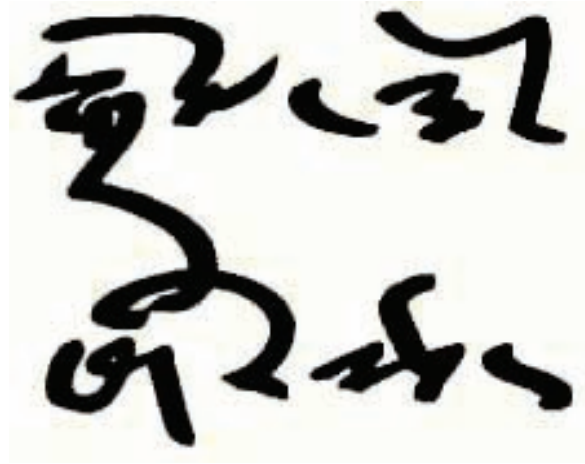


**THE BRIDGE FUND**



**2007**

**TIBETAN NOMAD TIMES**

GREETINGS FROM EVERYONE AT THE BRIDGE FUND. THANK YOU FOR HELPING TBF TO CONTINUE OUR WORK IN TIBETAN NOMAD COMMUNITIES IN ALL AREAS OF THE TIBETAN PLATEAU THIS YEAR. THE WORK IS INCREDIBLY MEANINGFUL AS IT MAKES IT POSSIBLE FOR TIBETAN COMMUNITIES TO EDUCATE THEIR CHILDREN, GAIN RELEVANT JOB SKILLS, IMPROVE AND DEVELOP HEALTHCARE, USE APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY FOR ENERGY AND WATER NEEDS AND ENGAGE IN LOCAL CULTURAL PRESERVATION PROJECTS. TBF ALSO ASSISTS TIBETANS WITH ENVIRONMENTAL NEEDS SUCH AS PROTECTION OF WILDLIFE AND PROTECTION OF WATER SOURCES.

THE BRIDGE FUND (TBF) WAS ESTABLISHED AS A NOT FOR PROFIT IN 1996 IN RESPONSE TO NEEDS EXPRESSED BY TIBETANS LIVING IN ALL AREAS OF THE TIBETAN PLATEAU. THE BRIDGE FUND'S MISSION IS TO PROVIDE TIBETAN COMMUNITIES WITH THE RESOURCES THEY NEED TO IMPROVE EDUCATION, HEALTHCARE, INCOME GENERATION OPPORTUNITIES WHILE PROMOTING THE PROTECTION OF TIBETAN ENVIRONMENT AND PRESERVATION OF TIBET'S UNIQUE CULTURAL HERITAGE. THE BRIDGE FUND ALSO SUPPORTS THE DEVELOPMENT OF LOCAL INSTITUTIONS, ORGANIZATIONS AND THE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF TIBETAN STAFF AND PROJECT PARTNERS. SINCE THAT TIME WE HAVE GROWN INTO THE LEADING DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION ON THE TIBETAN PLATEAU DUE TO YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT.

THE BRIDGE FUND IS THE ONLY ORGANIZATION WORKING IN ALL AREAS OF THE TIBETAN PLATEAU, WHICH DELIVERS BOTH FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT FOR INTEGRATED HEALTHCARE, EDUCATION, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE HERITAGE PROGRAMS. 95% OF OUR STAFF IS REGIONAL TIBETANS BASED IN THE FIELD.

OUR CORE INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS ARE CENTERED IN 5 NOMADIC REGIONS IN 17 COMMUNITIES, SOME OF THE MOST REMOTE AND UNDERSERVED PARTS OF THE WORLD. THE AVERAGE ALTITUDE OF OUR PROJECT SITES IS 14,000 FEET. THE BRIDGE FUND WORKS IN THE HIGHEST AND MOST DIFFICULT PLACES ON THE PLATEAU WHERE NEEDS ARE GREATEST. TIBETAN NOMADIC COMMUNITIES ARE FACING GREAT CHANGES AND PRESSURES AND NEED SUPPORT TO ENSURE THAT THEY WILL NOT BE FURTHER MARGINALIZED.

**AN ESTIMATED 175,000 TIBETANS HAVE RECEIVED SUPPORT FROM THE BRIDGE FUND THROUGH OUR PROGRAMS SINCE 1996.**

**IN 2007, TBF HAS SUPPORTED 127 PROJECTS ON THE TIBETAN PLATEAU, WHICH HAVE DIRECTLY BENEFITED 62,911 TIBETANS.** (LISTED BELOW ARE A FEW OF OUR ONGOING INITIATIVES:)

- YAK, SHEEP AND GOAT TRUSTS AND LOANS FOR NOMADS TO REDUCE POVERTY AND CREATE COMMUNITY ASSETS
- MEDICAL TRAINING FOR DOCTORS, HEALTHCARE WORKERS AND MID-WIVES
- BUILDING SCHOOLS, LIBRARIES AND CLINICS TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO EDUCATION AND HEALTHCARE SERVICES FOR THE POOREST AND MOST REMOTE TIBETAN NOMAD COMMUNITIES
- RESTORING TEMPLES, HISTORIC HOUSES AND CULTURAL HERITAGE SITES
- PROTECTING TIBETAN WILDLIFE, INCLUDING SNOW LEOPARDS, WILD YAKS AND TIBETAN ANTELOPE, IN THE CHANGTANG THROUGH NATURE CONSERVATION TRAINING AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS
- SUPPORTING MULTI-YEAR TRAINING IN TOURISM MANAGEMENT AND SERVICES, COMPUTER AND ARTISAN TRAINING SKILLS, BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING FOR TIBETANS IN ALL AREAS OF THE PLATEAU.
- PROVIDING OVER 1,000 SCHOLARSHIPS PER YEAR TO TIBETAN STUDENTS FOR HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE, GRADUATE AND TECHNICAL STUDIES

**TBF PROGRAMS ARE BASED IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:**

LHASA CITY AND NAGCHU PREFECTURE  
GOLOK, YUSHU AND REGONG PREFECTURES  
ABA, GANZI AND DECHEN PREFECTURES

A TOTAL OF 104 PROJECTS HAVE BEEN SUPPORTED THROUGH THE TBF USAID GRANT PROGRAM. THIS PROGRAM IS DIRECTLY BENEFITING A TOTAL OF 29,735 TIBETANS. TBF ESTIMATES THAT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF TIBETANS BENEFITING FROM THE PROGRAM BY THE END OF 2007 MAY BE 40,000 OR HIGHER.

