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VISION

A Gender - Based Violence Free Happy Society



MISSION

To better the lives of survivors of Gender-Based Violence and reintegrate them as economically and socially productively members of the society

Message

From Executive Director



Tandin Wangmo
Executive Director

Kuzuzangpo la!

2017 was a very eventful and a particularly fruitful year for us here at RENEW.

2017 began very eventfully with the Film Festival for the Young People as a kick-start event to mark the International Women’s Day. About 8 short films were selected to enter the film festival under the three themes of:

1. Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights
2. Gender Equality
3. Women Empowerment

The winning film makers were awarded cash prizes during the International Women’s Day celebrations on 8th March at Terma Linca which was graced by our beloved President Gyalyum Sangay Choden Wangchuck.

The High Level Advocacy on “Priority Public Health and Social Issues” led by our President, which began in 2016 continued on in the 14 Dzongkhags and met about 37,292 students, teachers, civil servants, businessmen, public from the gewogs and people from vulnerable groups. Among many other issues, the advocacy focused on the growing social concerns of suicide, teenage pregnancy, substance abuse, life-style diseases, HIV/AIDs and Domestic Violence. By the end of the tour of the 20 Dzongkhags, voluntary networks of MSTF-CBSS was strengthened with proper M&E mechanisms in place supported from MoH and the 20 Dzongdags.

The expansion of DAISAN network was completed in 20 Dzongkhags following the High Level Advocacy,

and the Child Protection Capacity was enhanced among the CBSS Volunteers.

A major achievement was the publication of a booklet on “Dissemination of Social Messages in Local and National Festivals” in collaboration with Dratshang Lhentshog and RAPA. Henceforth, most mask dances in the Tshechus will be explained with some relevant social messages. The book was launched by His Holiness the 70th Je Khenpo Trulku Jigme Choedra at the Buddha Point on 6th October, 2017.

The first batch of 147 counselors from across the country was certified by RENEW-BBCC supported by NBCC. This begins the journey of the counselors as recognized professionals in Bhutan.

A day that will be marked in the history of RENEW was the International Day for Elimination of Violence Against Women-25th Nov. 2017 when those volunteers who served for more than 10 years were awarded recognition and appreciation certificates. The first exhibition on products from recycled paper and textile at the event was graced by the Australian High Commissioner HE Harinder Kaur Sidhu.

As a recommendation from the 3 day National Symposium in 2016, work began in 2017 on the Consensus Building Initiative in collaboration with the JSW School of Law and BNLI.

All in all, it has been a year when volunteerism was strengthened, new networks forged and new roads paved for the future.
Happy Reading!!!

Tandin Wangmo



BHUTAN CELEBRATES

International Women's Day

with the global theme

“Women in the Changing World of Work: Planet 50-50 by 2030”

This year's International Women's Day was jointly organized by National Commission for Women and Children (NCWC), Bhutan Network for Empowerment of Women (BNEW) and RENEW with the global theme “**Women in the Changing World of Work: Planet 50-50 by 2030**” on 8th March. The inaugural Ceremony was graced by Her Majesty Gyalyum Sangay Choden Wangchuck, the Founder and the President of RENEW. Among the guests were His Excellency the Prime Minister, Her Excellency, the Minister of Ministry of Works and Human Settlement (MoWHS) who is also the Chairperson of NCWC, His Excellency, Minister of Health, His Excellency Minister of Education, Eminent Members of Parliament, Secretaries, International Dignitaries, CSO representatives, Volunteers (MSTF-CBSS, DAISAN), youth and officials from different agencies.

Following the inauguration, a three day seminar on Women in Governance was conducted led by BNEW.

RENEW

Celebrates Foundation Day

RENEW celebrates the 14th Foundation Day at Dolma Lhakhang as an tribute to Her Majesty wishing Her Majesty for a long and prosperous life. It was the time when staff, RENEW well wishers and development partners came together to pray for well being of sentient beings.

The CBSS and DAISAN member from Bumthang also celebrated 14th RENEW foundation on the 11 May, 2017. The day is a special tribute to its founder, Gyalyum Sangay Choden Wangchuck, the Founder and President of RENEW.



Participants during International Women's Day, 2017 at Thimphu

Simultaneously, RENEW organized a mega fair to raise fund for Women's Fund. Though there was a disruption in between due to heavy snowfall, the fair ended well.

RENEW CBSS volunteers across the country also observed the day in their own little ways. The schools began their day with introductory speech on its significance during the morning assembly.



International Women's Day Celebration at Nganglam Central School

Bringing youth to celebrate International

WOMEN'S DAY

through film festival titled

"Celebrating Voices over Silence"

With joint support from IPPF EC champions, UN women and UNFPA, RENEW hosted its first ever short film festival "Celebrating Voices over Silence" on 4th March 2017 at Le Meridian Hotel, Thimphu. The film festival was a youth based programme to kick start events leading towards the International Women Day, 8th March 2017.

The event was graced by Her Royal Highness Gyalsem Ashi Euphelma Choden Wangchuck, the Vice President of RENEW. The dignitaries present were Ministers, Secretaries, Hon'ble Members of Parliament, representatives from CSOs, CBSS volunteers, Teachers & Students.

Bhutanese youth between the ages 17-29 were encouraged to submit their films to RENEW for the "Celebrating Voices over Silence" open competition. From the total submissions, 8 short films were shortlisted to enter the final festival round. The films were based on the following three themes;



HRH Gyalsem Euphelma Choden Wangchuck



The winners were awarded prizes by Her Majesty Gyalyum Sangay Choden Wangchuck on 8 March 2017, International Women's Day. The winners among the **Eight Films**



Empower Her



Awakened



In My Boots



Mr. Namgye Phuntshok
Winner in the Gender Equality category & also viewer's choice

GENDER EQUALITY- "AWAKENED"

Mr. Namgye Phuntshok, age 23

WOMEN EMPOWERMENT- "EMPOWER HER"

Mr. Jampelyang Dorji, age 24

SEXUAL REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH & RIGHTS- "IN MY BOOTS"

Mr. Galey Wangchuk, age 25

JURY AWARD-"IN MY BOOTS"

Mr. Galey Wangchuk, age 25

VIEWER CHOICE AWARD-"AWAKENED"

Mr. Namgye Phuntshok, age 23

IPPF (International Planned Parenthood Federation) and European Commission funded the initiative.



This was RENEW's first endeavor to engage with young people through film medium. Through this initiative, RENEW aimed to encourage youth to use their creativity and teamwork at the fullest while also making them conscious of social issues around which the festival themes' are based. Domestic Violence, Gender Based Violence, Gender Equality, and Sexual & Reproductive Health & Rights are issues that can be prevented. Working with youth, were RENEW seeks to ensure that such negative practices and norms are nipped early on.

Cash prizes and certificates were awarded to the winners in each category and additional prizes were given to the winners of the viewer's choice and jury's choice.



Panel of Judges during the festival



"Empower Her", the winner under the Gender Equality Category



Guests during the festival

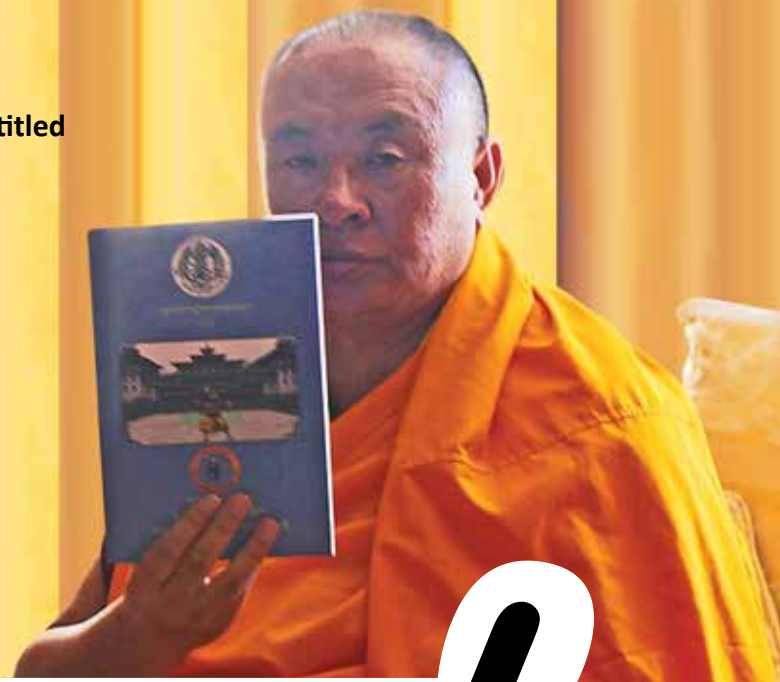


Lyonpo Dorji Choden awarding a winner



The the young film makers on the panel discussion

His Holiness launches the Guideline Book titled
 "Tsechui Garcham Gyi Shepa"



Launch

of the Guideline Book

"Tshechui Garcham Gyi Shepa"

His Holiness the 70th Je Khenpo Trulku Jigme Choedra launched the book on integrated social messaging through local and national festivals titled "Tsechui Garcham Gyi Shepa" on October 6, 2017 at Kuensel Phodrang, Thimphu. This joint initiative of RENEW with technical support from UNFPA and Royal Academy of Performing Arts, Department of Culture under Ministry of Home & Cultural Affairs is the first of its kind.

The initiative aims to bring people on board to be part of the change with their involvement to promote family values and advocate against social and health menace such as Domestic Violence, Gender Based Violence, teenage pregnancy, and gender inequality. The festivals in Bhutan are considered very sacred and it is the time people come together leaving their household chores to listen to the discourse during the five day festivals. This initiative was financially supported by UNFPA.



