



ANNUAL REPORT 2025

Respect, Educate, Nurture and Empower Women

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PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF RENEW'S MISSIONS

Guided by a shared vision of compassion, inclusion, and collective responsibility, RENEW continued to deepen its journey alongside the people and communities of Bhutan throughout 2025, shaping a year marked by growth, reflection, and purposeful transformation. Through integrated efforts spanning psychosocial care, protection services, livelihood empowerment, advocacy, capacity strengthening, and strategic partnerships, the organization responded to evolving needs while reinforcing systems that safeguard dignity and opportunity for all. The celebration of 25 years of Her Majesty the Gyalyum Sangay Choden Wangchuck as Goodwill Ambassador of UNFPA stood as a powerful reminder of enduring leadership that continues to inspire this work. During the year, meaningful strides were made to expand both reach and impact, from the launch of the Academy for Counselling and Social Work Advancement (ACSWA) and the establishment of four new Community Service Centers to the formation of MSTF-CBSS networks across district, gewog, and chiwog levels, strengthening coordinated responses closer to communities. The organization's evolution into RENEW Plus reflects a forward-looking commitment to broaden its mandate, while initiatives such as the Annual Volunteer Conference, the introduction of the Yum brand, and the establishment of a Rainbow Help Desk signal a deepened embrace of participation, innovation, and inclusion. Together, these milestones reflect not only progress achieved, but a growing movement dedicated to building resilient communities, nurturing partnerships, and translating shared values into meaningful and lasting change.

RENEW MANAGEMENT

25 YEARS OF HER MAJESTY AS UNFPA GOODWILL AMBASSADOR

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LAUNCH OF THE ACADEMY FOR COUNSELLING AND SOCIAL WORK ADVANCEMENT (ACSWA)

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ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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LAUNCH OF THE BRAND YŪM

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RENEW'S 2025 HIGHLIGHTS

EVOLUTION OF RENEW TO RENEW PLUS



ESTABLISHED RAINBOW HELP DESK

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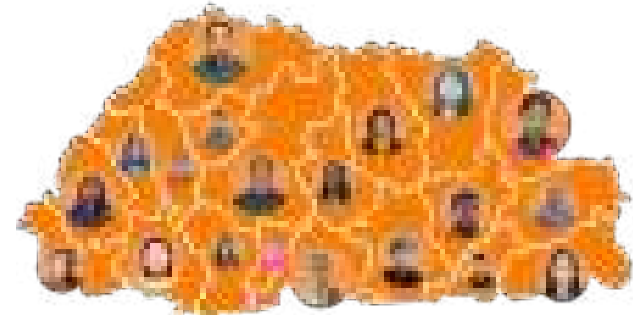
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GOVERNANCE STRENGTHENED- MSTF-CBSS NETWORK FORMED AT DISTRICTS, GEWOG LEVEL AND CHIWOG LEVEL

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Elected CBSS coordinators in 20 districts



ESTABLISHMENT OF FOUR NEW RENEW COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER

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CHAPTER 1

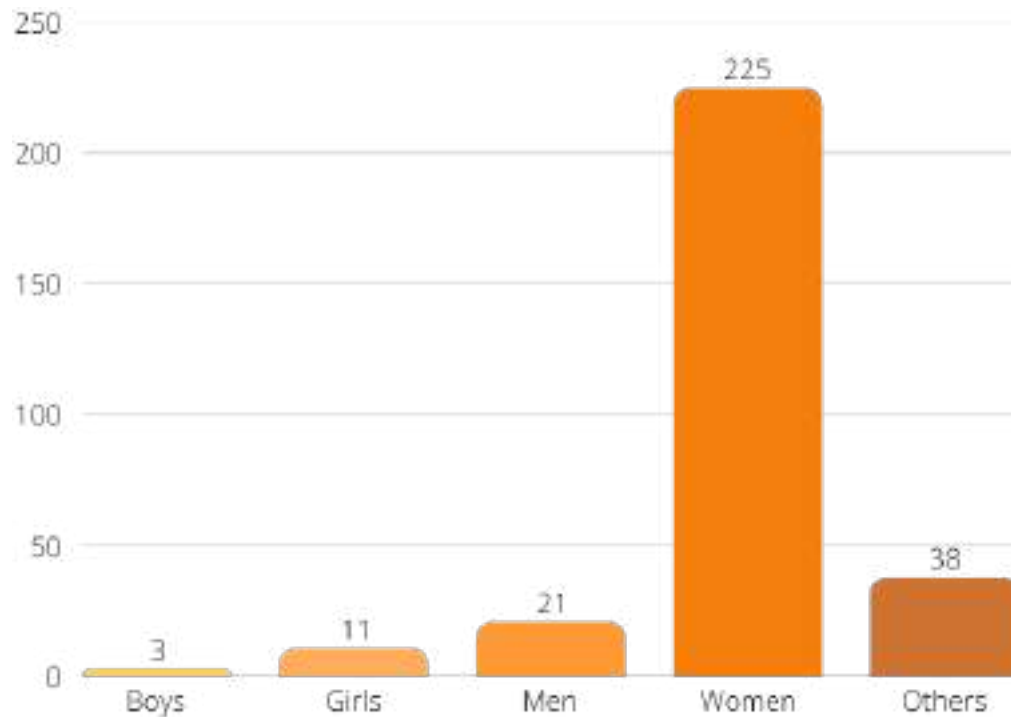
SERVICES

Committing to inclusive services to ensure no one is left behind

SERVICE DELIVERY FROM HQ, THIMPHU

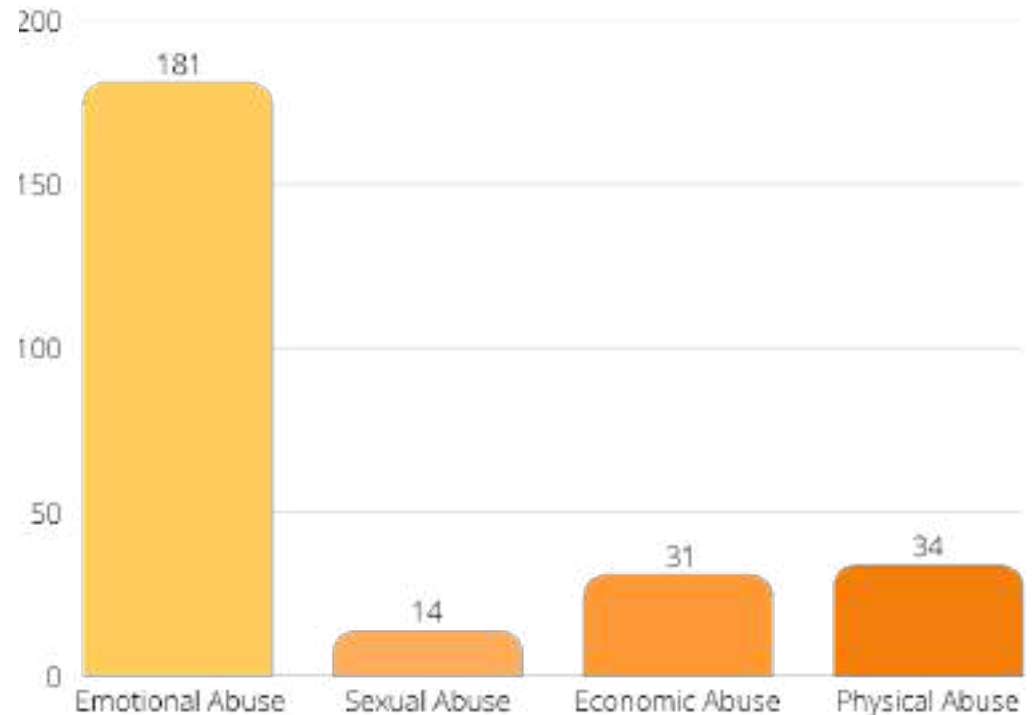
Total Cases: 260

Cases by Gender



38 cases were recorded from the other gender. One of the transwoman was also referred to GHH for shelter support.

Types of Violence



Major abuse was recorded in emotional abuse, specified mostly as neglect from the partner and relationship issues. Physical abuse is the second highest, specified mostly as hitting, slapping, punching, shaking, etc.

Types of Services

Individual Counselling

405

Couple Counselling

300

Family Counselling

300

Legal Aid(RENEW)

100

Gawailing Happy Home

150

School Relocation

50

Refer to Community

185

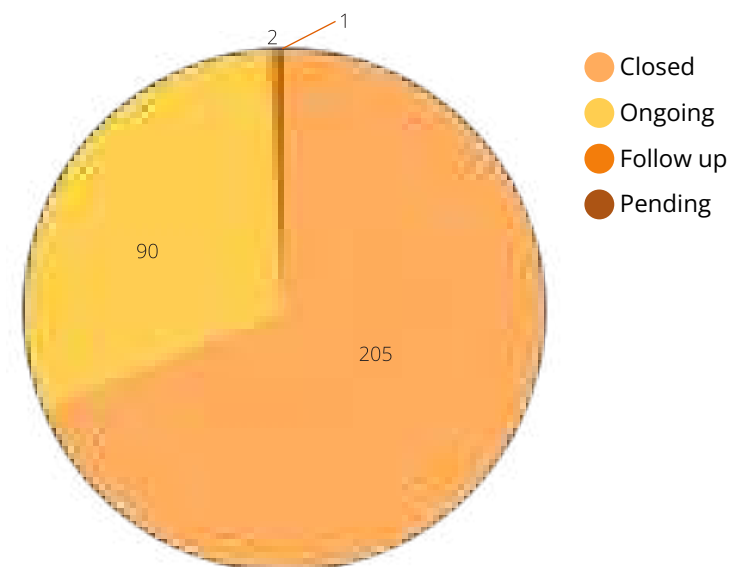
TOTAL NUMBER OF SERVICES

1500

Cases Referred Outside

Stakeholders	Total Number
Royal Bhutan Police	30
Psychiatry	34
Royal Body guard	4
Royal Bhutan Army	2
Bhutan national legal aid centre	10
CBSS	2
LG members	2
Total number	84

Case Status





STATISTICS FROM GAWAILING HAPPY HOME

Total clients in GHH

29

including 18 client's children

New cases

21

admission in 2025

Client Discharged

32

18 clients along with 12 clients children
and 2 school children

Client Present

11

including clients 6 children

Total clients	New cases	Client discharged	Client present	Referred from	
29 (including 18 client's children)	21-admission in 2025 along with old clients 8 clients	18 clients along with 12 clients children and 2 school children making it total 32	11 (including clients 6 children)	The PEMA Secretariat	4
				Rainbow Desk	1
				Paro CSC, RENEW	1
				Mongar CSC, RENEW	1
				Head Office ,RENEW	5

Types of Cases

Client intake	Total clients intake	Total client discharged	Present client	Remarks	
RENEW Secretariat new client intake	21	18 (including 12 clients children) and 2 school going children	8 (including old case)	Teenage Pregnancy	3
				Physical/GBV	4
				Women in Difficult Circumstances	12
				Others (Mental health issues, AUD)	10 (4 Mental Health , 3 AUD,2 LGBT &1 Person With Disability)

03

TEENAGE PREGNANCY

04

PHYSICAL/GBV

12

WIDC

10

OTHERS (MENTAL HEALTH
ISSUES, AUD, LGBT, PERSON
WITH DISABILITIES)



Number of Services at GHH

Hospital Name	No. of Visits	Total client discharged
Gidakom Hospital	55	MCH, General, Dental, Post-surgery care, Certificates
Jigme Dorji Wangchuck (JDW) Hospital	66	MCH, Orthopedic, General, Surgery, Dermatology, Dental
Psychiatric Hospital, Thimphu	11	Psychiatric
JPW Hospital (Thimphu)	6	MCH, Gynecology
Counseling services	138	GHH counselor
Total services	253	