A TOTAL OF 10 PROJECTS HAVE BEEN SUPPORTED BY TBF IN 2007 THROUGH TBF'S NORWAY GRANT PROGRAM. TBF ESTIMATES THAT 7,776 TIBETANS BENEFIT FROM THIS PROGRAM

A TOTAL OF 2 PROJECTS HAVE BEEN SUPPORTED BY TBF'S DUTCH CULTURAL HERITAGE GRANT. AN ESTIMATED 25,000 PILGRIMS, TOURISTS AND LOCALS ARE BENEFITING FROM THESE PROJECTS.

THE ADOPT A YAK PROJECT SUPPORTED BY DUTCH INDIVIDUALS IS BENEFITING 200 TIBETAN CHILDREN.

THE LAMDRAK SCHOOL, THE KARIMA SCHOOL AND CO-FUNDING FOR THE ENGLISH TRAINING PROGRAM IN XINING WERE PROVIDED BY PRIVATE DONORS IN 2007. AN ESTIMATED 200 TIBETAN CHILDREN ARE BENEFITING FROM THIS SUPPORT.

## **TOTAL ESTIMATED TIBETAN BENEFICIARIES: 62,911**

INDIVIDUAL, FOUNDATION AND EUROPEAN DONORS HAVE CO-FUNDED CRITICAL ELEMENTS OF THE BRIDGE FUND'S PROGRAM MANAGEMENT COSTS AND FURTHER EXPANSION OF THE BRIDGE FUND.



**M. GARRY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND GREG KRUGLAK, BOARD CHAIR, TBF VISIT SCHOOL BUILT BY TBF FOR NOMAD CHILDREN IN REGONG**

## **SNAPSHOT OF THE WORK**

### **FIELD BASED TRAINING**

**TBF IS COMMITTED TO SUPPORTING THE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND CAPACITY BUILDING OF OUR STAFF AND PARTNERS**

### **ACTIVITIES**

COOPERATIVE AND MARKETING TRAINING FOR TBF PROJECT PARTNERS AND STAFF  
FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT TRAINING FOR BEIJING, CHENGDU, XINING AND LHASA OFFICES  
ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, MONITORING AND EVALUATION WORKSHOP  
2 BUDGETING AND PLANNING WORKSHOPS

### **PROGRAM ASSESSMENTS**

HEALTHCARE ASSESSMENT -2<sup>ND</sup> PHASE, WHICH COVERED NANGCHEN, YUSHU, GOLOK AND GANZI PREFECTURES-  
FRANCES HOWLAND  
CULTURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM ASSESSMENT AND DEVELOPMENT -MATTEO PISTONO  
NGO ASSESSMENT -SUPPORTED BY TBF WITH SNOWLAND SERVICE GROUP AND SAIS-JOHNS HOPKINS  
COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT-TRAINING OF STAFF AND PARTNERS BY COOPERATIVE SPECIALIST  
BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT -SANDER TIDEMAN-TBF NETHERLANDS CONDUCTED A SURVEY AND ASSESSMENT

## PROGRAMS BY SECTOR EDUCATION

**EDUCATION NEEDS ARE CRITICAL IN NOMAD AREAS. OVER 50% OF TBF'S FUNDING SUPPORTS EDUCATION PROGRAMS FROM KINDERGARTEN TO UNIVERSITY AND TECHNICAL TRAINING**



**TIBETAN STUDENTS AT ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING PROGRAM, XINING  
TBF SUPPORTS STUDENTS FROM ALL AREAS OF THE PLATEAU TO ATTEND THIS EXCELLENT 4 YEAR PROGRAM**

IN 2008 TBF WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT ACCESS TO EDUCATION IN TARGETED TIBETAN COMMUNITIES THROUGH A VARIETY OF INTERVENTIONS INCLUDING TEACHER TRAINING, SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION, COMPUTER CENTERS AND APPROPRIATE VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMS WHICH ARE INTEGRATED WITH AND REINFORCED BY OVERARCHING EDUCATION INITIATIVES, INCLUDING SCHOLARSHIPS, ENGLISH TRAINING PROGRAMS AND TIBETAN TEXT PUBLICATION.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 644 TIBETAN STUDENTS FROM ALL AREAS OF THE PLATEAU FOR HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE AND VOCATIONAL/TECH TRAINING

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS -21 SCHOOLS BENEFITING AN ESTIMATED 4235 TIBETAN CHILDREN

ENGLISH TRAINING PROGRAM -7 PROGRAMS SUPPORTED  
XINING, YUSHU, GOLOK, HUANGNAN, GANZI -325 TIBETAN STUDENTS

SUPPORT FOR BLIND SCHOOL IN LHASA -60 STUDENTS

SUPPORT FOR STUDENT INTERNSHIPS AND STIPENDS -5

### **HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAM**

TIBETAN MASTERS DEGREE PROGRAM AT AIT, BANGKOK -3 STUDENTS

USA-1 MASTER DEGREE STUDENT

TIBETAN COMPUTER CLASS -2

HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL MODEL TIBETAN CLASS -1

TIBETAN LANGUAGE BOOKS AND MATERIALS-4

- **TIBETAN PRIMARY SCHOOL MATHEMATICS**
- **CHANGTHANG FOLKTALES**
- **GESAR PICTORIAL BOOK**
- **TRADITIONAL TIBETAN CUSTOMS FOR STUDENTS**

## HEALTHCARE

HEALTHCARE IS A KEY PRIORITY FOR TIBETAN COMMUNITIES. THIS YEAR TBF SUPPORTED HEALTHCARE INITIATIVES IN TIBETAN COMMUNITIES THROUGH DOCTOR AND HEALTHCARE TRAINING PROGRAMS AND IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDING SAVE THE CHILDREN. TBF IS SUPPORTING A PROGRAM TO TRAIN HEALTHCARE WORKERS AND PROMOTE HEALTH AND HYGIENE PRACTICES IN THE TAR. AN ELEMENT OF THIS PROGRAM IS DEVOTED TO BUILDING AWARENESS ABOUT HIV/AIDS IN MORE RURAL TIBETAN COMMUNITIES IN SHIGATSE AND NAGCHU PREFECTURES OF THE TAR.