Team from Dratshang Lhentshog, RAPA, RENEW and UNFPA during the launch

Following the launch, the book was disseminated to 85 Lams, Khenpos, and Lopens from Monastic Institutes in 20. The dissemination meeting was chaired by Leytshog Lopen from Zhung Dratshang.

The messaging was piloted during Thimphu Tshechu from September 30 to October 3, 2017 by 3 national experts who drafted the book..

The dissemination will be carried out for cultural officers in all the 20 Dzongkhags. The messages will be translated into English for the benefit of school students across the country.



Dissemination meeting with lams, Khenpos and Lopens from 20 districts.



Her Majesty in Lhuentse



Her Majesty and HRH Gyalsem Azhi Euphelma Chhoden Wangchuck with people from 8 Gewogs of Thimphu

High Level Advocacy



A senior citizen expressing her gratitude to Her Majesty in Samdrup Jongkhar



Her Majesty & the Gyalsem with Armed forced personnel at Lungtenphu in Thimphu



Her Majesty with Women folk in Merak and Sakteng in Trashigang



Her Majesty & HRH Gyalsem with Women of Gasa Dzongkhag



Her Majesty visits Paro Hospital



Her Majesty serving Tokha



Little children learns about Yeshey Dawa in Punakha

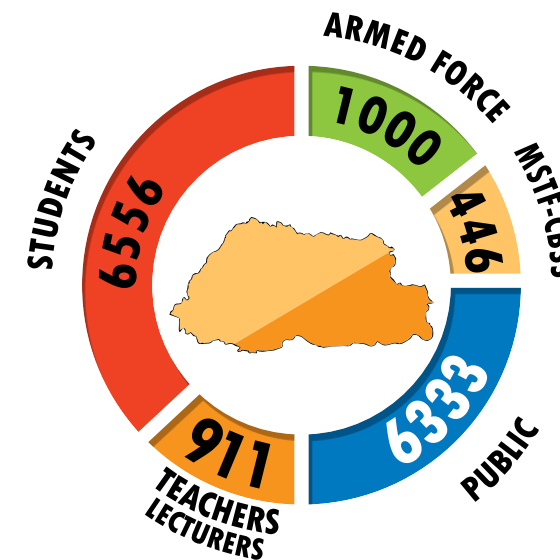
Segment Three

Advocacy on health priorities and social issues resumed in 8 districts viz Samtse, Chukkha, S/ jongkhar, Pemagatshel, Tashigang, Trshiyangtse, Mongar and, Lhuntse) from 9th April to 27th April 2017. The advocacy was led by Her Majesty Galyum Sangay Choden Wangchuck, the Founder and President of RENEW, also UNFPA Goodwill Ambassador for Bhutan. It was organized jointly by Ministry of Health and RENEW with support from WHO, UNFPA and UNICEF. The team was also joined by National Commission for Women and Children and Ministry of Education.

Objective(s):

- Sensitization on Health priorities and Social issues to community including school faculties and students.
- Bring on board all the stakeholders MSTF-CBSS, Dzongkhag Administration, Ministry of Health, Local Leaders and Ministry of Education to take stock of the achievements and gaps that can be barriers to achieve our targets. In other words, mobilization through broader engagement of communities.
- Preparation towards 12th FYP.

Total number of people reached in Eight Dzongkhags :
15,246



Rallying with the public

The team reached 15,246 people from different sectors in 8. Around 6556 students, principals and teachers from 16 Middle Secondary Schools and Higher Secondary Schools attended the advocacy. The schools that participated during the advocacy were Samdrup Jongkhar Middle Secondary School, Garpawoong Middle Secondary School and Dungsom Academy from Samdrup Jongkhar Dzongkhag; Nangkhor Central School from Pemagatshel Dzongkhag; Mongar Higher Secondary School and Sherab Reldri from Mongar Dzongkhag; Rangjung Central School from Trashigang Dzongkhag; Baylling Central School, Tshenkharla Central School, Kuenzangling Central School, Ramjar Middle Secondary School and Zorig Choesum from Trashi Yangtse Dzongkhag and Lhuentse Higher Secondary School, Minji Middle Secondary School, Autsho Central School and Tangmachu Central School from Lhuentse Dzongkhag.

It also includes students from Samtse College of Education in Samtse Dzongkhag, College of Science of Science and Technology in Phuentsholing Dungkha, Gaedu College of Business Studies in Chukha Dzongkhag, Zorig Institution in Trashi Yangtse Dzongkhag, Sherubtse College in Trashigang Dzongkhag, Jigme Namgyal Polytechnic in Samdrup Jongkhar Dzongkhag and Bunu Vocational Training Institute also attended the advocacy.

1000 army and police officials and their families in Samtse and Samdrup Jongkhar Dzongkhags attended the High Level Advocacy. Around 100 employees of Drayang, Spa, Massage Parlour and Bar owners, truck and taxi drivers also attended the awareness program. Around 6333 people including sector heads and officials, religious figures, local leaders, legal officials and MSTF-CBSS constituted the public.



The little one is aware of Yeshey Dawa

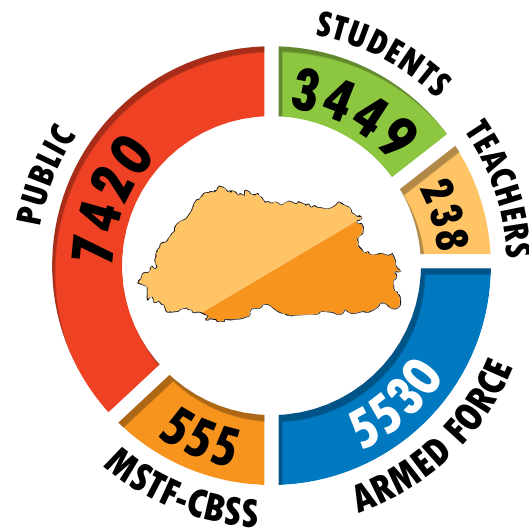
Highlight of the activity

Special meetings with MSTF-CBSS members were conducted whereby the Member Secretary and Thrizin presented on the progress, challenges and way forward. It was worth nothing that planned activities were incorporated to address priority social issues in the 12 FYP and there was commitment from Dzongdags to ensure the sustainability of the program in their respective Dzongkhags. Monitoring and evaluation will be done jointly by MoH and RENEW.

Segment Four

Total number of people reached in Six dzongkhags :

17,192



Advocacy to western region (Haa , Paro, Wangdi, Punakha, Gasa & Thimphu) continued from 3rd Nov 2017 and completed on 28th December 2017. The team reached 17,192 people from different sectors.

Rallying with the Public

The team reached 550 people in Haa Dzongkhag that included local leaders from 6 Gewogs, and Thromdes, Village Health Workers, regional heads and staffs, Royal Bhutan Police personnel, Rabdhey, Dzongkhag Administration and general public. An additional 530 Royal Bhutan Army family members in Damthang were reached.

877 students and 100 teachers from Jamphel Higher Secondary School, Chundu Armed Force and public schools also attended the advocacy. Parallel meeting with Principals, School Health Coordinators/Counselors was held separately.

The team reached approximately 800 people in Paro which included Dzongkhag Administration, Rabdhey, District Court, RBA, Thromde, regional heads and staffs, Armed forces, Local Leaders from 10 Gewogs, general public, GAOs, Village Health Workers. MSTF/CBSS Members and DAISAN members performed short skit on Sexual Abuse.

The team visited Drugyel Higher Secondary School and interacted with 600 students from Drugyel Central School, Shari Higher Secondary School, Tenzin Higher Secondary School, Yoezerling Higher Secondary School and Utpal Academy.

A parallel meeting with Principals, School Health Coordinators/Counselors was held. 70 representatives from 18 schools of Paro, namely, Drugyel Higher Secondary School, Shari Higher Secondary School, Tenzin Higher Secondary School, Yoezerling Higher Secondary School, Utpal Academy, Wanakha Central School, Lango Middle Secondary School, Khangkhu Middle Secondary School, Shaba



With the local leaders in Pemagatshel

Middle Secondary School, Bitekha Middle Secondary School, Dawakha Lower Secondary School, Dotey Lower Secondary School, Gaupey Lower Secondary School, Wochu Lower Secondary School, Shaba Primary School, Taju Primary School, Olathang Primary School, Ramchetsekha Primary Schools, & Deputy Education Officers attended the meeting.

The team visited Paro College of Education and Staff, 68 staff and 232 students attended the advocacy program. A parallel meeting was conducted for staff presided over by Her Majesty. The team reached approximately 600 RBA family members in Shaba.

In Punakha Dzongkhag, 700 members including students, principal, vice principal and teachers of Punakha Central School, principals, school Health Coordinators and Counsellors of Dashinging

Autonomous School, Dechentsemo Central School, Ugyen Academy, Khuruthang Middle Secondary School, Kabesa Middle Secondary School and Tashidingkha Central School, Lam Neten, Dzongdag, Drangpon, Doctor, DHO, and the OC attended the meeting. The team also visited Technical Training Institute in Khuruthang where they met 150 students and staff. 1000 people including Dzongdag, Drangpon, SSP, Dzongrab, DT Thrizin, Regional Heads and staffs, Armed Forces, Sector Heads, Gups of 11 Gewogs and Punakha Thromde, General Public, GAOs, Village Health Workers, MSTF-CBSS members also attended the meetings.

In Wangdue Phodrang Dzongkhag and 1000 people gathered at MTC, Tencholing ground and was attended by Dzongdag, Lam Neten, Drangpon, Commandant RBA(MTC and Wing XII), SP RBP, Thrizin, Leaders from Gewogs, Communities/General Public, GAOs, Village Health Workers, MSTF-CBSS members.

