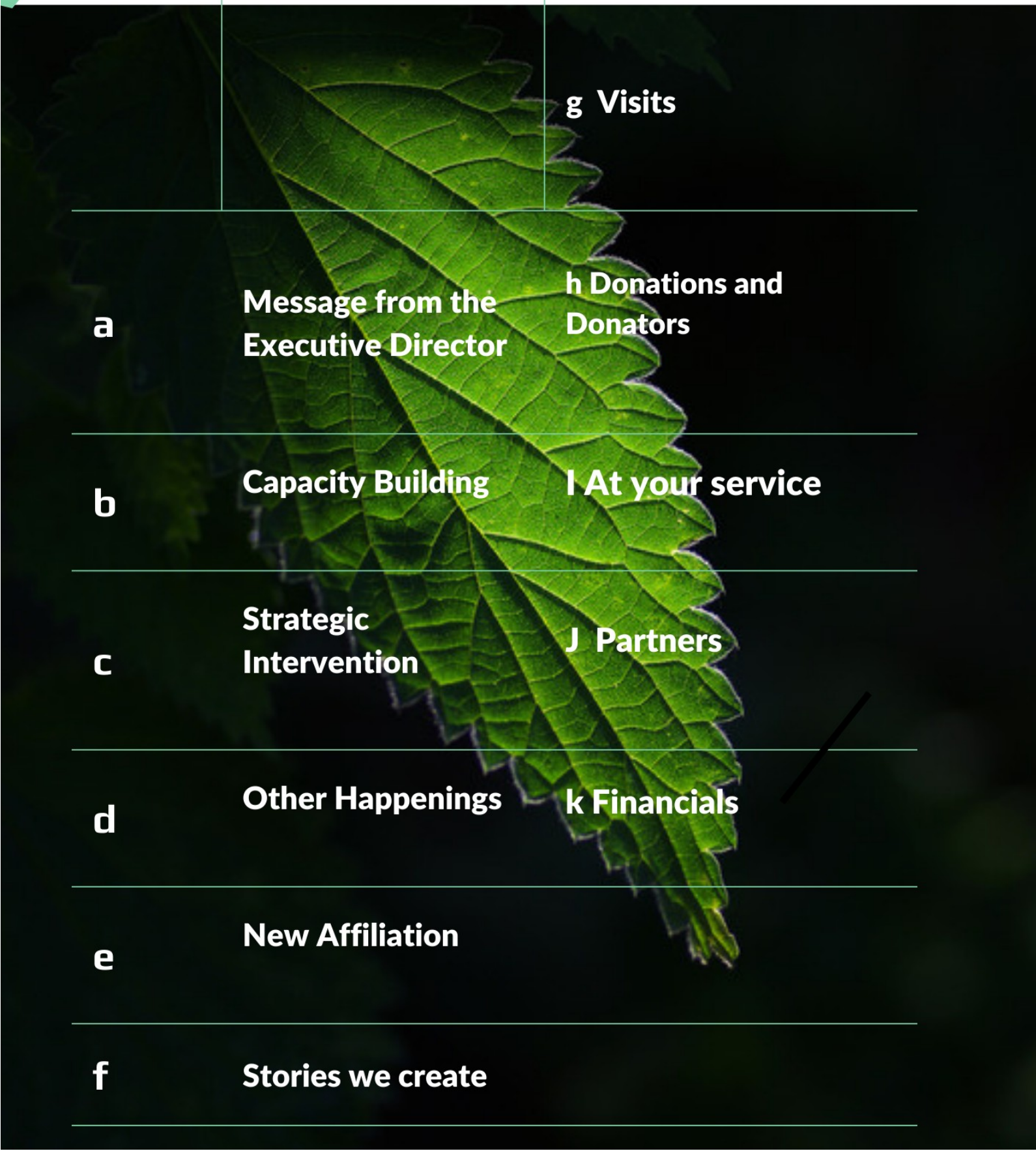
The studies has shown many children and youth eventually repeat the cycle and land up in square one, mainly due to lack of after care services.