**KUNCHOK GELEK, LOBSANG TENZIN AND DR. BENJOR VISIT TBF SUPPORTED RED CROSS TIBETAN DOCTOR TRAINING IN ABA**

### **NAGCHU**

VILLAGE DOCTOR TRAINING PHASE III-TSONYI -53 DOCTORS TRAINED

BUILDING HEALTH TRAINING CAPACITY-27 DOCTORS

COMMUNITY HEALTH PROMOTION-500 PARTICIPANTS

HEALTH CAMP FOR NOMAD DOCTORS-53 NOMAD DOCTORS

BIRTH ATTENDANT TRAINING-7 TRAINEES

### **LHASA**

JOINT MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH PROGRAM WITH SAVE THE CHILDREN-1370 BENEFICIARIES

### **GOLOK**

NOMAD BIRTH ATTENDANT TRAINING PHASE III-25 WOMEN

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH TRAINING-2 TRAININGS FOR TRAINERS HELD IN GANZI AND GOLOK

### **YUSHU**

BOMBU CLINIC DOCTOR TRAINING – 50 TRAINEES

VILLAGE DOCTOR TRAINING -60 TRAINEES

HEALTH TRAINING CENTER IMPROVEMENT-79 TRAINEES

TRULSHIK CLINIC CONSTRUCTION-142

GEBCHAK CLINIC CONSTRUCTION-400 NUNS AND AN ESTIMATED 1,000 NOMADS

### **GANZI**

TIBETAN DOCTOR TRAINING -11 TRAINEES

#### **CLINIC IMPROVEMENT**

TROMTHAR -6,000 NUNS, MONKS AND PILGRIMS

GANZI PREFECTURE-300 VILLAGERS

### **ABA**

TIBETAN DOCTOR TRAINING PHASE I- 40 TIBETAN DOCTORS, INCLUDING 9 WOMEN AND 8 MONKS WITH THE RED CROSS

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

TBF WORKS WITH LOCAL COMMUNITIES TO SUPPORT THEIR DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES AND NEEDS. THIS PROGRAM IS PARTICIPATORY AND DELIVERS MEANINGFUL RESULTS THROUGH TRAINING, COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT, COMPETITIVE SMALL GRANTS PROGRAMS AND THE USE OF APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGIES.



**TIBETAN NOMAD CHILD IN CHANGTANG, NAGCHU**

## **NAGCHU**

NOMAD COMMUNITY WATER SUPPLY -889 NOMADS  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND-TSONYI AND NYIMA-1408 NOMADS  
ADVANCED NOMAD VETERINARY TRAINING-30 VETS  
HOUSEHOLD VETERINARY TRAINING-PHASE II-50 VETS  
VILLAGE VETERINARY TRAINING MANUAL  
GOAT LOAN PROGRAM PHASE III -70 POOR NOMAD HOMES

## **SHIGATSE**

PHALA TOWNSHIP SHEEP MICRO LENDING PROGRAM –SHEEP AND NOMAD HOUSEHOLD COUNT TO BE DONE

## **YUSHU**

NOMAD COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT-UNDER REGISTRATION

## **GOLOK**

NOMAD COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT-340 NOMADS  
THE COOPERATIVE WAS ESTABLISHED IN SUMMER 2007 AND HAS ALREADY SOLD CHEESE, BUTTER AND HERBS TO  
MARKETS OUTSIDE THE REGION

## **SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM**

\$150,000 IN GRANT FUNDING WAS ALLOCATED FOR A COMPETITIVE GRANTS PROGRAM TO SUPPORT LOCAL PROJECTS  
AND ORGANIZATIONS IN ALL AREAS OF THE TIBETAN PLATEAU. ALL APPLICANTS SUBMITTED PROPOSALS, WHICH WERE  
REVIEWED AND SELECTED BY A PROFESSIONAL PANEL.

## **LOCAL NGO DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING**

TBF ASSIST LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS WITH SUPPORT GRANTS, INSTITUTIONAL BUILDING  
AND PROJECT FUNDS

## **ENVIRONMENT**

THE CHANGTHANG IS THE 2<sup>ND</sup> LARGEST NATURE RESERVE IN THE WORLD  
TBF IS TRAINING A TOTAL OF 5429 NATURE GUARDS AND NOMADS IN THE CHANGTHANG TO PROTECT WILDLIFE  
INCLUDING SNOW LEOPARDS, WILD YAK, TIBETAN ANTELOPE, TIBETAN BROWN BEAR AND OTHER ENDANGERED  
SPECIES. EFFORTS ARE ALSO BEING MADE TO SUPPORT CONSERVATION AND PROTECTION OF WATER RESOURCES IN  
OTHER AREAS OF THE PLATEAU.



**TIBETAN WOLF ON THE CHANGTANG**

CHANGTHANG CONSERVATION AWARENESS PROJECT PHASE I  
CHANGTHANG CONSERVATION AWARENESS PROJECT PHASE II  
CHANGTHANG CONSERVATION PROJECT  
CHANGTHANG NATURE RESERVE MANAGEMENT TRAINING, PHASE IV  
CHANGTHANG PROGRAM WITH WORLD WILDLIFE FUND  
**PROGRAMS BENEFITING 5429 NATURE GUARDS AND NOMADS**

## **CULTURAL HERITAGE PRESERVATION**

TBF FOCUSES ON CULTURAL CENTERED DEVELOPMENT IN AN EFFORT TO SUPPORT PRESERVATION AND PROTECTION OF TIBETAN CULTURAL HERITAGE. TBF RESTORES AND PROTECTS SACRED SITES, PROTECTS ENDANGERED TEXTS AND TRADITIONS AND PROMOTES THE USE OF TIBETAN LANGUAGE



**TIBETAN NUNS AT TABA LING NUNNERY. TBF HAS SUPPORTED THE RESTORATION OF THIS NUNNERY WITH CHINA EXPLORATION RESEARCH SOCIETY**

### **REGONG**

VILLAGE SHRINE PROJECT- 1,200 VILLAGERS AND PILGRIMS  
ACHUNG NAMZONG RESTORATION AND IMPROVEMENT-200 NUNS  
BUMKHANG-UNDERWAY-350 COMMUNITY MEMBERS