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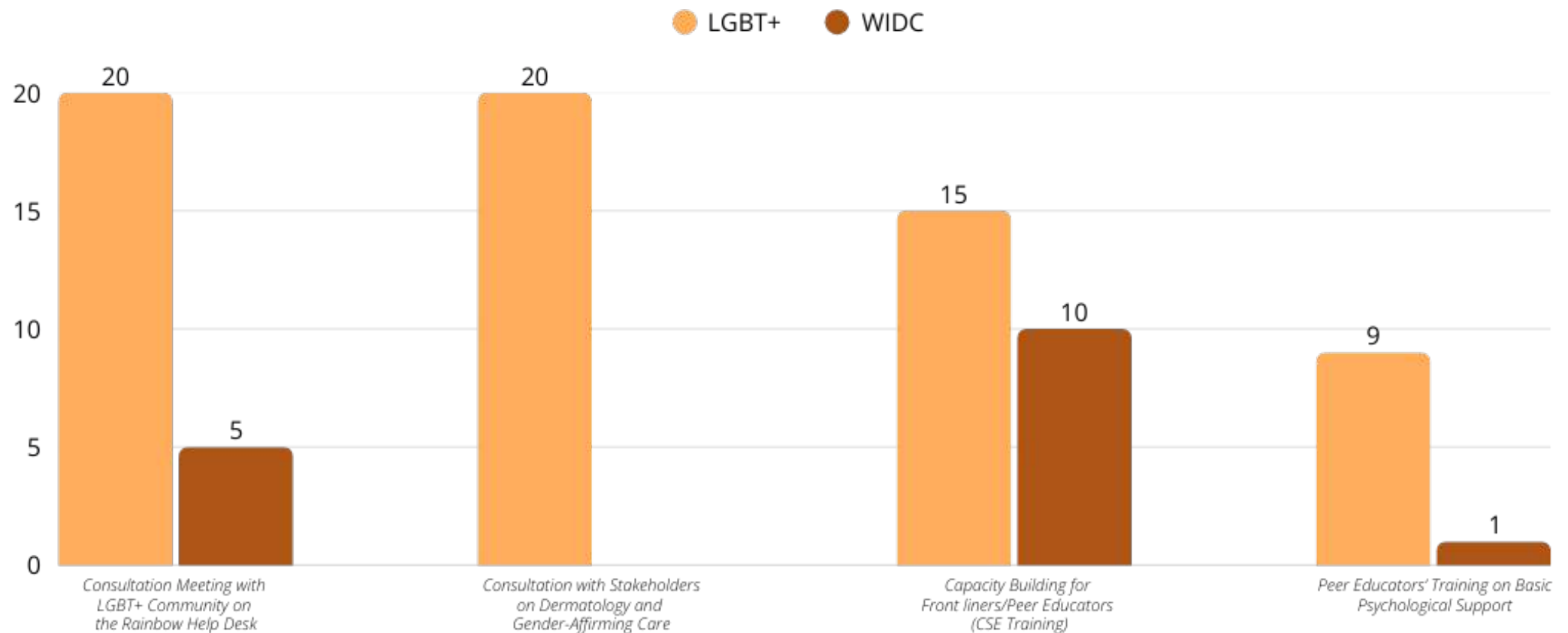
CHAPTER 2

PROGRAMS

Expanding and striving to reach the unreached

KEY POPULATION REACHOUT

Broad reach and inclusive participation key activities strengthened community engagement and frontline support for LGBT+ and Women in Difficult Circumstances (WIDC).



Total LGBT+:64 Total WIDC: 16

1096

Males

1230

Females

96

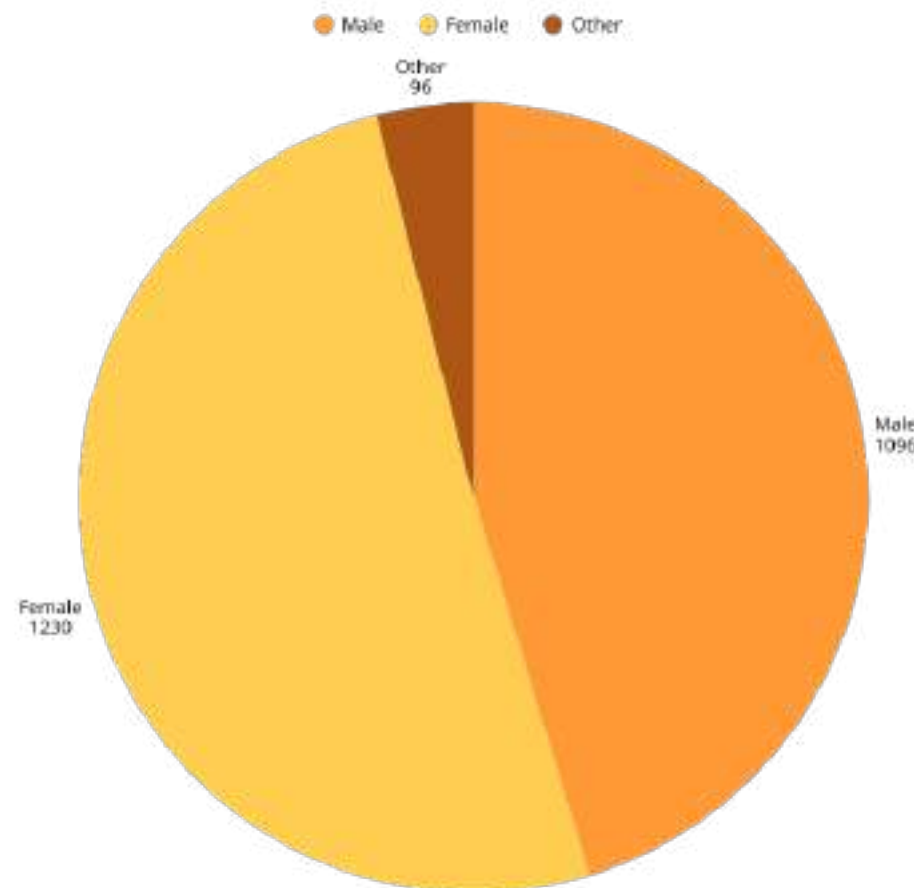
Others

2422

Individuals Reached

Total Reachout in 2025

- A total of **2,422 individuals** (1096 male, 1230 female & Others 96) were **reached**.
- Significant participation from **women, local leaders, private sector representation CSOs, MSTF-CBSS volunteers, law enforcement , police personnels and government stakeholders.**