690 students and staff from Bajo Higher Secondary School, Gaselo Central School, Samtengang Central School have been recorded to have attended the meeting. Dzongdag, Drangpon, Dzongrab, SSP, Nyiso Gup, Principal and School staff were among the crowd.

The team reached 900 members of RBA family and Dzongdag, Lam Neten, Gupda MTC, Drangpon, Commandant MTC, SP RBP, GAOs MSTF & CBSS Members.

In Gasa Dzongkhag, the team reached 200 people including students, principal and staffs. DEO, Dzongdag, Drangpon, SSP and RBA were also among the crowd. Another 100 people in Gasa attended the advocacy.

The High Level Advocacy ended in Thimphu Dzongkhag on December 28, 2017. The public meeting gathered 3500 people from Gewogs, Thimphu Thromde, Road Safety & Transport Authority and community. Advocacy was also carried out with the 4300 RBG, RBA & RBP family members.



Her Majesty with Deesups at Haa

Highlight of the Activity

The Haa MSTF-CBSS members reviewed their past programs and presented way forward for 12th FYP. 70 members including Dzongdag, Drangpon, Lam Netan, Gups, Throm Thuemi, MSTF-CBSS members, SP & the RBG Commandant attended the meeting.

The Paro MSTF-CBSS Meeting was attended by 60 members including Dzongdag, Drangpon, Lam Netan, SSP, Commander, Gups, Throm Thuemi, MSTF-CBSS members, GAOs, MSTF-CBSS meeting at Punakha Dzongkhag with 75 members included Dzongdag, Drangpon, SSP, Dzongrab, DT Thrizin, Regional Heads and staffs, Armed Forces, Sector Heads, Gups of 11 gewogs and Punakha Thromde, Communities/General Public, GAOs, Village Health Workers and MSTF-CBSS members.

Note: RENEW Community Volunteers -CBSS Community Based Support System(CBSS)
MSTF - Multi Sectoral Task Force under Ministry of Health.

In Wangdue Phodrang Dzongkhag, MSTF- CBSS meeting was held with 130 members comprising of Dzongdag, Lam Neten, Drangpon, Commandant MTC, SP RBP, GAOs, and MSTF & CBSS Members.

MSTF-CBSS Gasa meeting was organized 100 members including Dzongdag, Drangpon, Lam Neten, DT Thrizin, GAOs, Gups and MSTF-CBSS members.

MSTF-CBSS meeting was conducted with 120 members in Thimphu.

Outcome of the High level advocacy

The advocacy was very successful as it brought together all the key stakeholders to address health and social priorities. It enabled involvement of community people, students, teachers, service providers (Judiciary, Health, CSO, education sector, Armed Forces) in the dialogue to address the issues. The following are the achievement of the High level Advocacy:

1. All capacity building needs of the volunteers to be identified, technical expert agency identified and the required budget to be reflected in the 12FYP. This will not only ensure that the budget is secured for capacity building and the technical expertise sought from relevant agencies, but it will also ensure that both MoH and RENEW can plan for specialized trainings and secure technical expertise needed in different Dzongkhags.
2. MSTF- RENEW CBSS Service Centres to be built in each Dzongkhag except for Trashigang, Bumthang and Chukha where Regional Gawailing/ Happy Homes may be established. So the Dzongkhags will identify land that is easily accessible by the communities, register and have the MSTF-RENEW CBSS Service Centres built within the 12FYP. A standard diagram may be shared by RENEW Headquarters if required, however, the Dzongkhags have the flexibility to build specific designs as long as the requirement are met.
3. The Dzongkhags to ensure that the MSTF-RENEW CBSS activities are reflected in the Dzongkhag APA and submit timely report to MoH
4. The members of network is to be revamped by including more local people, affected community representatives and the Member Secretary has to be elected. The DHO is not to be a de facto member Secretary.
5. Basic Counselling Skills/Mental Health Facilitation training for the volunteers has been identified as the most common request in all the Dzongkhags.



Her Majesty in conversation with the nuns in Mongar



High Level Advocacy in Mongar Dzongkhag



SALANG CEREMONY for Southern Regional Gawailing at Samphelling Gewog under Chhukha Dzongkhag.



Her Majesty the Gyalum Sangay Choden Wangchuck graced the salang tendrel for Southern Gawailing Centre in Phuentsholing on 28 March, 2017.



Her Majesty with the staffs and students of College of Science and Technology in Kharbandi

Our Fairy God Mother Ashi Sangay Choden Wangchuck

The destined queen of Bhutan
Like the fairy god mother
Who light the darkness of people
Like the sun who give lives

Once more to helpless people.
You are the queen of dharma
The reward of our Karma.
To be born under your Majesty
Is like to be free from violence.
You are the fairy god mother
Who shaped our very future
In such a way, in good time
Where happier is our life.

You are like our temple
The source of our wisdom
You provided us with everything
Like giving even breathe to us
Leaving behind all yours
To challenge difficulties ahead
And give another chance to live
Thank you your Majesty
For giving us your all.
You are an enlightened one
Souls full of kindness and wisdom
And save the life of people
Till the end of every violence.

How shall we thank you in more words?
You brought light to our darkness
You are our index page,
Covering every subject of our life.
You show your kindness
To us and gave your all
And reveals your empathy
With deep sympathy

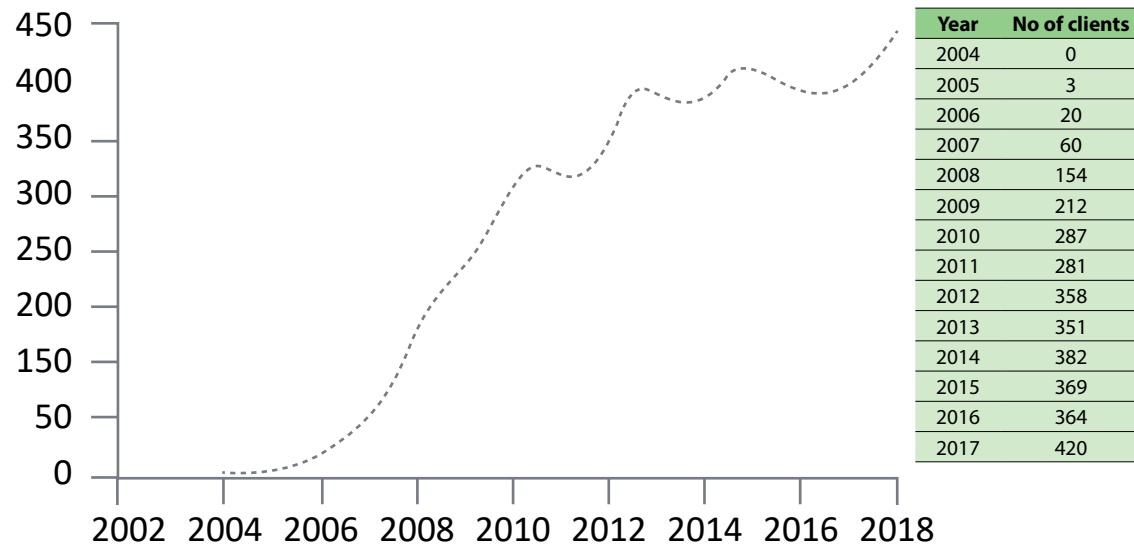
You are beautifully gracious
And you are very precious in our life
Your kindness, support, love, sympathy
It all will be imprinted in our heart
Thank you so much your Majesty.
May god bless your every movement
And prevent from ill moment
Our prayers are always with you
We love you.....

*- Lhaden, Gawaling
Happy Home*

RENEW CORE SERVICES

Counselling

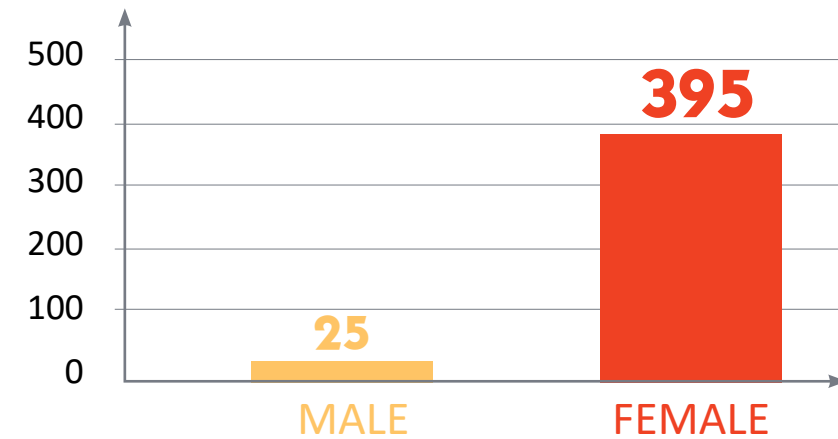
3261 no of clients seen by RENEW Crisis Center from 2004-2017



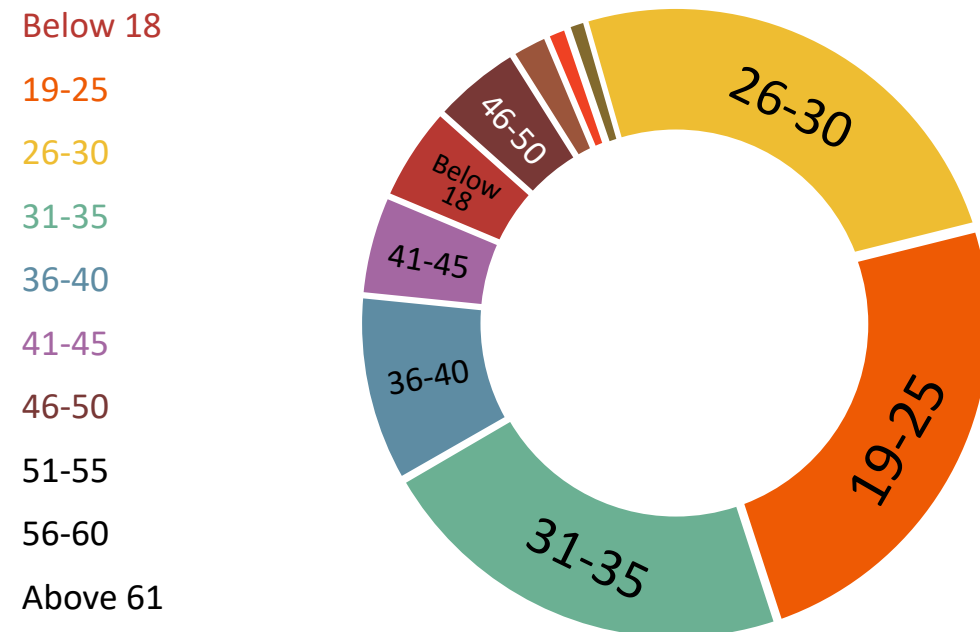
Statistic of reported cases in 2017. Emotional abuse cases was recorded highest in 2017.