### **GANZI**

DEGOMPO TEMPLE ROOF RESTORATION-10,000 LOCALS, VILLAGERS AND PILGRIMS  
DEGE PARKHANG –WOOD BLOCK AND STRUCTURAL PRESERVATION-15,000 LOCALS, VILLAGERS, PILGRIMS AND TOURISTS

### **DECHEN**

MURAL RESTORATION PROJECT, TABA LING NUNNERY-120 NUNS

### **TIBETAN COMPUTING PROGRAM-RESULTS TO BE DETERMINED**

PRESERVING ENDANGERED TIBETAN MUSIC-10 STUDENTS AND MANY TIBETAN VILLAGERS AND NOMADS

### **BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND SKILLS TRAINING**

#### **LHASA**

VOCATIONAL SKILL TRAINING FOR UNEMPLOYED YOUTH-15 TRAINEES  
SMALL LOCAL ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT-15 TRAINEES  
ADVANCED TIBETAN CHEF TRAINING –PHASE II-18 TIBETAN CHEFS

#### **NAGCHU**

VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTER DEVELOPMENT-TRAINING TRAINERS- 10

#### **REGONG**

ARTISAN SKILLS TRAINING PROGRAM PHASE III -20 ARTISANS  
TIBETAN CHEF AND SKILLS TRAINING PROGRAM-45 TRAINEES

#### **GOLOK**

REGONG ARTS SKILLS TRAINING PROGRAM PHASE I-30

#### **YUSHU**

HANDICRAFT SKILLS DEVELOPMENT -20 TRAINEES  
MOTORCYCLE MAINTENANCE TRAINING -18 TRAINEES  
ECO-TOURISM DEVELOPMENT-100 TRAINEES  
DIARY PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT

## **GANZI**

VOCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS CAPACITY BUILDING –DZONGSAR-36  
TOURISM SKILLS JOB TRAINING PHASE I-30 TRAINEES  
KHAM ARTISAN SKILLS TRAINING PROGRAM-118 TRAINEES  
DZONGSAR WOMEN WEAVERS TRAINING-27 WOMEN

## **CHENGDU**

MBA TIBETAN CLASS-1 YEAR PROGRAM-17 STUDENTS

START YOUR BUSINESS BOOKS IN TIBETAN-  
COOPERATIVE RESEARCH MARKETING AND BUSINESS PLAN DEVELOPMENT-240 NOMADS  
TOURISM MANAGEMENT TRAINING PROGRAM PLANNING IN YUSHU-  
MARKETING TRAINING FOR TIBETANS –FAIR HELD IN CHENGDU  
MARKETING TRAINING IN TAR

## **PROJECT PROFILES**

### **TIBETAN YOUTH, INCLUDING GIRLS, TRAIN TO BECOME THANKA PAINTERS (TRADITIONAL TIBETAN BUDDHIST ART) AT TBF'S VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM IN LHASA**

TBF STARTED THIS PROGRAM IN 2005 TO PROVIDE MARKETABLE ARTISAN SKILLS FOR UNEMPLOYED TIBETAN YOUTH FROM NAGCHU AND AREAS AROUND LHASA. TRADITIONALLY ONLY BOYS TRAINED AS THANKA PAINTERS. THIS PROGRAM IS TRAINING TIBETAN GIRLS IN THIS UNIQUE ARTISTIC TRADITION. THIS PROGRAM IS CO-FUNDED BY A LOCAL TIBETAN BUSINESSMAN. CURRENTLY 17 TIBETAN YOUTH ARE TRAINED AT THIS PROGRAM BY TWO TIBETAN PAINTING MASTERS. A SUCCESSFUL RETAIL OUTLET IS ATTACHED TO THE WORKSHOP.



PEYANG SHARLO, DR. BENJOR VISIT TBF TRAINING PROGRAM

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PURCHASING A THANKA FROM THE TRAINING CENTER PLEASE CONTACT TBF AT THE FOLLOWING LINK: [INFO@BRIDGEFUND.ORG](mailto:INFO@BRIDGEFUND.ORG)**

### **GOLOK NOMAD COOPERATIVE –MARKET POWER AND CREDIT FOR NOMADS**

A COOPERATIVE WAS FORMED IN AUGUST 2007 NAMED THE GREAT BEND OF THE YELLOW RIVER. IT IS NOW LEGALLY REGISTERED. THERE ARE 340 TIBETAN NOMAD MEMBERS. TO DATE THE GROUP HAS SOLD TRADITIONAL TIBETAN DRY CHEESE (CHURA), URSU GUMBU (CATERPILLAR FUNGUS) AND BUTTER TO MARKETS OUTSIDE OF GOLOK PREFECTURE. A GROUP OF FIVE COOPERATIVE MEMBERS PARTICIPATED IN A MARKETING AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT TRAINING IN QINGHAI AND GANSU DURING WHICH MARKET OPPORTUNITIES AND LINKAGES WERE MADE.

THE SECOND COOPERATIVE WAS ESTABLISHED IN YUSHU IN OCTOBER 2007. THIS PROJECT STANDS TO BENEFIT NOMAD COMMUNITIES BY ADDING VALUE TO NOMAD PRODUCTS AND INCREASING THEIR MARKETING POWER AND RANGE.

### **TROMTHAR CLINIC**

IMPROVING HEALTHCARE FOR NUNS, MONKS, PILGRIMS AND NOMADS

TBF PROVIDED A GRANT TO TRAIN THE TIBETAN MONK DOCTORS AT THIS CLINIC, WHICH PROVIDES HEALTHCARE SERVICES FOR AN ESTIMATED 6,000, INCLUDING MONKS, NUNS, PILGRIMS AND LOCALS IN THE TROMTHAR REGION. THIS IS THE FIRST GRANT AND FOLLOW ON SUPPORT WILL BE PROVIDED TO IMPROVE THE FACILITY AND QUALITY OF CARE.