DAISAN-Peer
Integration

1459
Active members

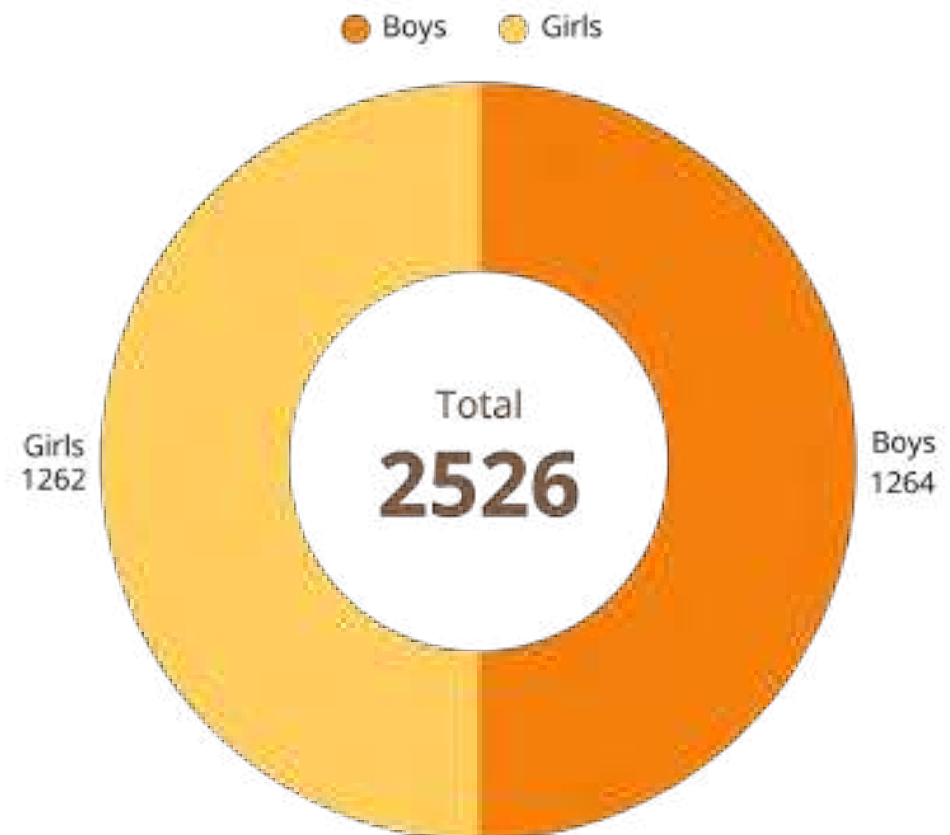
Established in
67 schools
across
20 districts

Reached about
7223
young people

Reached about 7,223 people across 14 schools and 7 colleges
in 13 songkhros, including students, teachers, peer leaders,
and community members.

Youth-led Advocacy Reach Out by RENEW Headquarters

- Total of **2,526 participants** took part in the programs, with boys and girls represented almost equally (**1,264 boys and 1,262 girls**).





Program/Activity Conducted

A total of **49 programs** were carried out, covering a wide range of activities. Most were trainings and workshops, along with two high-level advocacy events and one high-level sensitization. Together, these programs strengthened awareness, built skills and supported inclusive community engagement.



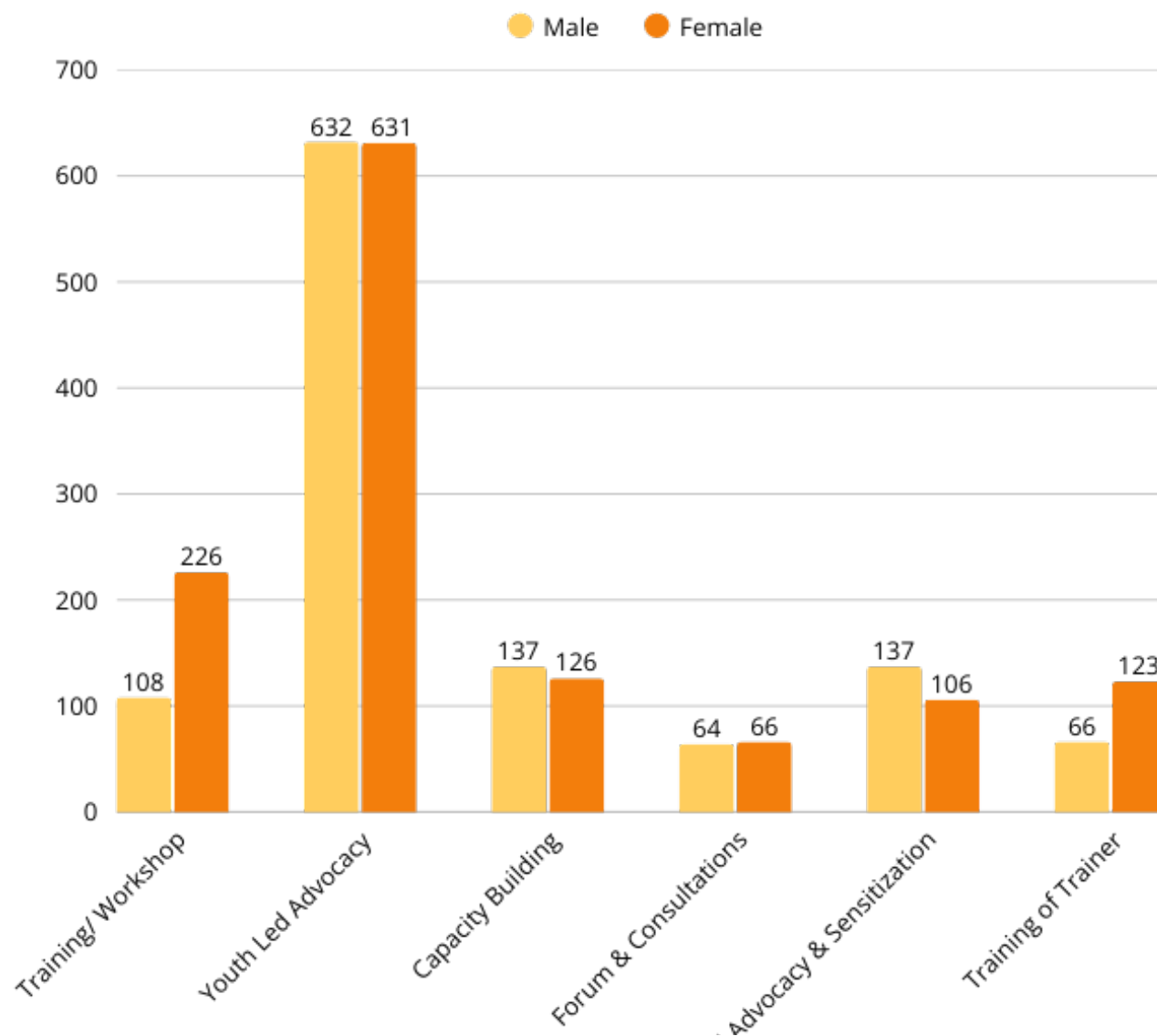
2422 Participants

Between January and December 2025, through 49 programs conducted, 2,422 participants (1,096 male and 1,230 female) were reached.