Nazhoen Lamtoen challenges these kind of situation to break the cycle, through providing after care services through many life skills training to reintegrate these lost children and youth back into society as productive citizens





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MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Nazhoen Lamtoen is a registered public benefit organization with the Civil Society Organization Authority of Bhutan since December 2016. The aim of the organization is to provide aftercare services for children in difficult circumstances (CIDC) and children in conflict with the law (CICL) coming out of juvenile centre and providing services to children in contact or affected by the criminal justice system. Till date the Nazhoen Lamtoen has reintegrated 44 CICL into the society.

It is observed that children who are referred to YDRC more often than not, belonged to broken families devoid of care and guidance. Thus children in difficult circumstances (CIDC) has high risk of becoming children in conflict with the law. Through the initiative of providing long term sustainable support to CIDC, the organization has supported more than 500 children with establishment of 300 micro business for the families in 5 districts, Mongar, Zhemgang, Chukha, Paro and Thimphu. Moreover, 70 children are supported with shelter home and out of which 60 are reunified with their parents and guardians.

On behalf of Nazhoen Lamtoen Board and Management, I would like to extend our deepest gratitude to our donor development partners- Save the Children, UNICEF, Opening Your Heart to Bhutan, Helvetas Bhutan, National Commission for Women and Children, Royal Bhutan Police, JSWL, Austria Development Agency, members, stakeholders, friends, members, volunteers a dedicated team of Nazhoen Lamtoen and our well-wishers for your benevolent support in meeting our common mandate for the best interest of our children.

Thank you!

Tashi Delek



CAPACITY BUILDING

On Case management, Child protection, and child safe guarding policy (Orientation) and basic counseling to the staffs of Nazhoen Lamtoen.

The objective of the training is to enable the staff with core skills while dealing and intervening our beneficiaries. Team from Happiness Centre was also invited to participate for the training and present on their activities to our board of directors and Donor partner to discuss on affiliation with Nazhoen Lamtoen.

Apart from training our case management Officer from 5 piloted district, Happiness centre presented their achievements, challenges and way forward to our Board of directors and donor partner. Training was resourced Save the children and Ministry of Health.