Case classification	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
Physical Abuse	5	7	4	15	7	4	8	9	6	11	9	8	93
Sexual Abuse	1	2	1	0	1	1	0	5	2	0	0	1	14
Emotional Abuse	18	10	11	21	10	18	19	21	8	12	6	11	165
Economic Abuse	14	10	8	9	14	12	5	9	8	5	4	2	100
Non DV/GBV	11	1	6	3	2	3	1	7	3	5	1	5	48
Total	49	30	30	48	34	38	33	51	27	33	20	27	420

Gender Wise Distribution of Clients (2017)



Age Wise Distribution of Clients



Legal Aid

Legal services provided in 2017

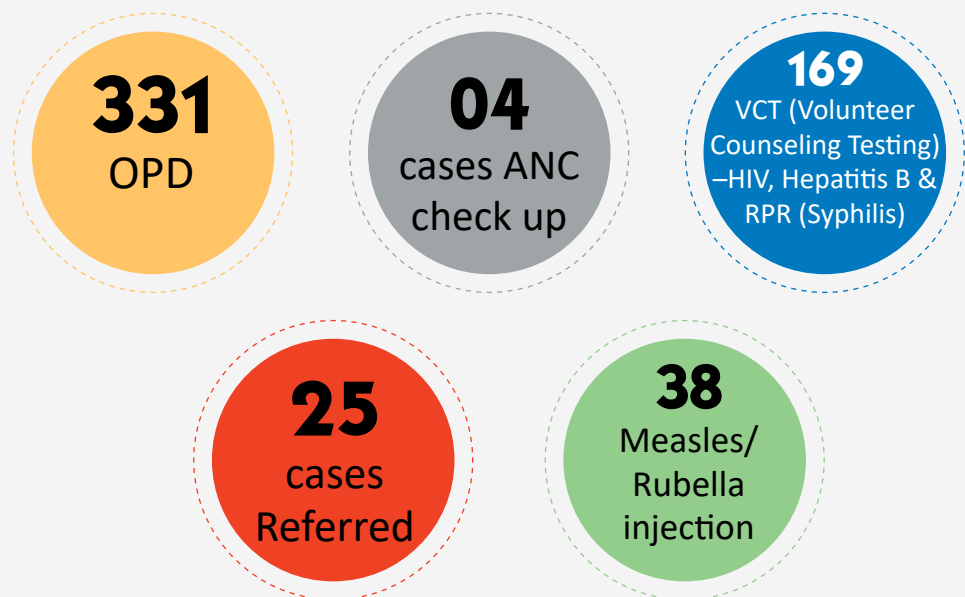


Medical Aid

Clinical service provided at RENEW Crisis Centre in 2017

Total cases received

567



Gawailing Happy Home

Year	Female Child	Male Child	Woman	Man	Total
2013	86	13	21	0	187
2014	85	66	77	0	228
2015	82	24	40	1	147
2016	104	36	31	0	171
2017	135	36	24	0	195

Clinical services at Gawailing Happy Home in 2017

Total cases received

815



Mental Health Facilitators Training

"The training included different topics, such as, a basic structure for teaching, helping skills, working with integrity, diversity awareness, suicide prevention, trauma response, and referral and consultation techniques. The participants were not just trained on the mental health issues but they were also provided with listening and communicating skills in order to help them offer support and better determine if an individual may require professional mental health care."

The Mental Health Facilitators (MHF) Training was held from July 25 to July 28, 2017 at Kelki High School, Thimphu. The MHF training is a mandatory and prerequisite to National Certified Counsellors (NCC). A total of 147 counselors from Ministry of Education, Government Autonomous Bodies, Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and private education consultancy firms were trained.

The training was simultaneously conducted by 12 Master MHF Trainers in four different classrooms. Prior to the training, the counselors around the country registered themselves with Bhutan Board for Certified Counselors (BBCC). This is 30 hours a

training and all counselors will have to undergo this MHF training to fulfill the requirement to become National Certified Counselors (NCC). The right to use training manual has been granted by NBCC, US to BBCC and BBCC alone can provide this training in Bhutan.

The main objective of the training was to allow everyone to be at the same level and have basic understanding of psychosocial issues and problems, and to be able to recognize, intervene, and refer. However, MHF Training does not qualify an individual to become a counselor.

What ID Mental Health Facilitators (MHF) training ?

The MHF training was designed to improve access to mental health care within a given community by educating and training professionals, para-professionals and lay people in the basics of mental health. The intent is not to create a new mental health profession, but rather to provide individuals with the tools and skills necessary to identify mental health needs, make referrals, and work with and support those in need of mental health care.

The training included different topics, such as, a basic structure for teaching, helping skills, working with integrity, diversity awareness, suicide prevention, trauma response, and referral and consultation techniques. The participants were not just trained on the mental health issues but they were also provided with listening and communicating skills in order to help them offer support and better determine if an individual may require professional mental health care.

Using the MHF's guidelines, the participants are able to learn to identify and respond to cases of dementia, alcohol and drug abuse, domestic violence and depression. The facilitators are not mental health workers but are first responders to help with problem-solving and to make referrals.

The MHF training will be an annual feature for anyone aspiring to become National Certified Counselor without which a counselor cannot practice counseling in the country. BBCC-RENEW shall continue to professionalize, train and certify counselors henceforth.



The certified counselors waiting to be awarded certificates on the award day.



Mental facilitators training in progress



4TH Biennial BHUTAN COUNSELING CONFERENCE



Her Royal Highness Gyalsem Ashi Kesang Choden Wangchuck

"Continuing Education, Supervision, Certification, Training"

The 4th Biennial National Counselling Conference was organized by BCC-RENEW in collaboration with National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC), USA and UNICEF. The conference was held on September 28 and September 29, 2017 at Namgay Heritage Hotel, Thimphu. The theme of the conference was "Counselor Education, Supervision, Training and Certification". This conference was organized with the main objective of creating a platform for counselors to discuss and exchange ideas, upgrade their professional knowledge and develop ethical standards for counseling.

Her Royal Highness Gyalsem Kesang Choden Wangchuck graced the opening ceremony and officially launched the BCC website and guidelines for the National Certification of Counseling professionals in Bhutan. Bhutan Board for Certified Counselors (BBCC) certified 147 counselors for the first time in four different categories based on their qualification and the level of training. The certification of NCC (P) - Peer counselor, NCC (A) -Associate Counselor, NCC (M) - were 4 categories. Counselor and NCC(S) – Supervisor were done. Apart from the counselors, a total of about 200 guests including experts from National Board for Certified Counselor (NBCC) USA attended the conference.

The speakers were all qualified and experienced individuals who are leaders in the fields of counseling, mental health and psychotherapy. On the first day, the conference focused on how Bhutan is entering a global movement with local emphasis. Counseling

can be a profession that respects the culture and traditions within all countries. As we help counseling expand globally, we have the responsibility to seek the wisdom of local populations in order to ensure the best counseling services for the region and to help the world find ways dealing with our mental health needs.

The participants were also introduced to the Counseling Education and Supervision in the US, including benefits and how this can be adapted in our culture to help counselors' professional development. A brief presentation on the Counseling Institutes in the USA was highlighted. The purpose and process of global counseling institutes were also explained to the audience. The presenter Dr. Scott had co-led counseling outreach in numerous countries and has been involved in international counseling efforts for decades.

A session on self-care and wellness focused on the steps a counselor can take to care for themselves as they care for their clients. The presenter also shared practical advice to counselors to help them stay well and healthy. Information about burnout and vicarious trauma were also covered. According to the speaker, burnout occurs when counselors lose enthusiasm for their work because of stress. Vicarious trauma occurs when counselors are traumatized as a result of hearing about the trauma their clients have experienced.

Counseling from a Buddhist perspectives were presented which gave the participants an insight



1st 147 Certified Counselors

into how spirituality can be mixed during counseling that helps the client to grow holistically, as well as help counselors to understand the clients living in a Buddhist country.

On the September 29, 2017 the participants had an opportunity to opt and hear about the School Counseling; Mental Health; Domestic Violence and Child Abuse; Promoting Systemic Change: Approaches and Techniques for Working with Couples and Families Impacted by Addictions; and Peoples First Language: Communicating with Individuals with Disabilities. The sessions were carried out simultaneously in five different rooms by the speakers from the U.S., Norway, Poland, Singapore and Bhutan.