74% Women 71% Men

Women made up 74% of participants in ToT and SRHR workshops, while men accounted for 71%.

Total Participants Engaged



MSTF-CBSS, DAISAN

Annual Conference

9 January 2025

In commemoration of the 70th Birth Anniversary of His Majesty the Fourth Druk Gyalpo, Jigme Singye Wangchuck, RENEW successfully held its two-day Annual Conference from 24–25 November 2025.

The conference provided a participatory platform to strengthen key governance roles within the organization, promoting transparency, accountability, and inclusivity. It convened 47 participants, including RENEW's working board members, community volunteers, representatives, and MSTF members, to review progress, discuss priorities, and chart the organization's future direction.

The event also welcomed three new working board members, further reinforcing RENEW's commitment to inclusive and dynamic leadership.



STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES (SOP) ROLLOUT

CBSS-DAISAN Guidelines Presentation and Gender Equality Workshop

9 January 2025

34 participants, including sector heads from the Haa Dzongkhag Administration, local leaders, Gewog administration officers, and CBSS (Community-Based Sexuality Support) members, attended a presentation on the CBSS-DAISAN operational guidelines, followed by a workshop on Gender Equality. Officiated by MSTF-CBSS Chairperson Dasho Dzongrab, the session strengthened multi-sectoral coordination within the Dzongkhag. Participants engaged in discussions on Gender-Based Violence, Domestic Violence, LGBTQ issues, Gender Transformative Approaches, and Gender Mainstreaming, sharing community challenges and recommending the establishment of a RENEW community service center. A key outcome was the development of an implementation framework to establish MSTF-CBSS coordination at Dzongkhag, Gewog, and Chiwog levels, turning discussions into actionable steps. The program was supported by UNFPA.

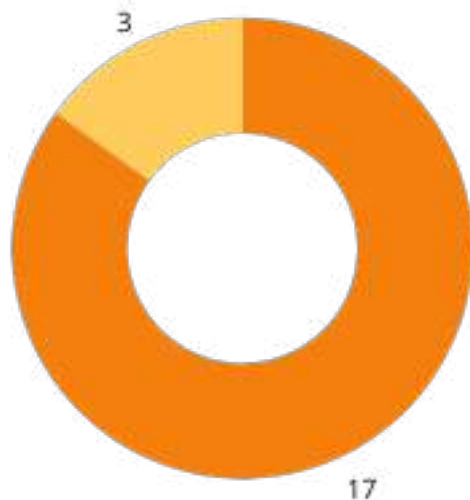


GOVERNANCE STRENGTHENED:

MSTF-CBSS Network formed at Districts, Gewog Level and Chiwog Level established in 17 districts and DAISAN-Peer Integration

COORDINATION NETWORKS FORMED AT DISTRICTS

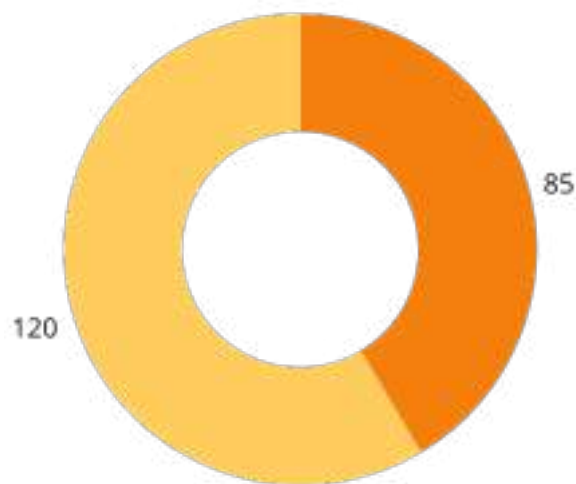
- Covered Dzongkhags
 - Remaining Dzongkhags
- (1) Dagana (2) Trongsa (3) Samtse



Total Dzongkhags: 20

WORKING GROUP FORMED AT GEWOG LEVEL

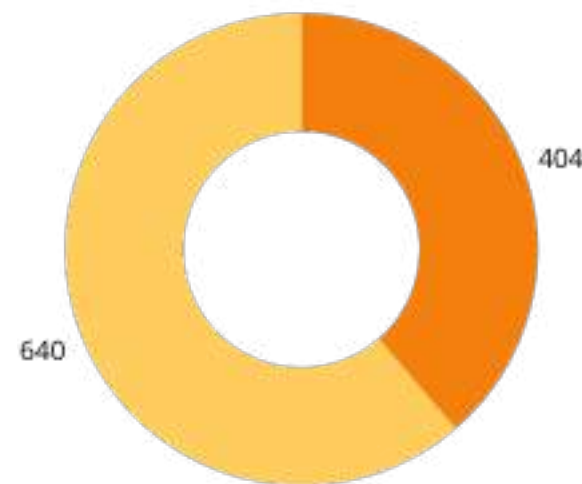
- Number of Gewogs Covered
- Remaining Gewogs



Total Gewogs: 205

ACTION GROUP FORMED AT CHIWOG LEVEL

- Remaining Chiwogs
- Number of Chiwogs Covered



Total Chiwogs: 1044

Nominated 20 Dzongkhag Coordinators & Successfully Conducted Annual Conference



Rollout of CBSS-DAISAN Operational Guideline in Lhuentse

8th April 2025

RENEW successfully rolled out the CBSS-DAISAN Operational Guideline in Lhuentse Dzongkhag. The consultative meeting was attended by MSTF-CBSS members and local leaders from seven gewogs and presided over by MSTF-CBSS Chairperson, Dasho Dzongda. The meeting aimed to strengthen the MSTF-CBSS and DAISAN networks and expand their reach at the gewog and chiwog levels, ensuring consistency, efficiency, and accountability in service delivery. The day also included sensitization sessions on Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV), teenage pregnancy, and Value Clarification and Attitude Transformation (VCAT).