CAPACITY BUILDING

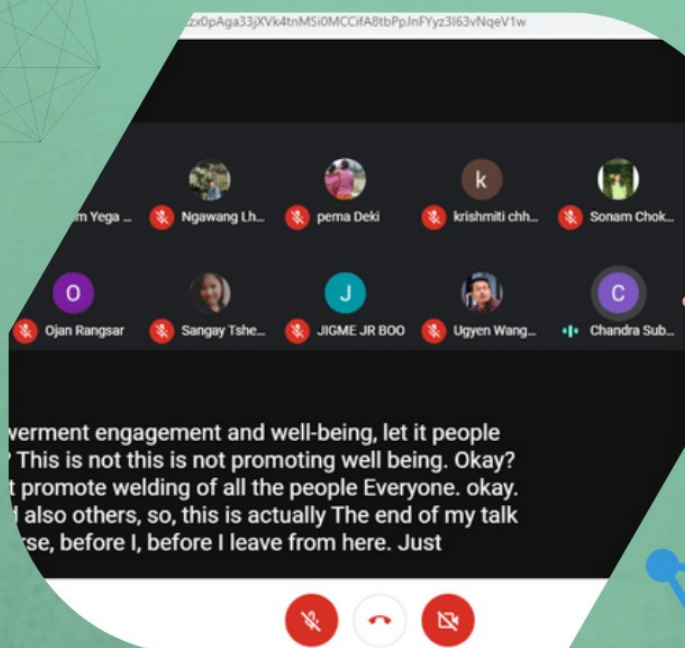
On Online Safety and Child Abuse



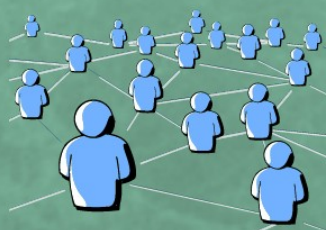
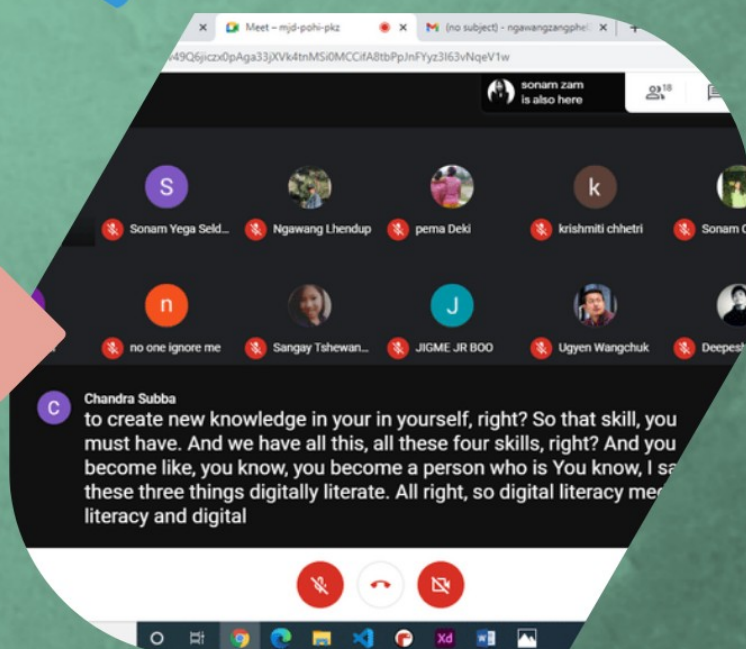
In Collaboration with Nazhoen Lamtoen and Support from Save the Children International- Bhutan Country Office, Youth Friendly Integrated Service Center(YFISC) conducted a short virtual session on Online Safety and Child Abuse for 20 youth participants in Phuentsholing.



We would like to Express our sincere gratitude to the manager of Gelephu YFISC Mr. Chandra Subba for educating our youths on how to maintain Online Safety from Cyber Bullying, Hate Speech and Digital Drama.



We would also like to thank Nazhoen Lamtoen Case Management Officer of Chhukha Dzongkhag Ms Sonam Zam for educating and creating awareness on Child Abuse and also how to prevent and save others from Child Abuse.



CAPACITY BUILDING

SCAC holds consultations meeting with Sarpang Dzongkhag and CSOs



The Social and Cultural Affairs Committee (SCAC) conducted a virtual consultation meeting with the stakeholders of Sarpang Dzongkhag in the morning on suicide and mental health issues. In the interactive virtual meeting, 54 participants from the Dzongkhag, Thromde, Drungkhag, RBP, Schools and hospitals reported the plans and programmes that they have initiated and shared some of the challenges encountered while responding to the various challenges in the education and health sectors.



The committee also held a meeting with two Civil Society Organizations - the Royal Society for Senior Citizens and Nazhoen Lamtoen. They shared the current scenario of the challenges the elderly faces; and also about children in difficult circumstances and children who come into conflict in the law.

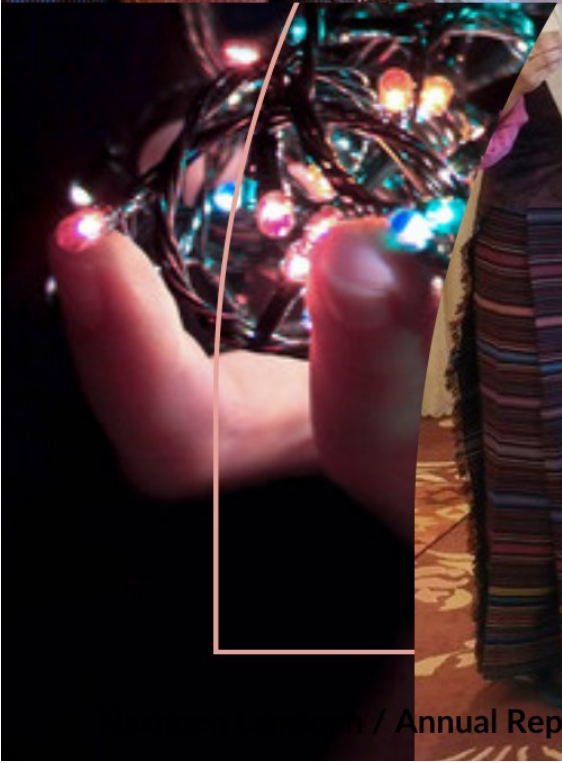
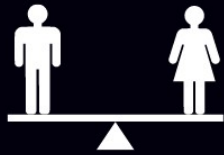