The Mental Health Counseling equipped the participants to basic principles in treatment of trauma related disorders and made them understand the need for assessment of medication for depressive symptoms and how to collaborate in prevention, detection and treatment of mental disorders.

The session on Domestic Violence and Child Abuse addressed the problem of adverse childhood experience. The presenter examined how it can influence human development and lead to trauma related disorders. The participants were able to understand the effects of trauma, recognize typical post traumatic symptoms, be aware of culture-specific factors affecting illness, behavior and help seeking.

In another session, the participants were able to learn through case studies how to provide counseling services to couples and families who are challenged by a family

member who has an addiction problem. The presenter also provided information on how counselors, through the language they use can communicate and respect for their clients who have disabilities. The participants also learned how to address their client as individuals and avoid categorizing them according to their disabilities.

Bach systems remedy was introduced to the counseling professionals of Bhutan. The Bach flower remedy is known throughout the world as a safe and effective form of complementary therapy for emotional balance for over 80 years.

"There is no one, where ever we may be on the earth who does not listen to music" is how Mr. Jigme Drukpa introduced to the closing of conference. He got introduced to singing by his grandmother when he was a child. According to him, there is no winner or a loser in music like any other competitions. Both listener and the musician are the winners.

The conference will be held biennially where the counselors will need to recertify the certification every three years, which will require them to fulfill certain criteria such as counselor education, supervised experience and practicing.



INTERNATIONAL DAY for the ELIMINATION of Violence Against Women 2017



Her Majesty with RENEW CBSS volunteers.

Her Majesty Gyalum Sangay Choden Wangchuck, graced the event to observe the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women on 25th November, 2017.

Her Majesty also launched a special book titled “Strengthening Community Vibrancy- Echoing the Voices of CBSS Volunteers” a humble effort of RENEW to honor and celebrate CBSS volunteers and their selfless efforts.

Every year on 25th November, nations worldwide observe this day as International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women (IDEVAW) and the following 16 days of activism to highlight the plight of discrimination and abuse against women and girls. As the part of the celebration, RENEW in collaboration with National Commission for women and Children, UNFPA, IPPF and SAFE organized the event with the local theme “Strengthening Community Vibrancy”. 10 CBSS RENEW volunteers were awarded Certificate of Appreciation for their selfless effort to support cause of RENEW.





Dechen Chime, gender analyst UNFPA awarded a certificate for 10 years of service with UNFPA, Bhutan



Her Majesty with the artists who performed during the IDEVAW 25th November 2017



Her Majesty with recipients of Certificate of Appreciation for their selfless volunteerism

Trashigang Observes IDEVAW Commemorating with 62nd Birth Anniversary of the Fourth Druk Gyalpo

DAISAN members of Trashigang MSS observed IDEVAW commemorating the 62nd birth anniversary of beloved Fourth Druk Gyalpo on 11 November, 2017. To mark the day, DAISAN members staged

a drama focusing on child protection, domestic violence, gender equity and sexual harassment. A special song was composed and sung by the students with Yeshey Dawa's tune.



The event was preceded by a three day awareness and testing workshop on HIV/AIDS, STI, SRHR and SGBV in Thimphu for 70 RENEW/CBSS core volunteers from 23rd to 25th November, 2017. This is the fourth time RENEW infused the awareness programmes with health testing to the core CBSS volunteers to bring about a greater impact to the beneficiaries. RENEW aimed to strategize joint efforts and bring about collaborative, coordinated and consolidated approach of civil society, service providers and partners towards elimination of Violence Against Women & Children. The panel discussions enabled in bringing key issues affecting our society such as

SRHR, child protection and issues related to women. Sensitive topics on LGBTI rights, rights to abortion, welfare and protection scheme were also raised. The programme was jointly observed by RENEW, Ministry of Health and JDWNRH, and Gross National Happiness Center with support from NCWC, UNFPA, UNICEF, IPPF SARO, SAFE.

Simultaneously, paper and waste recycled products exhibition supported by South Asian Forum for Environment (SAFE), India was inaugurated by Hon'ble Australian Ambassador to Bhutan, Ms. Harinder Sidhu on 23rd November, 2017.



Recycled products produced by women and youth in Gawailing Happy Home on display during IDEVAW supported by SAFE (South Asia Forum for Environment), Kolkata, India.



Her Excellency Ms. Harinder Sidhu during the exhibition of recycled products.



Hon'ble Australian Ambassador to Bhutan, Ms. Harinder Sidhu with official from India House and UN House in Bhutan during the inauguration of recycled product exhibition on 23rd November, 2017.

Livelihood Skills Training Program

Supported by



Australian Himalayan Foundation

"Of Creative Minds - Busy Fingers"

The project Creative Minds –Busy Fingers is successfully flourishing ever since its implementation at RENEW in 2011, funded by a Finnish NGO Fida International to support skills training. The work has now expanded rapidly reaching 8 Dzongkhags of Thimphu, Samtse, Bumthang, Trongsa, Trashigang, Sarpang, Tsirang and Dagana by December, 2017.

Various trainings were completed in the year 2017 (majority trained were women) in different Dzongkhags. It is as follows:

No.	Name of the Courses Completed in 2017	No. of People Trained
1	Basic Tailoring Course (3months)	152 F, 3M
2	Advanced Tailoring Course (2-4 weeks)	127F, 3M
3	Advanced Tailoring Course on Gho (3 months)	10F
4	Machine Embroidery Training (on job training)	2F
5	Tailoring (on job training)	4F
6	Fabric Printing Training (2 weeks)	14F, 2M
7	Pattern Drawing Training (6 days)	18F, 2M
8	Natural Dye Course (2 days)	10F
9	Ginger Candy Making Course (1 day)	30F
	Total	377



15 women completes 3 months basic tailoring course at RENEW Crisis Centre.

Women trainees being trained to dye wool for weaving.



Lyonchen Dashi Tshering Tobgay visits Women's Textile and Tailoring Cooperative in Bumthang

Basic tailoring courses to 15 women at RENEW Center in Thimphu, which started in 2017, will be completed in 2018.

The training program aims at capacity building and also focuses on the advancement of the entrepreneurship of the trainees. The project started with small financial and human resources and a very limited number of trainees.

It has expanded gradually covering more beneficiary groups; from victims of Domestic Violence and Gender Based Violence to other vulnerable women/

youth groups like widows, single mothers, school drop-outs and women with disabilities.

In 2017 the common practice has been to provide the ginger candy training to all the women participating any skills training courses in RENEW Center.

With the support from Australian Himalayan Foundation (AHF), the livelihood skills training in RENEW has been intensified with the introduction of Assamese looms. The fabrics for the tailoring is being produced by weavers at Gawailing Happy Home. The Vocational Training Center in Gawailing Happy Home was inaugurated in August 2017.



RENEW Microfinance

RENEW Microfinance has been registered as a Private Limited Company under the Companies Act of Bhutan 2016, on 27 September 2017. It has 25 highly motivated staff members.



The status as of December, 2017:

No.	List	Figures
1.	Branches	8 (Samtse, Bumthang and Trongsa, Thimphu, Trashigang, Tsirang, Dagana, Punakha)
2.	Members	11, 543
3.	Loans Disbursed	1834
4.	Loan Amount	Nu. 89,692,348

HISTORY OF BRANCH OPENINGS:

RENEW Microfinance started initially with its operations in mid-2012. It now has 7 branches which are covering 66 of 205 gewogs (communities).

Branch	Gewogs in total	Covered gewogs	Opened
Samtse	15	11	July 2012
Bumthang	4	4	Sept 2012
Trongsa	5	4	Nov 2012
Thimphu	8	3	Feb 2013
Trashigang	15	11	Nov 2013
Tsirang	12	12	Sept 2015
Dagana	14	11	March 2016
Punakha	11	11	April 2017

- | Bumthang and Trongsa are counted as one branch.
- | The Head Office is based in Thimphu



AWARENESS CUM TESTING PROGRAMME FOR WOMEN WORKING UNDER PUBLIC WORK DEPARTMENT (PWD), MINISTRY OF WORK AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT & COMMUNITY MEMBERS



Awareness cum Testing Workshop for Female Employees of City Corporation



Health worker educating women on condoms



Women being trained for self examination for breast cancer



Awareness Program for community members in and around Gawailing



RENEW creating awareness on issue of domestic violence/gender



Rapid test being conducted during the workshop for HIV/STIs

A one day program/training/workshop on Gender Based Violence and Sexual Reproductive Health was held on 16 January 2017 at RENEW conference hall for 48 women working in various Thimphu camp sites under Public Work Department (PWD), Ministry of Works & Human Settlement. Similarly, one day workshop was held on 31 January 2017 at Gawailing Happy Home for 64 female community members from different villages of Mewong Gewog and Gawailing livelihood trainees.

RENEW covered topics on **Domestic Violence/Gender Based Violence, Sexual Abuse and Sexual Reproductive Health**. Dr. Ugyen Tshomo, Gynecologist from JDWNR Hospital was invited to deliver talk on reproductive health, sexual health, cervical cancer, breast cancer, family Planning, antenatal/postnatal care, UTI, HIV/STI and other issues. Towards the end of the workshop, a voluntary testing camp was also organized in collaboration with HISC, MOH for the women on HIV, Syphilis and Hepatitis. This workshop has been successful with fund support from IPPF.



Decide Campaign



A one day program/training/workshop on Family Planning, Contraception, and Sexually-Transmitted Infections was held on 8th May 2017, to celebrate IPPF's Global Day of Action week from 8th to 14th May. The program was conducted as a part of IPPF's "I Decide" campaign centered on the theme "Universal and Equitable

Access to Family Planning for Women and Girls Everywhere".