### **TIBETAN CHEF TRAINING –PRACTICAL SKILLS FOR AN EMERGING MARKET**

TBF IS SUPPORTING TIBETAN CHEF TRAINING CLASSES IN LHASA, REGONG AND GANZI. THE DEMAND FOR THE SKILLS IS HIGH AND THE TRAININGS HAVE IMPROVED INCOME GENERATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR TIBETAN COOKS. ONE OF THE TRAINEES IN LHASA HAS ESTABLISHED HIS OWN RESTAURANT, WHICH IS DOING WELL IN ITS FIRST YEAR OF BUSINESS. AN INVESTMENT OF \$25,000 PROVIDES TRAINING TO 32 TIBETAN CHEFS FOR 10 MONTHS. TBF STAFF HAS ALL TESTED THE TRAINING PROGRAM AND UNANIMOUSLY AGREE THAT IT IS ACHIEVING GOOD RESULTS!

### **TIBETAN MBA PROGRAM**

A TOTAL OF 17 STUDENTS ARE STUDYING FOR ONE YEAR IN CHENGDU TO GAIN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION SKILLS. THE COURSE IS TAILORED FOR TIBETANS AND MATERIALS ARE PROVIDED IN BOTH TIBETAN AND CHINESE. A TRADE FAIR FOR TIBETAN PRODUCTS WAS RECENTLY ORGANIZED IN CHENGDU BY THE STUDENTS FOR TIBETAN ENTREPRENEURS.

### **SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM-BRIDGING THE GAP**

TBF SUPPORTS STUDENTS (PRIMARILY GRADE 9-12) THE GAP YEARS. EDUCATION IS COMPULSORY THROUGH 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE. WITHOUT SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT MANY TIBETAN STUDENTS WOULD NOT MAKE IT BEYOND GRADE 9 AND FACE LIMITED OPPORTUNITIES. TO DATE TBF HAS PROVIDED 644 SCHOLARSHIPS TO TIBETAN STUDENTS. THE PROGRAM WILL EXPAND IN 2008. TBF ALSO PROVIDES FULL SCHOLARSHIPS TO ALL OF THE TIBETAN STUDENTS SELECTED FOR COMPUTER TRAINING, ENGLISH TRAINING, TOURISM SKILLS TRAINING AND ARTISAN SKILLS TRAINING.

ENGLISH TRAINING PROGRAM STUDENT TOTAL	325 STUDENTS
COMPUTER SKILLS TRAINING TOTAL	90 STUDENTS
ARTISAN SKILLS TRAINING	195 ARTISANS
CHEF TRAINING	73 CHEFS
TOURISM SKILLS TRAINING	30 TRAINEES

### **TOTAL: 1327 SCHOLARSHIPS**

### **VILLAGE DOCTOR TRAINING AND BIRTH ATTENDANT TRAININGS**

TBF IS SUPPORTING DOCTOR TRAINING AND BIRTH ATTENDANT TRAINING IN RESPONSE TO CRITICAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS IN TIBETAN NOMADIC COMMUNITIES. MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH.

TBF HAS TRAINED	245 DOCTORS
TBF HAS TRAINED	32 BIRTH ATTENDANTS
MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH, HIV/AIDS PREVENTION AND HEALTH PROMOTION	1370 BENEFICIARIES

### **TOTAL 1647 HEALTH CARE WORKERS TRAINED**

### **GIRLS LEARNING AND THRIVING IN KHAM**

FUNDING FOR THIS SCHOOL WAS FIRST PROVIDED BY NET AID AND PRIVATE DONORS, INCLUDING AMERICAN HIMALAYAN FOUNDATION AND THE FELICITAS FOUNDATION. THE RESULTS FROM THE SUPPORT OF THIS SCHOOL ARE SIMPLY AMAZING. WHEN TBF STARTED WORKING ON THIS PROJECT, THE LAMDRAK SCHOOL WAS LITERALLY A TWO-ROOM SCHOOL HOUSE WITH A VERY BASIC DORM AND KITCHEN. NOW OVER 62 GIRLS ARE ENROLLED. THEY HAVE A NEW CAFETERIA, COMFORTABLE, WARM DORMITORIES AND CLASSROOMS IN A BEAUTIFUL TIBETAN HOME. THE TEACHERS ARE ALL TIBETAN AND PROMOTE AND VALUE TIBETAN CULTURE. THE PROJECT IS MANAGED AND CO-FUNDED BY A TIBETAN FAMILY.

SINCE 2005 GREG JACOBSON, TBF BOARD DIRECTOR, AND GRANT COUCH AND LOUISE PEARSON, AND THE KL FELICITAS FOUNDATION HAVE GENEROUSLY SUPPORTED THE LAMDRAK GIRLS SCHOOL. THIS SUPPORT ENABLES GIRLS FROM THE POOREST AREAS OF GANZI COUNTY TO GO TO A PRIVATE SCHOOL WHERE THEY LEARN IN TIBETAN MEDIUM. THEY STUDY CHINESE AND WILL SOON BE LEARNING ENGLISH. ALL OF THEIR MEALS, CLOTHES, SUPPLIES ARE TAKEN CARE OF. TUITION FOR TIBETAN STUDENTS IS FREE THROUGH GRADE 9, HOWEVER, MANY STUDENTS LACK FUNDS FOR BUS FARE, FOOD AND BASIC SUPPLIES. KL FELICITAS FOUNDATION PROVIDED FUNDS TO BUILD A GREENHOUSE FOR THE GIRLS TO IMPROVE THEIR NUTRITION THROUGH A SUSTAINABLE SOURCE OF HEALTHY FOOD.

### **RESTORATION OF A TIBETAN NUNNERY IN SHANGRI LA**

TBF IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CHINA EXPLORATION AND RESEARCH SOCIETY (CERS) HAS COMPLETED THE RENOVATION OF 4 BUILDINGS AT THE TABA LING NUNNERY. IN 2007 TBF SUPPORTED THE RESTORATION OF THE MAIN HALL AND RESTORATION OF THE FRESCOS IN THE MAIN TEMPLE, WHICH DATES TO THE 17<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY. THIS IS THE ONLY REMAINING NUNNERY IN DECHEN PREFECTURE. 120 NUNS BENEFIT DIRECTLY FROM THIS INITIATIVE.