CAPACITY BUILDING

Gender Integration Training in Project Management



The Nazhoen Lamtoen Staff Successfully completed week long training on **Gender Integration Training in Project Management** from 15th-19th November. The staffs from other partners Cso's and Dratshang Lhentshogs also attained the Training. The training is conducted by Save the Children International - Bhutan Country Office to enhance the capacity of their partner CSOs.





STRATEGIC INTERVENTION

Children in villages and communities face a host of protection issues – abuses, violence, neglect, while also being exposed to risk and vulnerabilities. They suffer in silence for a number of reasons – they are not aware of their rights, they do not know where to report and seek support, they do not have access to the national protection support and services due to their remote locations and circumstances.

Thank you Save the Children International-Bhutan Country Office for funding the project.



A weeklong ongoing community sensitization and awareness program on child protection in Zhemgang's 5 Gewogs -Bardo, Shingkhar, Nangkhor, Trong, and Zhemgang Throm.





STRATEGIC INTERVENTION



Nazhoen Lamtoen to pilot Child Protection and Community Child Protection teams to address child abuse cases



To enhance protection and reporting of any form of child exploitations, Nazhoen Lamtoen, a civil society organisation, in collaboration with Paro Dzongkhag launched a pilot project on Child Protection Team in schools and Community Child Protection team on Wednesday. Nazhoen Lamtoen plans to replicate the project in all the schools and gewogs if all goes well.





STRATEGIC INTERVENTION

Conducted Motivational talk program to the residence of Youth Development Rehabilitation Centre (YDRC) .

Nazhoen Lamtoen in collaboration with Royal Bhutan Police HQs and with funding support from UNICEF Bhutan Conducted Motivational talk program to the residence of Youth Development Rehabilitation Centre (YDRC).

The Guest Speaker for the Program was Mr. Pawo Choyning Dorji Inspirational figure; Film Maker, Writer and traveler who have produced awards-winning films Hema Hema sing me a song while I wait and Lunana: Yak in the Classroom.

The guest speaker talked on IMPERMANENCE, CONFIDENCE, SPECIALNESS IN BEING BHUTANESE.