The program was attended by more than 40 RENEW, RENEW-Microfinance Project, FIDA Project staff and trainees at RENEW Centre and it was conducted with the aims of increasing access to SRHR to address inequality and reducing unmet need for family planning services. RENEW emphasized on the self empowerment, so that one can make one's own decision to access services that is already in place.



A one day program/training/workshop was held on 30 January 2017 at RENEW conference hall for 38 female employees of City Corporation. This is the first time RENEW is engaging with the women from city corporation however this is not the last such engagement.

RENEW covered topics on Domestic Violence, Gender Based Violence and Sexual abuse. While the two clinical nurses of RENEW covered topics on Reproductive Health, Sexual Health, Cervical cancer, Breast cancer, Family Planning, Antenatal/Postnatal care, UTI, HIV/STI and other issues.

A voluntary testing camp was also organized in collaboration with HISC, MOH for the women on HIV, Syphilis and Hepatitis towards the end of the workshop. Many women from the workshop committed to become volunteers of RENEW. This workshop has been successful with fund support from IPPF.



Medical doctor educating women on sexual reproductive health

Workshop with Thimphu Drayang Fraternity



Discussion with Thimphu Drayang employers and managers in progress.

A 2 day's program/training/workshop for 38 Thimphu Drayang employees on 20th July 2017, and 26 managers and proprietors on 21st July 2017 at RENEW Conference Hall. The training workshop was a follow up program of several awareness programs carried out jointly by BICMA, Ministry of Labour and Human Resource, Royal Bhutan Police and RENEW.

part of RENEW volunteers' network to enable them to be part of any awareness program on SRHR & GBV by RENEW);

2. Facilitate more effective co-ordination with various service providers for easy access to services;

3. Develop comprehensive reporting procedure based on legal provisions that are in place to protect themselves in case of emergencies.

The objective of the workshop:

1. Building network among the Drayangs and expansion of Community Based support System (a



Bringing educators-students on board to eliminate Gender Based Violence and Sexual Abuse



HeForShe campaign by teachers from Dagapela HSS

RENEW conducted programme on Domestic Violence, Gender Based Violence, Sexual abuse, RENEW services, Sexual Reproductive health, Legal provisions, I Decide Campaign, HeForShe campaign for participants from 13 Lower and primary schools in the Dagana Dzongkhag at Dagapela Higher Secondary School from 10-11 May 2017.

With this programme, RENEW has been able to sensitize principals / vice-principals, health coordinators, counselors of all the schools in Dagana.

The programme was supported by UN women, IPPF-EC Champion and UNDP.

RENEW continues

HeForShe campaigns...



HeForShe



Men participants from Merak supporting HeForShe campaign in Bhutan.



Interaction with students on Gender Based Violence and Sexual Reproductive Health & Rights

RENEW conducted an awareness programme to students of classes IV,V and VI of Babesa Primary School on 22 September 2017.

Touch & Bad Touch. Lots of interaction took place and found that the children were aware of the issues and inquisitive as well. The children had lots of questions on the subject. It is high time that adults are prepared to work with them closely and professionally.

The children were sensitized on RENEW services, Gender Based Violence, Sex & Gender, and Good

Interaction with students of Babesa Primary School





RENEW continues with Sensitization in YHSS

RENEW visited Yangchenphu Higher Secondary School on 25 August, 2017 and sensitized about 350 students on RENEW services & youth programs, Domestic Violence, Sexual Abuse, Gender Based Violence, and Sexual Reproductive Health.



Interaction with students of Changangkha Middle Secondary School on 14 October, 2017



Interaction with students of Druk School on Aug. 2017



RENEW in Arekha MSS, Chukha

On 18 August 2017, RENEW interacted with 250 students of Arekha Middle Secondary School in Chukha and spread awareness on RENEW services & youth programs, Domestic Violence, Sexual Abuse, Gender Based Violence, Sexual Reproductive Health and HeforShe campaign.

It was also a rare opportunity for RENEW to speak to 254 community members of Arekha, parents of Arekha Middle Secondary students, THPA staff on 19 August 2017 in Arekha MSS, Chukha. During the interaction the participants were sensitized on Domestic violence, Sexual Abuse, Gender Based Violence, Sexual Reproductive Health, RENEW services & programmes such as HeforShe.

Druk Adolescents' Initiative on Sexual Awareness Network(DAISAN-RENEW Youth Volunteers)

DAISAN



RENEW DAISAN members sensitizing through drama

DAISAN members in Bajothang HSS in Wangduephodrang Dzongkhag organized an Inter-House Drama Competition on four topics, namely, Sexual Abuse, Reproductive Health & Rights, Gender Based Violence, Domestic Violence and violence amongst 'the youth' on 20 September, 2017. It was organized with the support of CBSS-MSTF and DAISAN members of Wangduephodrang Dzongkhag.



This is the first activity of its kind in the country where the youth were actively involved in the making of the drama specific to these issues.



Information board in Lhuentse MSS



DAISAN members in Gyalpoishing, Mongar Gaylpoishing DAISAN carried out campaigns on the issues of youth and drug abuse in Gyalpoishing market and the community around the vicinity.



DAISAN members visit to Tango Monastery.



Enhancing Child Protection and Participation

With the support from UNICEF, RENEW and Youth Development Fund (YDF) jointly organized roll out trainings on **Child Protection** and participation in 7 Dzongkhags in Trashigang, Wangduephodrang, Samdrupjongkhar, Tsirang, Lhuentse, Paro and Haa from 7th September, 2017 to 27th November 2017 for DAISAN and YVIA members of the Dzongkhags.



Roll out program phase I at Damphu Central School, Tsirang.

The main objectives of the training was to build capacity of the young people to prevent **Violence Against Children** in the community; building solid foundation in understanding at a conceptual level of child rights, child protection, children's participation and violence; preparing children with skills and methods to keep safe and conduct themselves responsibly. The training covered the purpose of the Convention on Rights of Child (CRC) and acquainted them with the categories of

rights, i.e. survival, development, protection and participation. The youth related issues in Bhutan were highlighted followed by intensive discussion among the participants. The deliberation continued with the introduction to legal provisions for protection of children.

The discussions also touched the positive and negative childhood experiences that would determine the growth trajectories of the individuals.

Rolling out the Program on Child Protection and Youth Participation



A two days Child Protection and youth participation training in Chukha Central School was held from 4-5 November 2017.

DAISAN Rollout Program (Phase I & II) at Trashigang

The first and second phase rollout program on Child Protection and youth participation was conducted by DAISAN Trashigang for 15 students each from Trashing MSS and Rangjung CS. The Y-VIA and DAISAN members from Trashigang attended the programmes. The program was successful with the fund support from UNICEF.



DAISAN & YVIA in Bajothang HSS, Wangdi

ENGAGING YOUTH
FOR BETTER
FUTURE

2nd DAISAN Youth Leadership Camp

DAISAN successfully held the Youth Leadership Camp for the second time at Gawailing Happy Home. The five days camp was conducted from 25 to 29 December, 2017. Spokespersons from various organizations and CSOs attended the camp to share their knowledge and information about their organizations. DAISAN also organized a hike to Tango and the youths got the opportunity to interact with the khenpos of Tango Shedra.



DAISAN expansion in last five Dzongkhags in 2017

RENEW completes the expansion of Youth Network (DAISAN) in all 20 Dzongkhags with the establishment of DAISAN network in last 5 Dzongkhags viz. Samdrupjongkhar, Pemagatshel, Trashigang, Zhemgang and Punakha. The members are comprised of the youths between the age of 13 to 24, both in schools and out of schools. The main purpose of having a youth volunteer group within

the organization is to enable positive behavioral change early on so that they become the champions to advocate against Sexual & Gender Based Violence (GBV) and Domestic Violence (DV). The DAISAN groups are managed by Dzongkhag Youth Coordinators, Youth Focal Persons from respective schools under the supervision of CBSS Dzongkhag Coordinators (Adult volunteer).



DAISAN members in S/Jongkhar



DAISAN members in Pemagatshel

Date	Dzongkhags	No. of Schools involved	Girls	Boys	Teachers
16-17 April	S/Jongkhar	8 schools & 1 college: Karmaling HSS, Phuntshothang MSS, Garpawong MSS, Gomdar CS, Martshala CS, Orong CS, SamdrupJongkhar MSS, Jomotshangkha MSS and Jigme Namgyal Engineering College	20	21	9
18-19 April	P/Gatshel	5 schools: Yurung CS, Nangkor CS, Nanglam CS, PemaGatshel MSS and Yelchen CS.	13	17	5
	T/gang	7 schools: Rangjung CS, Jigme Sherubling CS, Bartsham CS, Trashigang MSS, Tashitse HSS, Duntse CS and Jampeling CS.	13	13	7
3-4 June	Zhemgang	4 Schools: Zhemgang Central School, Sonamthang Central School, Buli Central School and Yebilaptsa Central School	18	13	4
10-11 June	Punakha	6 Schools: Punakha Central School, Dechentsemo Central School, Tashidingkha Central School, Kabesa MSS, Dashidhing Central School and Khuruthang MSS	15	15	6



DAISAN members in Tashigang



DAISAN members in Punakha



The participants were also introduced to the UN's Global Gender Equality Solidarity Movement, "The HeForShe Camapign".

3. Training of Trainers (ToT) on Child Protection and Participation

DAISAN and YVIA coordinators from 15 Dzongkhags (Thimphu, Paro, Haa, Chhukha, Wangdue, Tsirang, Sarpang, Bumthang, Trashigang, Lhuntse, Trashiyangtse, Samdrupjongkhar, Pemagatshel, Samtse and Zhemgang attended ToT on Child Protection and Participation conducted by UNICEF from 11-13 May 2017. To address the challenges faced by children and youth in Bhutan, the two Organizations working with children, youth and women (RENEW and YDF), came together to develop a comprehensive curriculum on Child Protection and Participation and thereafter roll out the training to young volunteer respectively.