### **HORSHE NURSERY 5 YEARS LATER**

IN 2000 AND 2001 TBF SUPPORTED THE CONSTRUCTION OF A GREENHOUSE AND DEVELOPMENT OF SEEDLING BEDS FOR THE HORSHE NURSERY IN SERTHAR COUNTY IN RESPONSE TO REQUESTS FOR REFORESTATION SUPPORT. TBF CONDUCTED AN UNANNOUNCED SITE VISIT IN AUGUST TO SEE HOW THE PROJECT WAS DOING. WE WERE PLEASED TO NOTE THAT BOTH THE GREENHOUSE AND TWO LARGE SEEDLING BEDS FOR CONIFER TREES ARE FULLY FUNCTIONING AND WELL TENDED. THE GREENHOUSE MANAGER ESTIMATES THAT OVER 1,000,000 MILLION SEEDLINGS HAVE BEEN GROWN AT THE NURSERY AND PLANTED ON MOUNTAINSIDES IN SERTHAR COUNTY. TBF IS VERY PLEASED WE WERE ABLE TO MAKE THIS CONTRIBUTION TO IMPROVING THE ENVIRONMENT AND PREVENTING FURTHER EROSION IN THIS BEAUTIFUL COUNTY.



**M. GARRY AND SONAM WONJAL VISIT TBF PROJECT SITE IN HORSHE**

### **OTHER UNANNOUNCED SITE VISITS:**

LIBRARY IN GOLOK –THIS LIBRARY PROJECTS IS WELL MAINTAINED AND BEING USED BY THE CHILDREN.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND PRIMARY SCHOOL IN GOLOK –EXCELLENT PROJECT WITH LOW BUDGET THAT PROVIDES PRACTICAL TRAINING TO LOCALS.

LAMDRAK SCHOOL –SCHOOL FOR THE POOREST TIBETAN GIRL CHILDREN IN GANZI

TADZE SCHOOL-VASTLY IMPROVED.

### **NEWS FROM THE FIELD**

#### **TBF'S TIBETAN DIRECTORS**

##### **VISIT ABA, GANZI, YUSHU, GOLOK PROJECT SITES**

DR. BENJOR, TBF DEPUTY PROGRAM DIRECTOR, LOBSANG TENZIN, TBF DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS AND KUNCHOK GELEK, TBF DIRECTOR OF SICHUAN AND YUNNAN PROGRAM, CONDUCTED A 6 WEEK FIELD TRIP TO INSPECT AND REVIEW PROJECTS, WORK WITH TBF STAFF ON ALL REGIONS TO DEVELOP NEW INITIATIVES AND MEET WITH LOCAL PARTNERS AND OFFICIALS. OUR TIBETAN DIRECTORS ARE FLUENT IN TIBETAN, CHINESE AND ENGLISH AND AMONG THEM ALSO SPEAK MAIN DIALECTS AND TIBETAN NOMAD DIALECT-DROKE. THEY ARE HIGHLY EFFECTIVE AT WORKING WITH LOCAL PEOPLE IN A RANGE OF CONDITIONS ACROSS THE PLATEAU. TBF STAFF ARE ACCOMPLISHED, MOTIVATED AND DEDICATED PROFESSIONALS WHO ARE REALLY MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THEIR COMMUNITIES.

#### **CHINA CHARITY FEDERATION, BEIJING VISITS TBF PROJECT SITES**

TBF HOSTS VISIT BY CHINA CHARITY FEDERATION TO PROJECT SITES IN GANZI PREFECTURE

SAILHAMO SAMANG AND LOBSANG TENSING ARRANGED PROJECT SITE VISITS AND MEETINGS FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT, FINANCIAL DIRECTOR AND COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR OF CHINA CHARITY FEDERATION TO CHENGDU AND DARTSEDO, SICHUAN PROVINCE. CHINA CHARITY FEDERATION IS A PARTNER OF TBF.

#### **TBF DIRECTORS MEETING IN GOLOK**

ALL OF TBF'S TIBETAN STAFF IS NOW INVOLVED IN BUDGETING, PLANNING AND TRAINING SESSIONS TO BUILD OUR OWN CAPACITY AND A STRONG KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL BASE THROUGHOUT THE ORGANIZATION. OUR STAFF IS LEARNING EVERYTHING FROM GRANT MAKING PROCEDURES, BASIC FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND BUDGETING, GOVERNANCE AND DONOR RELATIONS TO BEST PRACTICES IN THE FIELD OF INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT. THE BRIDGE FUND TIBETAN STAFF AND PROJECT PARTNERS ARE TEAMED UP WITH TIBETAN, CHINESE AND WESTERN EXPERTS IN THE HEALTH, EDUCATION, ENVIRONMENT, CULTURAL HERITAGE PRESERVATION, EVALUATION AND COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT SECTORS. THIS RAISES THEIR LEVEL OF KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING AND HELPS THEM DEVELOP AND DELIVER HIGHER QUALITY PROGRAMMING TO THE TIBETAN COMMUNITIES WE SERVE.

## **TBF TRACKS BENEFICIARY DATA**

TBF COLLECTS DATA AND INFORMATION ON HOW TIBETANS ARE BENEFITING FROM OUR WORK AND WHO BENEFITS FROM TBF PROJECTS. TBF'S USAID PROGRAM HAS BROUGHT DIRECT BENEFITS TO OVER 29,735 TIBETANS. TBF PROJECTS THAT THROUGH ALL OF OUR PROGRAM WORK AND PARTNERS SINCE 1996, WE HAVE IMPACTED OVER 175,000 TIBETANS. TBF COLLECTS DATA ON THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE DIRECTLY BENEFITING FROM OUR PROGRAM, INCLUDING THE NUMBER OF WOMAN AND GIRL CHILDREN, THE NUMBER OF MEN AND BOYS, THE NUMBER OF SCHOOLS, LIBRARIES, CLINICS AND CENTERS BUILT OR IMPROVED, THE NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS BENEFITING FROM LIVESTOCK LOANS, COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT, THE NUMBER OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND VOCATIONAL TRAINEES AND THE NUMBER OF FREE BOOKS AND DVDS DISTRIBUTED TO TIBETAN STUDENTS, TEACHERS AND LIBRARIES.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FIELD WORK AND VISITS**

MONICA GARRY, ED VISITED THE REGION AND WORKED IN ALL OF THE TBF OFFICES WITH STAFF, VISITED PROJECT SITES AND MET WITH MANY OF TBF'S PROJECT PARTNERS FROM MARCH THROUGH JUNE FOR VISITS TO LHASA, CHENGDU, XINING AND WORKED WITH TBF STAFF IN THE FIELD IN GOLOK AND GANZI IN JULY AND AUGUST. IN OCTOBER THE ED JOINED OUR NEW PROGRAM DIRECTOR AND ALL REGIONAL FIELD DIRECTORS IN CHENGDU TO CONDUCT PLANNING AND BUDGETING FOR 2008. OVER 5,000 KILOMETERS OF ROAD AND OFF ROAD WAS TRAVELED TO REVIEW PROJECTS, WORK WITH STAFF AND MEET WITH PROJECT PARTNERS. PROJECTS FUNDED IN PAST YEARS WERE VISITED UNANNOUNCED TO SEE IF THEY WERE STILL FUNCTIONING AND PROVIDING BENEFITS TO LOCAL COMMUNITIES.