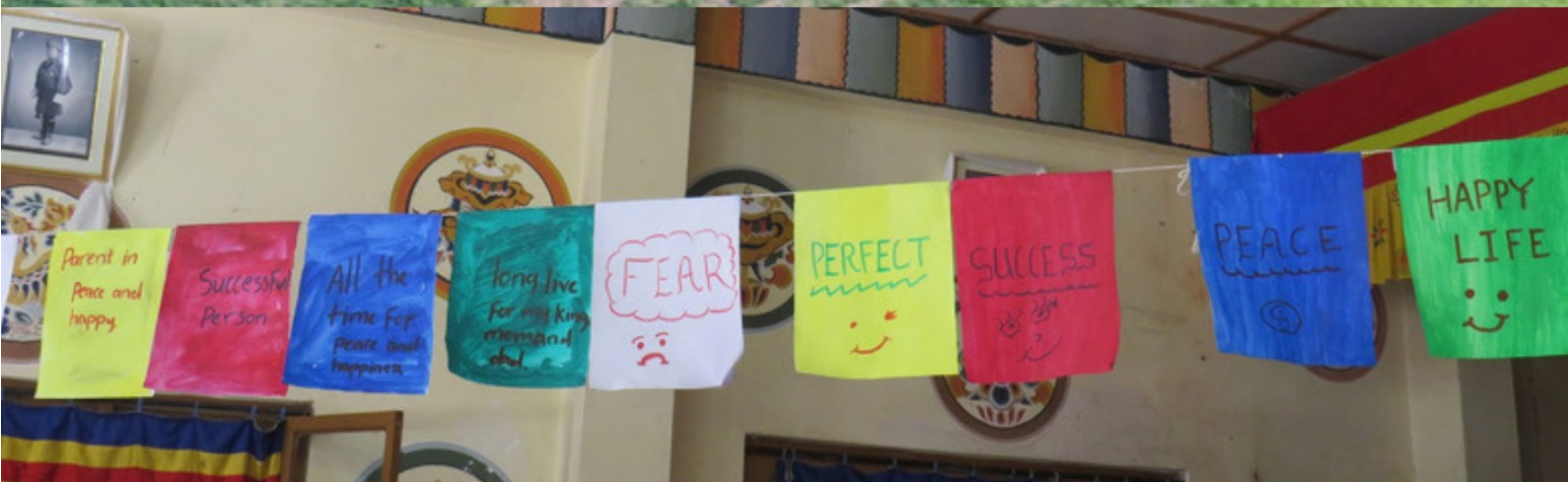
Thank you Major @Denka Choden and management for yours continued support

Thank you Pawo for the movie and assuring opportunities to the boys in your future films



STRATEGIC INTERVENTION

Conducted a life skills training to the residence of Youth Development Rehabilitation Center (YDRC)

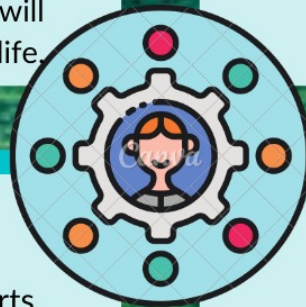


It is an annual event conducted for the residence at YDRC to help them make careful decisions, build confidence and resilience skills, communicate effectively with others, develop coping skills with surrounding and circumstances. Further, it is expected that children will better manage oneself that will lead to progress and success in life.