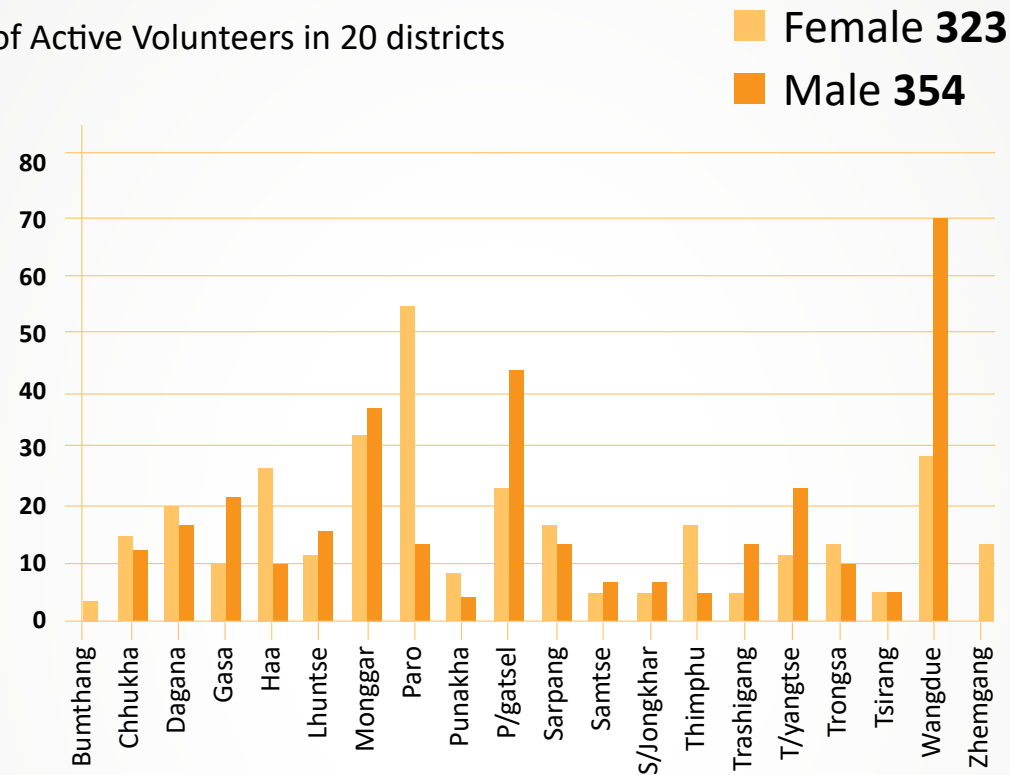
4. Training of CBSS volunteers & DAISAN coordinators on Child Protection and Child Rights

A three day's training workshop on Child Rights and Child Protection was held from 14th-16th March 2017 at Phuntsholing. A total of 33 participants (21 male and 12 Female) consisting of CBSS volunteers, DAISAN coordinators, Multisectoral Task Force members and Officer In-charge (RBP) from 5 Dzongkhags (Samtse, Chukha, Sarpang, Samdrup Jongkhar & Pema Gatshel participated in the training.). Towards the end of the workshop the participants drew action plans to be implemented in their respective Dzongkhags where they will further train and sensitize the communities.

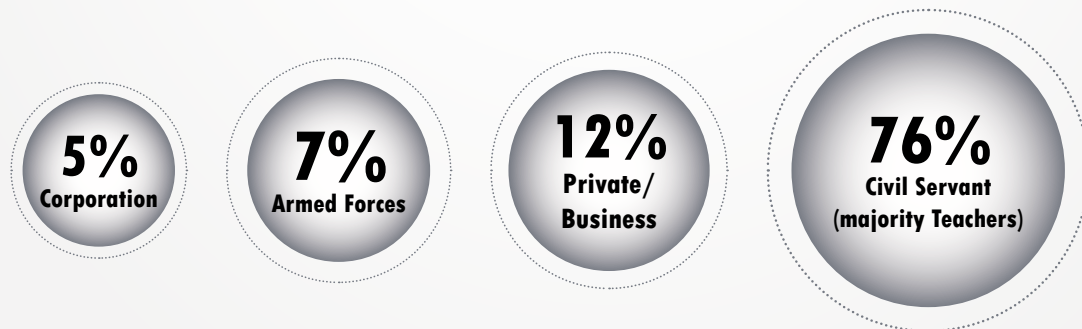


COMMUNITY BASED SUPPORT SYSTEM (CBSS) STRENGTH ACROSS BHUTAN: 677 VOLUNTEERS!

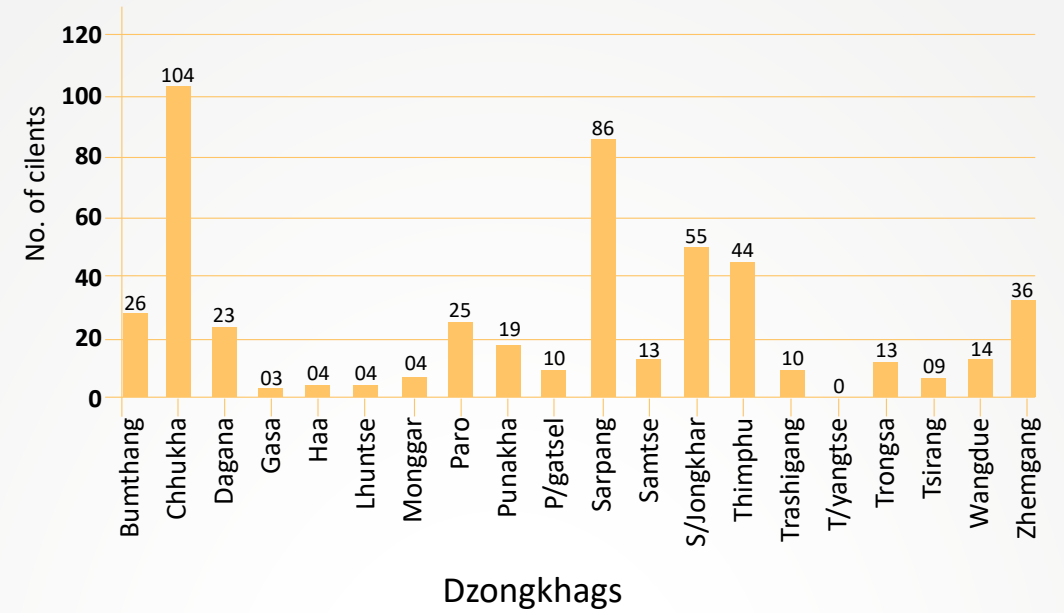
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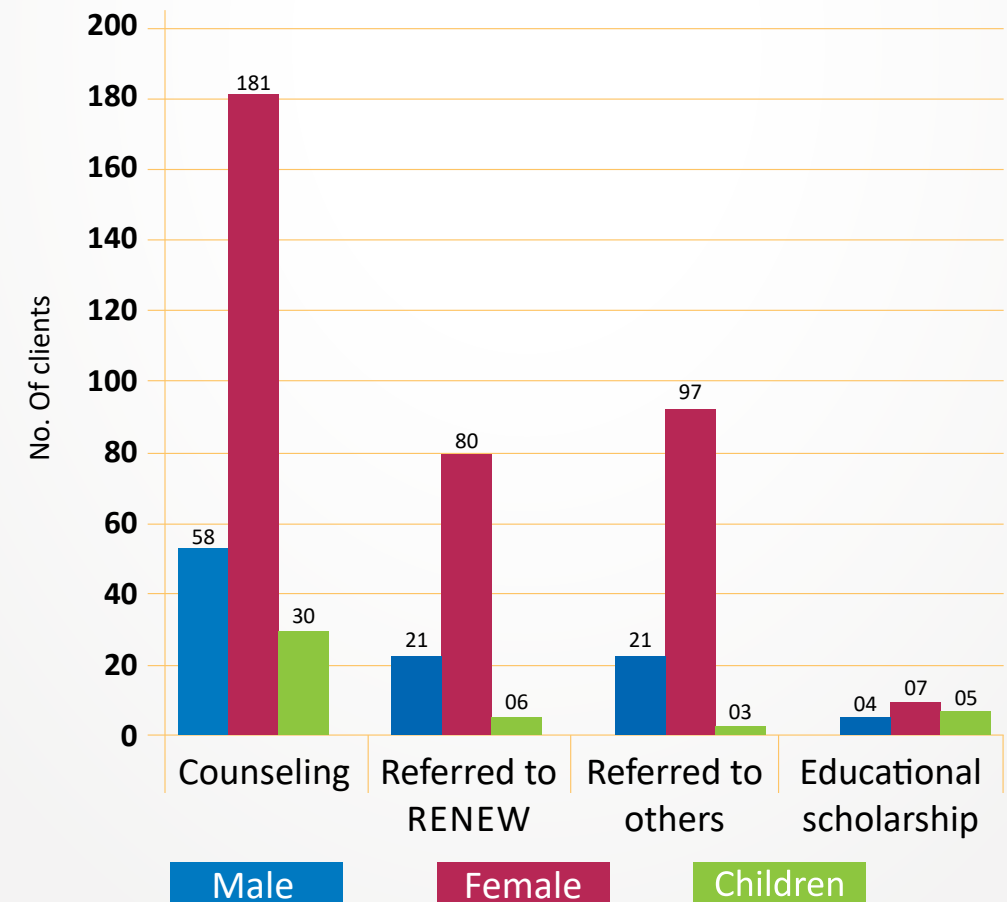
CBSS Volunteers by their Occupation



No. of Clients received by CBSS in 2017

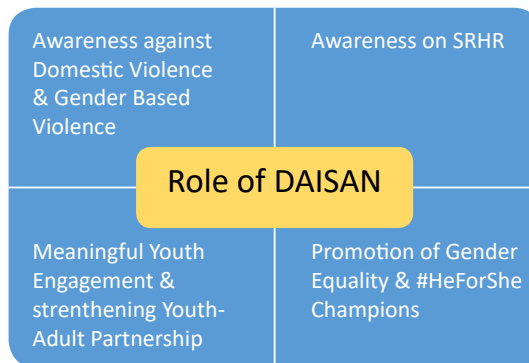


Community Based Support System(CBSS): RENEW Volunteers network



DAISAN STRENGTH ACROSS BHUTAN 662 VOLUNTEERS!