## **STAFF NEWS**

THE BRIDGE FUND WELCOMES BILL BLEISCH TO OUR TEAM AS THE BRIDGE FUND'S DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMS. BILL BRINGS VAST EXPERIENCE TO OUR TEAM. HE HAS WORKED IN CHINA FOR OVER TWENTY YEARS IN THE FIELDS OF DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT. BILL HOLDS DEGREES FROM HARVARD UNIVERSITY, AND HAS WORKED FOR FLORA FAUNA INTERNATIONAL, CERS, THE WORLD BANK, THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK ON DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMS IN CHINA. HE HAS TRAVELED AND WORKED IN ALL TIBETAN AREAS.

DR. BENJOR HAS BEEN PROMOTED TO DEPUTY PROGRAM DIRECTOR. HE WORKS CLOSELY WITH THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR, THE ED AND THE REGIONAL FIELD DIRECTORS ON IMPLEMENTING AND MANAGING THE TBF PROGRAM. DR BEN FREQUENTLY TRAVELS TO REGIONAL OFFICES AND VISITING PROJECT SITES. HE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PROGRAM MANAGEMENT, IMPLEMENTATION AND REPORTING WITH THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR. THIS ALSO INCLUDES TRACKING BENEFICIARY DATA ON TBF SUPPORTED PROJECTS. HE ALSO WORKS WITH THE STAFF ON THEIR REGIONAL STRATEGIC PLANS.

PEYANG SHARLO HAS BEEN PROMOTED TO DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES. PREVIOUSLY PEYANG MANAGED OPERATIONS FOR BEIJING IN ADDITION TO HANDLING A LARGE PROGRAM PORTFOLIO. SHE MOVED BACK TO HER HOMETOWN OF LHASA TO WORK IN OUR LHASA OFFICE. SHE BRINGS A GREAT DEAL OF EXPERIENCE TO THIS POSITION AS ONE OF THE FIRST TBF REGIONAL STAFF AND A FOUNDING MEMBER OF TBF. PEYANG CONTINUES TO ALSO OVERSEE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL NGO PROJECTS IN THE TAR.

LOBSANG TENZIN HAS BEEN PROMOTED TO DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS. HE OVERSEES TBF'S ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT IN OUR BEIJING, CHINA OFFICE. HE ALSO MANAGES AND OVERSEES TBF'S PUBLICATION PROGRAMS AND ASSISTS WITH HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAMS.

DHONDRUP LHAGYAL HAS BEEN PROMOTED TO TBF'S REGIONAL FIELD DIRECTOR FOR THE TAR. DHONDRUP IS ONE OF THE MOST EXPERIENCED DEVELOPMENT PROFESSIONALS WORKING IN TIBETAN NOMADIC REGIONS. HE HAS EXCEPTIONAL SKILLS FOR WORKING WITH COMMUNITIES ON LOCALLY DRIVEN SOLUTIONS FOR HEALTHCARE, EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT ISSUES.

SONAM WONJAL HAS JOINED THE TBF STAFF AS A PROGRAM OFFICER FOR GANZI PREFECTURE AND CULTURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM COORDINATOR. SONAM GRADUATED FROM THE QINGHAI NATIONALITIES UNIVERSITY IN XINING AND ON HIS OWN RAISED FUNDS FOR 10 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS SUPPORTED BY THE BRITISH, GERMAN AND DUTCH EMBASSIES IN BEIJING. HE IS TRILINGUAL AND HAS EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE WORKING IN THE KHAM AREA AND IN THE FIELD OF CULTURAL HERITAGE PRESERVATION.

LOBSANG CHOPHEL HAS JOINED TBF'S PROGRAM FOR GANZI, ABA AND DECHEN PREFECTURES. LOBSANG IS A TRILINGUAL TIBETAN WHO GRADUATED FROM THE ENGLISH TRAINING PROGRAM AT QINGHAI NATIONALITIES UNIVERSITY IN XINING. LOBSANG

DECHEN LHAZE HAS BEEN PROMOTED TO PROGRAM OFFICER FOR GANZI, ABA PREFECTURE AND DECHEN PREFECTURES. DECHEN IS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR TBF'S SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM AND CONDUCTS OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATION FOR THE CHENGDU OFFICE. DECHEN IS TRILINGUAL. SHE RECENTLY COMPLETED HER MASTER'S DEGREE.

#### KARMA

KARMA IS A TRILINGUAL TIBETAN FROM YUSHU. PROGRAM ASSOCIATE IN YUSHU. KARMA PREVIOUSLY WORKED FOR FLORA AND FAUNA INTERNATIONAL (FFI) IN YUSHU AND GANZI. HE IS A GRADUATE OF THE QINGHAI NATIONALITIES UNIVERSITY AND HAS EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE WORKING WITH COMMUNITY BASED DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.

#### YULHA

YULHA A TRILINGUAL TIBETAN FROM GOLOK HAS JOINED TBF. HE IS A PROGRAM ASSOCIATE FOR THE GOLOK PROGRAM. YULHA GRADUATED FROM THE XINING ENGLISH TRAINING PROGRAM AND HAS EXPERIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE OF NOMADIC COMMUNITIES.

CLARA GAO IS TBF'S FINANCIAL MANAGER IN CHINA. CLARA JOINED OUR TEAM IN 2006 AND HAS BEEN A TREMENDOUS MEMBER OF THE TEAM MANAGING AND OVERSEEING FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS FOR TBF.