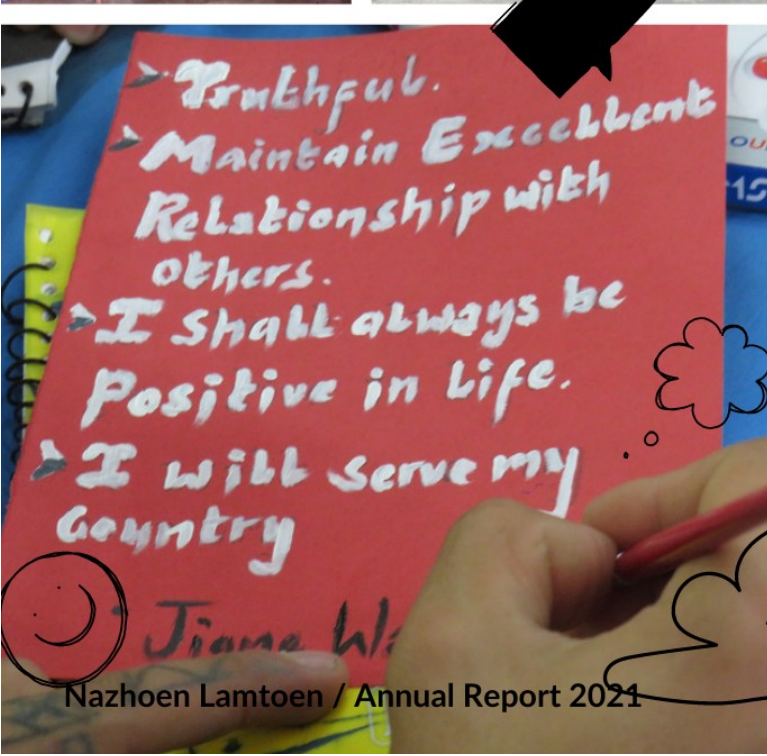
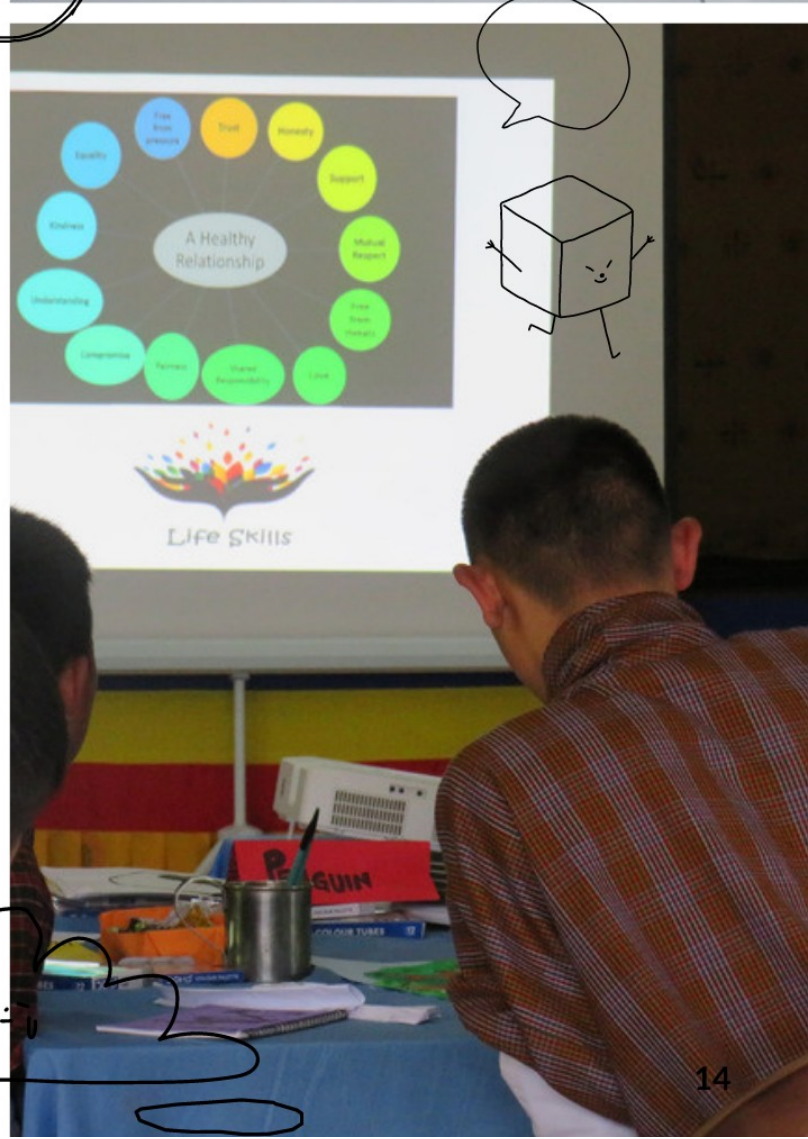
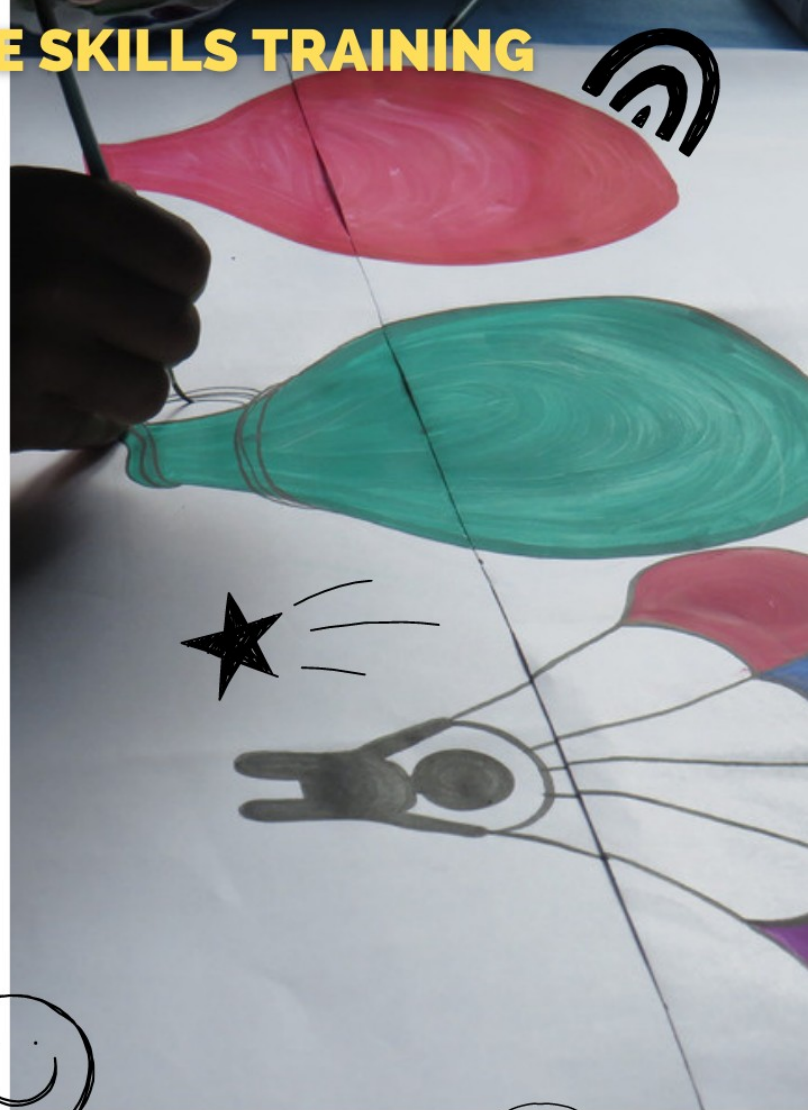
The program was successfully resourced by Madam Tenzin Dema (counselor) from Babesa HSS and Madam Dawa Dem counselor from Dechencholing HSS.