“A Responsible, Safe, and Happy Adolescence for Every Youth”



Dzongkhag	Male	Female	Total	School
Bumthang	12	21	33	Jakar HSS
Chhukha	30	34	64	Gedu CS, Wang Chhu MSS, P/ling MSS
Dagana	9	13	22	Daga CS, Dagapela MSS
Gasa	10	14	24	Bjishong CS
Haa	10	21	31	Gongzim Ugyen Dorji CS, Damthang CS
Lhuentse	15	20	35	Lhuentse HSS
Mongar	13	16	29	Gyelpoizhing CS
Paro	22	24	46	Drukgyel CS - Campus I and II
Pema Gatshel	6	9	15	Nganglam CS
Punakha	18	29	47	Kabesa MSS, Dechentsemo CS
Sarpang	15	20	35	Gelephu HSS
Samtse	8	13	21	Samtse HSS, SCE
S/Jongkhar	20	23	43	S/Jongkhar MSS
Thimphu	28	35	63	Druk School, YHSS, Babesa MSS, LZMSS, CGMSS
Trashigang	15	19	34	Trashigang MSS,
Trashiyangtse	8	10	18	Bayling CS
Trongsa	8	15	23	Serubling CS - Campus I & II
Tsirang	10	10	20	Damphu CS, Rangthangling PS
Wangdue	20	18	38	Bajo HSS, Gaselo CS
Zhemgang	11	10	21	Zhemgang CS
Total	288	374	662	

STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY SERVICES

Partnering with Monastic Institutions

Life Skills training workshop for monastic institutions

The training on Life Skills Education (LSE) for monastic institutions across the country continued in 2017 with 33 participants including Lams, Khenpos and Lopens from 20 Shedras in the central region from 14-18 May 2017 in Bumthang. The workshop was carried out in collaboration with Ati Foundation. The 2nd batch of 23 participants from central monastic body in the western and southern region attended the training in Phuntsholing held from 25-30 December 2017.



Training workshop on Life skills Education in progress in Bumthang



Participants in Bumthang LSE training workshop

The objective of training workshop was:

- Engage monastic institutions in taking the message to the unreached are as they are highly respected in the community and therefore strong agent of change;
- Target youth in the monastic institutions.

Outcome of the workshop:

The strongly recommended and committed to provide the training workshop to teachers & participants of monastic institutions so that the messages on social priorities will trickle down to youth in their institutes and the community they are living in.

They will encourage making the LSE a part of their curriculum in the monastic institutes. They are committed to strengthen partnership with RENEW in up scaling advocacy and awareness programs during annual prayers and festivals.



Lams and Lopens engage in group work

RENEW joins CSO fraternity to celebrate CSO Fair 2017

RENEW CBSS performs during CSO Fair on 13 and 14 October, 2017 at Coronation Park.

Anybody can be victim of Domestic Violence- women, men, boys, girls, grandparents. We are all responsible to create a Violence Free Happy Family and Society.

-Message from RENEW on the day



Thimphu CBSS Volunteers performing during the CSO fair



Re-orientation for Chukha CBSS

An awareness cum orientation programme was held on 20 August 2017 in Darla MSS for new CBSS (Community Based Support System) of Chukha district.

Partnership with private legal firms and Dzongkag legal officers

RENEW carried out a consultative and sensitization meeting with 15 legal professionals on Social and Gender Issues, Domestic and Gender Based Violence from 14 to 15 November, 2017. The meeting was also held to foster better partnership and

collaboration between RENEW, Community Based Support System (CBSS) and the legal professionals in providing easy access to justice and streamlined services.



Drangpon Pasang sharing experience and best practices in providing holistic services to family



Training on Bach Flower Remedy Healing System

The level 1 course training on Bach Flower Remedy Healing System for 1st batch was held on the 17th and 18th July 2017 for 25 counseling professionals by Ms. Deki Soh and Ong Hong Seng from Singapore. Both of them are Bach Foundation registered practitioners (UK). The Bach Flower Remedy is a therapeutic approach to help depression, grief, loss, nervousness, self-esteem, despair, fear, uncertainty, sensitivity and loneliness. The Bach Flower Remedies work in conjunction with herbs, homeopathy and medications and are safe for everyone, including children, pregnant women, pets, elderly and even plants.

The purpose of the training is to provide the skills to use the system to balance the emotion, which in turn translates to the ability to support oneself, as well as providing for those requiring emotional support.



Team of Pilots from Druk Air and Bhutan Airlines led by Hon'ble Yab Dhondup Gyaltsen with HM Gyalum Sangay Choden.

In 2016, 24 Bhutanese Pilots-16 from Druk Air and 8 from Bhutanese Airline have pledged to make an annual contribution for the next ten years towards building an endowment that will ensure the sustainability of RENEW services, Gawailing Happy Home and Chapters under the aegis of the Gyalum Charitable Trust (GCT). The commitment was a

tribute to His Majesty the Fourth Druk Gyalpo on His Majesty's 60th Birth Anniversary celebration and also as a gesture of gratitude to the organization for its efforts in empowering disadvantaged women, girls and children in the country. As committed the members continued to contribute significant amount to RENEW in 2017.



BACH FLOWER Remedies level 2 course participants with Deki Soh and Huong Seng trainers, 23-24 October 2017.

Joint effort of RENEW and Clean Bhutan

RENEW and Clean Bhutan with the families of PWD staff in Dechencholing campsite on 15 August, 2017 sensitizing them about RENEW's services, Domestic

Violence, Sexual Gender Based Violence and how family can empower themselves economically through production of recycled products.



RENEW Volunteers CBSS joins MSTF for awareness program on Health & Social Priorities.

Awareness Program in Chumey Gewog

An awareness program in Chumey Gewog was held on 10 April, 2017 with the presence of Gewog Thrizin, RBP officials, school principals and other important officials. The people were also informed about the services RENEW provides and harmful consequences of DV/GBV and substance abuse. The program was organized with the help of Dzongkhag health sector of Bumthang.



Awareness Program in Lhuentse

A two day workshop was organized for 36 principals, Counselors and school coordinators from 16 schools in Lhuentse. The workshop covered sessions on Domestic Violence, Sexual Gender Based Violence, Sexual Reproductive Health, adolescent health, legal polices & laws, police crime & interventions, HeForShe campaign, substance abuse and other adolescent related issues. The program was financially supported by UNDP.

Consultative workshop on consensus building initiative (CBI)

18 core RENEW CBSS members gather at Paro for a week long consultative workshop from 11-15 September 2017 to come up with the consensus building program. The consultant from Jigme Singye Law school, Mr. Stephan presented on the role an active CBSS volunteer can play in strengthening and clarifying the inter relationship between Bhutan's formal and informal sectors with regard to issues of Domestic Violence. Following the Domestic Violence Prevention Act 2013 (DVPA), Domestic Violence is a crime therefore cannot be negotiated. As a consensus builder, a volunteer can provide immediate assistance and advice to the

client by providing relevant resources or protective strategies, rudimentary information about the various formal and informal dispute resolution mechanism available. The workshop was conducted with active volunteers in the field for their practical experiences and input to work further on the program. The model that will be adopted will have to make use of Article 22 of DVPA which specially authorizes the Royal Bhutan Police (RBP) to allow "lesser" forms of Domestic Violence to be "settled mutually". RENEW will have to collaborate with RBP in order to comply with the Act. The project is supported by UNDP, country office Bhutan.



RENEW CBSS Volunteers during the consultative workshop

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

RECEIPT AND PAYMENT STATEMENT

For the Period: 1st January 2017 - 31st December 2017

RECEIPTS	Amount (Nu.)	PAYMENTS	Amount (Nu.)
Opening Balance:		Expenditure:	
a. RENEW Organization	164,154.83	a. RENEW Organization	5,789,960.14
b. Gawailing Happy Home	54,338.90	b. Gawailing Happy Home	1,918,163.93
c. RENEW-IPPF	4,618,430.65	c. IPPF	12,903,829.72
d. RENEW-Scholarship	1,196,103.83	d. Scholarship	2,155,488.49
Total :	6,033,028.21	Total Expenditure:	22,767,442.28

Fund Receipt during the period:		Closing Balance:	
a. RENEW Organization	5,732,760.50	a. RENEW Organization	106,955.19
b. Gawailing Happy Home	1,952,713.97	b. Gawailing Happy Home	88,888.94
c. IPPF	11,047,933.64	c. IPPF	2,762,534.57
d. Scholarship	1,261,552.00	d. Scholarship	302,167.34
Total :	19,994,960.11	Total :	3,260,546.04
TOTAL:	26,027,988.32	TOTAL:	26,027,988.32

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