CAPACITY BUILDING



Capacity Building Training on Value Clarification and Attitude Transformation (VCAT)

9th-11th October 2025

RENEW trained 30 MSTF-CBSS (Multi-Sectoral Task Force – Community-Based Support System) volunteers at Gawaling Happy Home in Value Clarification and Attitude Transformation (VCAT). Grounded in Comprehensive Sexuality Education, the training explored intersectionality and how gender, sexuality, disability, and age influence access to SRHR and responses to SGBV. Through reflection and dialogue, participants examined biases and strengthened their skills to provide inclusive, empathetic, and non-judgmental support, empowering them as community change agents promoting equality, safety, and SRHR for all.

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I attended a three-day RENEW training on case management, gender roles, gender identity, gender stereotypes, understanding sex characteristics, misconceptions about LGBTQ+, and sexual and reproductive health and rights for persons with disabilities. The training also covered adolescents' SRHR needs and the important role of elders in guiding and supporting them. As a first-time participant, I gained valuable knowledge and awareness on promoting equality and inclusion. This training helped me realize my responsibility to contribute to creating a fair, respectful, and safe environment for everyone in the community.

KARMA WANGZOM

SR. Community Center Operator
(MSTF-CBSS)
Tareythang, Sarpang

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28th-30th November 2025

RENEW conducted a three-day training for CBSS (Community-Based Sexuality Support) volunteers at the RENEW Regional Center in Bumthang. Grounded in Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE), the training explored intersectionality and how gender, sexuality, disability, and age influence access to Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) and responses to Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV). Through reflection and dialogue, participants examined biases and strengthened their skills to provide inclusive, empathetic, and non-judgmental support, empowering them as community change agents promoting equality, safety, and SRHR for all.



Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) Workshop for Teachers

18 May 2025

RENEW, in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and Skills Development (MoESD), conducted a two-day workshop on Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE), focusing on Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health (ASRH) and Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV). The workshop brought together 33 teachers from school well-being teams of 13 higher secondary schools and 2 primary schools in Chukha Dzongkhag and Phuentsholing Thromde. The program aimed to enhance teachers' knowledge and capacity to address SGBV, promote Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR), strengthen referral systems, and empower students to seek help confidently. The workshop also emphasized integrating the Druk Adolescent Initiative for Sexual Awareness Networks (DAISAN) with school peer helpers to reinforce student support mechanisms.



Training of Trainers on Early Identification and Safe Referral (EISR)

9th –11th September 2025

RENEW conducted a three-day Training of Trainers (ToTs) on Early Identification and Safe Referral (EISR) for Well-Being Team members from 12 Peer-Helper DAISAN schools under Thimphu Thromde and Dzongkhag. Twenty-two participants strengthened their skills in recognizing early warning signs, providing first-line support, and connecting children and adolescents to appropriate services through coordinated referral mechanisms. The training emphasized reinforcing local systems to ensure vulnerable young people receive safe, timely, and child-sensitive care, contributing to safeguarding children, preventing gender-based violence, and promoting adolescent health and well-being.



Participant Testimonials



SONAM YANGDEN

Well-being Focal, Jigme Namgyel Lower Secondary School

The intensive three-day Capacity Building Workshop on Early Identification and Safe Referrals was a significant step forward to create a safe, supportive, and nurturing environment for all our students. This provided us with a deeper understanding of our role as educators and caregivers, reinforcing our legal and ethical responsibilities. We have gained practical skills in identifying the early signs of a child facing difficulties, no matter how minor they may seem. The workshop also established clear, safe referral pathways, ensuring that we know exactly how to get a child the help they need, right when they need it. A key focus of the training was on handling sensitive cases involving Children in Difficult Circumstances (CIDC) and Children in Conflict with Law (CICL). We are now better equipped to approach these situations with the necessary care and professionalism. This workshop has fortified our commitment to the well-being of every student, and we are confident that the knowledge and skills we acquired will directly benefit our children.



LAMA NORBU

Well-being Focal, Khasadrapchu Middle Secondary School

I was fortunate to attend the three-day training on Capacity Building on Early Identification and Safe Referral organized by RENEW, and as a counsellor, it turned out to be a truly enriching and eye-opening experience. The sessions helped me gain a deeper understanding of child protection and safe referral while also giving me very practical ways to identify children at risk and support them with greater confidence and care. What stood out for me was the interactive learning and the warmth and expertise of the facilitators, which made the program not only informative but also very inspiring. I now feel more prepared and motivated to safeguard the well-being of my students, and I am sincerely grateful for this opportunity. I believe such programs play a vital role in strengthening our schools and communities to better protect and nurture every child.

Gender-Based Violence (GBV) Case Management Training

11th – 15th August 2025

4 members of the MSTF-CBSS coordination network, Gewog working groups, and Chiwog action groups from Thimphu, Haa, and Chukha successfully completed a five-day GBV Case Management Training at Gawaling Happy Home, Thimphu. Participants, including local government officials, teachers, Gewog Administration officers, and MSTF-CBSS members, were equipped with practical skills in GBV case identification, survivor-centered response, referral pathways, and coordination within the MSTF-CBSS framework. Supported by UNFPA, the training strengthened frontline community actors' capacity to serve as GBV case managers, ready to support women, children, and vulnerable groups with confidence and commitment.





Gender Equality Workshop with Thimphu MSTF-CBSS Network

4th-5th January 2025

RENEW, in collaboration with the Thimphu MSTF-CBSS network, conducted a two-day Gender Equality workshop at the RENEW Conference Hall. Twenty participants, including local leaders, Gewog officers, and MSTF-CBSS members, explored topics such as Gender-Based Violence, Domestic Violence, and Gender Mainstreaming. The workshop strengthened participants' skills in addressing gender issues, emphasized referral mechanisms and advocacy, and resulted in an implementation framework with working groups at Gewog and Chiwog levels. This program was made possible with support from UNFPA.

Child Safeguarding Training for CBSS Volunteers & School Staff

20th – 21st June 2025

RENEW conducted a two-day training program in Punakha and Wangdue for CBSS volunteers, counselors, and focal teachers from schools providing scholarships. The program aimed to strengthen participants' understanding of child safeguarding requirements and enhance the capacity of CBSS volunteers to identify and report cases of child abuse, neglect, or violence against children. A total of 86 participants, including MSTF-CBSS members, counselors, matron teachers, wardens, and well-being focal persons from 17 schools across the districts, took part in this initiative to ensure safer and more supportive school environments.