We express our gratitude to Department of Youth and Sports for facilitating two wonderful resource person. We thank Officer Commanding Denka Choden, management and the residence for their most needed support.

Finally we would like to thank Save the children and RBP for your continued support.



HIGHLIGHTS OF LIFE SKILLS TRAINING



Other Happenings

NAZHOEN LAMTOEN 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.





Other Happenings

Celebration of 66th Birth Anniversary of the fourth Druk Gyalpo Jigme Singye Wangchuck and national Children's Day!
 *Zilukha Middle Secondary School*



Nazhoen Lamtoen and National Commission for Women and Children - NCWC, Bhutan join the Nation in the celebration



Other Happenings



Exclusive interview session by RJ Tenzing Choden with NCWC & Nazhoen Lamtoen on “ Child Abuse ” .

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Child Abuse

An Interview with Ugyen Wangchuk the Administrative Officer from Nazhoen Lamtoen & Tashi Dorji, a Counsellor from NCWC

RJ Tenzing Choden

AIRS TODAY
5:30PM Onwards
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As rightly addressed by the World Medical Association (WMA), Child abuse can be exemplified differently from culture to culture and unfortunately, cultural rationalizations for harmful behaviour towards children may be accepted all too readily as proof that the treatment of children is neither abusive nor harmful. For instance, the work contribution of children in the everyday lives of families and in society should be recognized and encouraged only as long as it also contributes to the child's own development.

Prevention, protection, early identification, suitable interventions and comprehensive treatment of child abuse victims still remain a challenging factor all around the globe and needs a substantial amount of importance.



Thank you for your support in meeting our noble mandate for the best interest of our children.