OUR TEAM IS GROWING AND TAKING ON MORE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DAY TO DAY MANAGEMENT OF THE PROGRAM. TBF INTERNATIONAL HAS TWO STAFF THAT HANDLE MANAGEMENT, FUNDRAISING, PROMOTION, OUTREACH AND ADMINISTRATION FOR TBF. WE HAVE ONE STAFF IN EUROPE AND WILL EXPAND OUR OUTREACH THERE IN THE UPCOMING YEAR.

LOBSANG TSHERING WORKS FOR TBF INTERNATIONAL IN OUR DC AREA OFFICE TO ASSIST THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

## **DONOR VISITS**

### **USAID**

A USAID DELEGATION FROM THE ASIA REGIONAL MISSION IN BANGKOK CONDUCTED A 10-DAY SITE VISIT TO LHASA AND NAGCHU PREFECTURE. THEY VISITED THE TBF OFFICE IN LHASA AND TRAVELED WITH TBF STAFF TO REMOTE AREAS OF NAGCHU PREFECTURE TO VISIT PROJECT SITES. THE US CONSUL GENERAL AND CONSUL ALSO ACCOMPANIED THE TRIP. USAID PROVIDES GENEROUS SUPPORT FOR THE BRIDGE FUND AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.



**JIM BOUGHNER, US CONSUL GENERAL, CHENGDU, KATE POGRONIS, CONSUL, MICHAEL STIEVATER AND SARA WALTERS, USAID WITH TBF STAFF AND PARTNERS.**

## **ROYAL NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT**

A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE EMBASSY OF NORWAY VISITED TBF'S OFFICE IN CHENGDU TO MEET WITH TBF STAFF AND LEARN MORE ABOUT PROJECTS FUNDED BY NORWAY. THE REPRESENTATIVE WAS ALSO ABLE TO VISIT TBF PROJECT SITES IN DARTSEDO, GANZI PREFECTURE.



**KUNCHOK GELEK AND SAILHAMO SAMANG BRIEF JO INGE BEKKVOLD 1ST SECRETARY, EMBASSY OF NORWAY, BEIJING**

## **NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT**

TBF LHASA STAFF MET WITH THE DUTCH AMBASSADOR AND FIRST SECRETARY DURING THEIR VISIT TO LHASA DURING JULY 2007 AND AT MEETINGS IN BEIJING FOR TBF'S CULTURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM.

## **TBF BOARD DIRECTORS VISIT PROJECT SITES AND OFFICES**

FIVE MEMBERS OF THE BRIDGE FUND BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE VISITED TBF PROJECT SITES IN REGONG, YUSHU, GANZI AND DECHEN FROM MID 2006 THROUGH MID 2007. TBF ALSO HELD A BOARD SESSION WITH ALL OF OUR STAFF IN BEIJING. THE BRIDGE FUND'S BOARD TREASURER CONDUCTED A FINANCIAL REVIEW AND TRAINING SESSION IN BEIJING.

## **TBF ADMINISTRATION NEWS**

TBF –THE US REGISTERED ENTITY PASSED ITS 5-YEAR ADVANCE RULING PERIOD AND REMAINS CLASSIFIED AS A 501 C 3 AND REGISTERED AS A PUBLIC CHARITY. TBF ENGAGES RPA FOR FIDUCIARY MANAGEMENT.

THE BRIDGE FUND'S A-133 AUDIT FOR 2006 IS COMPLETE AND FINE. THIS AUDIT IS SPECIFICALLY FOR TBF'S USAID GRANT AWARD. TBF IS NOW RATED AS A LOW RISK AUDITEE. WE ARE VERY PLEASED TO HAVE THIS DESIGNATION. TBF CONDUCTS ANNUAL AUDITS, INCLUDING AN AUDIT OF ALL OUR PROJECTS AND OFFICES IN CHINA. THIS IS TIME CONSUMING AND EXPENSIVE BUT ESSENTIAL. THE BRIDGE FUND'S NORWAY GRANT FINANCIAL AUDIT REPORT FOR 2006 AND 2007 IS COMPLETE AND FINE. COPIES OF BOTH OF THESE FINANCIAL REPORTS ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.

## **FUNDING**

TBF RECEIVES FUNDING FROM USAID, THE ROYAL NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE NETHERLANDS, THE GOVERNMENT OF FRANCE AND INDIVIDUAL DONORS AND FOUNDATIONS. OVER 85% OF OUR FUNDS GO DIRECTLY TO PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS ON THE TIBETAN PLATEAU.

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TIBETAN NOMAD CULTURE IN DZONGSAR

**THANK YOU AND TASHI DELEK FROM EVERYONE AT THE BRIDGE FUND!**

**THE BRIDGE FUND**  
**STATEMENTS CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED AND GRANTS DISBURSEMENTS**  
**FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2007 and YEARS ENDED 2006 and 2005**  
**(UNAUDITED)**

	Nine months 2007		For the Year ended 2006		For the Year ended 2005
<b>REVENUE</b>					
Contributions	2,708,929	1	3,496,683		2,706,877
Other Income/(Expenses)	(2,448)	2,4,5,6	(21,116)		(316)
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<u>2,706,481</u>		<u>3,475,567</u>		<u>2,706,561</u>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>					
Grants Disbursed	2,328,306	3	2,403,335		1,912,721
Program Services	4,000		296,024		145,335
Tibetan Programs	50,000		201,058		357,587
Training and Evaluation	106,778		218,911		145,666
Management and General Expenses	13		24,421		6,999
Fiduciary Assessments	117,872		252,733		185,870
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<u>2,606,969</u>		<u>3,396,482</u>		<u>2,754,178</u>
<b>Net Revenues over Disbursements</b>	<u>99,512</u>		<u>79,085</u>		<u>-47,617</u>

**Notes:**

- 1 The consolidation information has been sourced from the quarterly and annual reports received from RPA, received from TBF Netherlands and received from China for grants.
- 2 Netherlands Fund Adopt a Yak contribution of \$29,200 due before year end 2007. Financial statement information to be received by year end.
- 3 Norway Fund receive and disburse \$347,543 on or before year end 2007.
- 4 Private donations of \$100,000 are anticipated by year end 2007.
- 5 TBF will draw down an estimated \$500,000 from its USAID line of credit (LOC) by year end.
- 6 The Bridge Fund Netherlands financials are due to be reported by year end.