Training of Trainers on GBV and Child Protection Case Management

15th – 20th September 2025

RENEW, with support from UNICEF, successfully conducted a six-day Training of Trainers on Gender-Based Violence (GBV) and Child Protection Case Management. The training brought together case managers and CBSS volunteers from 15 Community Service Centers as part of RENEW's broader commitment to strengthen the MSTF-CBSS network across all 20 dzongkhags. By equipping community leaders, volunteers, and service providers with specialized skills, the initiative expands access to gender-responsive protection and support services for women, children, and marginalized groups in remote areas. The program also strengthened referral pathways, improved coordination, and fostered a sustainable volunteer network to ensure services reach those who need them most.

Consultation with the LGBT+ Community on the Rainbow Help Desk and Safe Space

13th January 2025

RENEW conducted its inaugural community consultation with 25 members of Bhutan's LGBT+ community, including trans women, trans men, gay men, lesbians, and pansexual individuals. Through needs-assessment surveys, focus group discussions, and interactive activities, participants shared key challenges in accessing HIV and STI services, pre-exposure prophylaxis, gender-affirming care, safe referral systems, and psychosocial support, alongside experiences of stigma and discrimination. The consultation provided a trusted and inclusive platform for open dialogue and helped capture the community's lived realities and priorities. The insights gathered directly informed the design of the Rainbow Help Desk, ensuring it is community-centered, inclusive, and responsive to the needs of LGBT+ individuals in Bhutan.



Three-Day Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) Training for LGBT+ Communities and Female Sex Workers

10th - 12th February 2025

RENEW+ successfully piloted Bhutan's first Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) training designed specifically for LGBT+ communities and female sex workers. The three-day program engaged 25 participants and covered key topics including bodily autonomy, consent, healthy relationships, gender identity, sexual and reproductive health, sexually transmitted infections, pre-exposure prophylaxis, and mental well-being. Delivered through participatory and culturally responsive approaches, the training created a safe and empowering space for reflection, learning, and dialogue. Participants were equipped with knowledge and practical tools to strengthen self-advocacy and support their peers. Ten participants were further identified for advanced Peer Educator and case management training, contributing to stronger community-led support systems. This initiative marks an important step toward inclusive, community-centered sexual health education and advocacy in Bhutan.





Peer Educator Training on Basic Psychological Support for LGBT+ Communities and Sex Workers

13th - 12th May 2025

RENEW+ successfully conducted a four-day residential Peer Educator Training to strengthen basic psychological support services for LGBT+ communities and sex workers. The training brought together 10 selected community members and focused on essential skills including psychological first aid, case management, gender-based violence response, child protection, and ethical practices such as confidentiality and safe handling of sensitive disclosures. Using interactive methods such as role-plays, group work, and guided discussions, participants built practical, survivor-centered skills to provide non-judgmental and inclusive support. The training also strengthened peer networks and boosted participants' confidence to respond effectively to community needs. These trained peer educators are now equipped to serve as frontline responders at the Rainbow Help Desk, significantly enhancing access to psychosocial support for marginalized communities in Bhutan.



Sensitization Program

20th February - 29th November 2025

Between 20 February and 29 November 2025, RENEW conducted a series of one-day sensitization programs on HIV and key populations, targeting a range of justice and law enforcement personnel across Bhutan. The primary objective of these programs was to enhance participants' understanding of HIV and key populations, address stigma and discrimination, and promote rights-based, inclusive approaches in justice and public health systems.

On 20 February 2025, judicial personnel, including representatives from the Office of the Attorney General, the Bar Council, and the Bhutan National Legal Institute, participated in a program addressing HIV, stigma and discrimination, legal challenges faced by key populations, and the application of SOGIESC-inclusive, rights-based practices within the justice system. On 23 May 2025, 20 non-commissioned police personnel from seven districts and Phuentsholing Thromde attended a session focusing on HIV, key populations, SOGIESC, Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP), and strategies to prevent stigma, discrimination, and violence. Similarly, on 17 October 2025, 20 commissioned police officers from Thimphu engaged in a high-level program emphasizing HIV, key populations, SOGIESC, PrEP, and the promotion of empathy and collaboration between law enforcement and marginalized communities. On 27 November 2025, police officers and cadets from the Jigmeling Training Institute in Gelephu participated in a session that strengthened understanding of HIV, key populations, and inclusive public health approaches, highlighting rights-based responses, stigma reduction, and effective collaboration. Finally, on 29 November 2025, police personnel and Community-Based Support System (CBSS) members in Samdrup Jongkhar attended a program emphasizing HIV, key populations, and community-centered public health responses, with a focus on rights-based approaches and reducing stigma.

Across all sessions, organized in collaboration with SKPA-2, Save the Children, Pride Bhutan, the Ministry of Health, and the Royal Bhutan Police, interactive discussions and real-life community perspectives fostered empathy, strengthened understanding, and promoted a justice and public health system grounded in dignity, equality, and human rights for all.



Thimphu



Phuentsholing



Gelephu



Samdrup Jongkhar

HIV and Key Population Sensitization for Legal Personnel Program



8 Males



10 Females



18 Total

TOTAL PARTICIPANTS REACHOUT



Male	Female	Total
111	121	232

Training for RENEW Staff and Gender Focal Points on GBV, SOGIESC



12 Males



33 Females



45 Total

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMS CONDUCTED

1

Sensitization for Legal Personnel (OAG) Program

2

Training for RENEW staff and gender focal point

2

Sensitization Program for Police Personnel

1

High-Level Sensitization Program for Police Personnel

1

Sensitization Program for Police cadet

1

Sensitization Program for RENEW Volunteers (MSTF-CBSS Members)

8
TOTAL

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

Capacity Building Workshop on CSE with Young Men and Boys

9th –10th September 2025

RENEW conducted a 2-day workshop on Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) at the RENEW Conference Hall with 11 artists and crew from The Rebellions Bhutan. The workshop focused on empowering men and boys as champions of change, using music and arts to advocate for gender equality and social transformation. Equipped with new knowledge and skills, the artists took their musical advocacy on a month-long “Drukpa’s On Tour” from 13th September to 12th October 2025, reaching 17 schools and 8 colleges across 14 dzongkhags to inspire communities and young people on priority social issues through the universal language of music.

CONDUCTED ACROSS 14 DZONGKHAGS

8

SCHOOLS

17

COLLEGES



Summer Youth-Parliamentary Engagement Forum 2025

6th July 2025

RENEW hosted the grand finale of The Ripple Camp: A Youth Initiative from Me to We with 29 DAISAN-Peer Helper youths from 10 schools across three districts. Over six days, these young leaders developed and presented their ideas and recommendations directly to parliamentarians, demonstrating the power of youth voices in shaping Bhutan's democratic future. The forum was organized in collaboration with BCMD and International IDEA, with generous support from the European Union, fostering youth leadership, civic engagement, and participatory governance.