New Affiliation



»» Opening Your Heart To Bhutan

The Management and children of Halfway home would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Opening Your Heart To Bhutan Ani Pema Deki, Country representative Mr. Ugyen Tshering for supporting 3 years annual rental for the children halfway home. With the support we were able to provide safe environment place for 60 Children until now.



New Affiliation



Human Dignity Clinic (HDC) of Jigme Singye
Wangchuck School of Law



Nazhoen Lamtoen and the Human Dignity Clinic (HDC) of Jigme Singye Wangchuck School of Law signed an agreement to develop a Diversion Handbook for Children in Conflict with the Law. The purpose of the Diversion handbook is for the effective implementation and reporting of Diversion cases referred to Nazhoen Lamtoen by relevant stakeholders. The Clinic will also assist Nazhoen Lamtoen in various other activities in the coming months.



Human Dignity Clinic (HDC) is one of the three clinics at the JSW School of Law. The primary focus of the HDC will be on four categories of vulnerable individuals in Bhutan, specifically: Women, Children, and young people (ages 0-24), The elderly, persons living with a disability. The Clinic is run by Sr. Lecturer Dema Lham and nine of the 4th Year Law Students. The students and faculty work to rehabilitate and affirm their individual clients' human dignity and cultivate healthier, happier, and more cohesive communities, consistent with Bhutan's guiding vision GNH.



New Affiliation

>>> Memorandum of Agreement

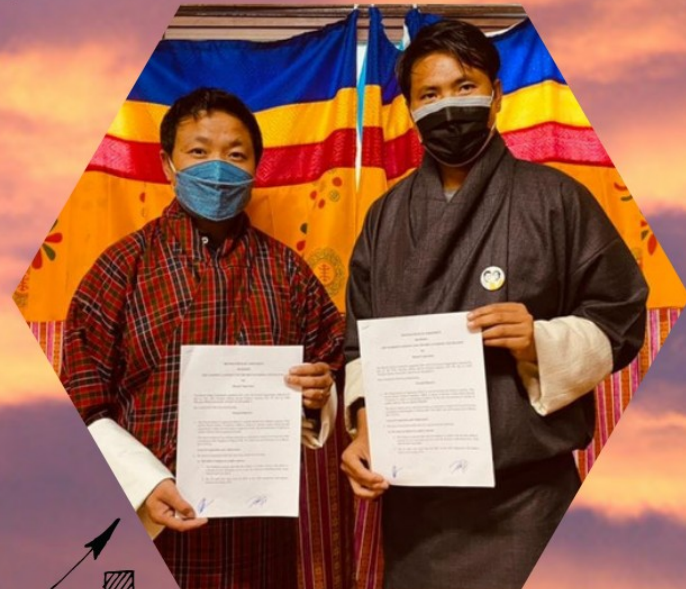


Nazhoen Lamtoen and Bhutan Kidney Foundation signed a Memorandum of Agreement to implement the diversion cases of children in conflict with law for community service as stated in the Diversion handbook developed by Jigme Singye Wangchuck School of Law (Human Dignity Clinic).



The objective of the Diversion Handbook is to facilitate the effective implementation of Diversion program referred to Nazhoen Lamtoen.

Nazhoem Lamtoen will also sign similar agreement with other relevant agencies, organizations and institutions in coming days.



NEW AFFILIATION

»»Memorandum of Understanding-2



Nazhoen Lamtoen and Changjiji Youth Center signed a Memorandum of Understanding to implement the diversion cases of children in conflict with law for community service as stated in the Diversion handbook. The objective of the Diversion Handbook is to facilitate implementation of the Diversion program referred to Nazhoen Lamtoen.

Changjiji Youth Center Volunteer (CYCV) is a youth volunteer group. It supports Changjiji Youth Center towards achieving the mission and objectives of nurturing the youths through the initiatives of various programs and activities. Since its inception, under the leadership of sir Kinley Phub the group has been found to be very active, vibrant, and supportive, working with Changjiji youth Center in organizing and initiating programs and promoting volunteerism and qualities of being responsible citizenship among the youth.