Summer Youth Engagement Program

Gelephu

We are pleased to share the successful culmination of our three-day Summer Youth Engagement Program for 2025! This year's program took place from 2nd-4th of July at the RENEW Community Service Center at Gelephu and observed impressive participation from students across different schools and locations, reflecting a strong interest in the vital topics we covered. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our esteemed CBSS volunteers, whose unwavering support was instrumental in the program's success.

A special thank you goes to our guest speakers, whose expertise and dedication enriched the sessions on legal awareness, sexually transmitted diseases, mental health awareness, yoga, teenage pregnancy, resilience, and child online protection. We believe these sessions provided valuable knowledge and tools for our youth.



Summer Youth Engagement Program

Pemagatshel

On 7th July 2025, RENEW Community Service Center, Pemagatshel, in collaboration with Pemagatshel Middle Secondary School, officially kicked off the Summer Youth Engagement Program. The opening ceremony was graced by the Chief Dzongkhag Education Officer and the Principal of Pemagatshel MSS, whose presence and words of encouragement added great value and inspiration to the event. This five-day program is focused on enhancing emotional resilience among youth and creating awareness on Child Online Protection. Through interactive sessions and activities, the program aims to equip students with essential life skills to manage emotional well-being and navigate the digital world safely.



Youth Engagement Program

Tsirang

The Youth Summer Engagement Program started with a thought-provoking session focused on Building Emotional Resilience. Participants engaged in interactive activities using the “Life Tree” and “Resilient Tree” tools, which guided them in identifying personal sources of strength and growth. Facilitated by our Center Manager, the session encouraged reflection, self-awareness, and mental well-being.

Adding to the program’s significance, Mr. Passang Dorji Tamang, a physiotherapist from Damphu Hospital, delivered an insightful talk on fostering inclusive and supportive spaces for individuals with Person with Disabilities. Emphasizing the use of person-first language, he highlighted the importance of respecting the dignity and identity of each individual, rather than defining them by their condition.



Youth Engagement Program

Mongar

RENEW Community Service Center, in collaboration with Mongar Youth Center and supported by IPPF, launched a vibrant five-day Youth Engagement Program on 3rd July 2025! The event opened with an inspiring introduction to RENEW's services, followed by powerful sessions on sex, gender, and violence awareness, and an impactful "Damtsi" training to foster values of integrity, transparency, and accountability among youth. A special session on mental health & well-being was led by a counselor from Eastern Regional Referral Hospital, highlighting the importance of emotional strength and self-care.

The program is packed with fun and enriching activities like indoor/ outdoor games, sports, reading, arts & crafts, and more!



To make it age-friendly, participants were grouped into:

5 - 11
YEARS

12 - 18
YEARS



Summer Youth Enagagement Program

Trashigang

RENEW Community Service Centre, Trashigang is proud to have successfully completed a dynamic and impactful 3-day Summer Youth Engagement Program! Over the course of the program, youth participants were actively engaged in a range of enriching activities and discussions led by professionals from diverse backgrounds.

Key topics included:



**Roles and Responsibilities
of Youth in Nation Building**



**Health, Well-Being &
Personal Development**



Leadership, Teamwork & Communication Skills

The sessions were designed to empower young individuals with the knowledge, values, and skills needed to become responsible and proactive members of society. In addition to the learning sessions, participants took part in interactive group activities, games, and reflective exercises that helped foster creativity, confidence, and community spirit.

'Menchung Bum: Rise and Shine' Youth Engagement Program

6th – 12th January 2025

Between 6th and 12th January 2025, RENEW conducted the week-long "Menchung Bum: Rise and Shine" Youth Engagement Program, targeting 31–33 girls from various schools across Thimphu, Bumthang, Trashiyangtse, and Gasa. The primary objective of the program was to empower young women by enhancing their life skills, self-esteem, and confidence, while providing comprehensive knowledge on sexuality, self-development, and practical tools to navigate social challenges. Designed as a dynamic and transformative initiative, the program combined comprehensive sexuality education with arts and crafts activities, digital literacy sessions, and self-development workshops, equipping participants to grow as confident, informed, and empowered individuals. The week concluded with a closing ceremony celebrating the participants' achievements, where each received a certificate of completion, marking their growth and dedication throughout the program.



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PARTICIPANTS



ENGAGEMENT WITH CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS (CSO), PARLIAMENT AND MEDIA

Gender Refresher Training for TVET Institutes

26th - 28th August 2025

23 participants from five public TVET institutes under the Department of Workforce Planning and Skills Development (DWPSD) successfully completed a Gender Refresher Training, implemented by the Bhutan Education and Skills Training (BEST) Project in collaboration with DWPSD, the Ministry of Education and Skills Development (MoESD), and RENEW. The training strengthened participants' capacity in gender mainstreaming, inclusive education, and gender-responsive mechanisms, while building awareness and skills to prevent and address sexual harassment. Participants also developed Sexual Harassment Reporting Procedures, strategies for institutional advocacy, gender-responsive budgeting, inclusion monitoring, and a comprehensive Gender Equality, Diversity & Inclusion (GEDI) Action Plan to guide future initiatives, reinforcing long-term commitment to safe, inclusive, and equitable TVET campuses.



Media-CSO Forum on Storytelling and Trauma-Sensitive Reporting

10th January 2025

RENEW hosted a Media-CSO Forum bringing together 23 participants from media and civil society organizations to explore storytelling, informed consent, and trauma-sensitive reporting to amplify the voices of vulnerable communities. Funded by the European Union and implemented in collaboration with Save the Children and Bhutan Transparency Initiative, the forum aimed to strengthen compassionate and inclusive reporting practices and foster a more inclusive society.



Engagement with Media Personnel

6th May - 3rd June 2025

RENEW conducted a series of engaging media personnel and civil society representatives to promote ethical and inclusive journalism in Bhutan. The primary objective of these programs was to strengthen responsible media practices, amplify the voices of marginalized communities, and enhance the capacity of journalists and CSOs to report on social protection and vulnerable groups in a rights-based and ethical manner. On 6th May 2025, a stakeholder consultation was held with 18 media personnel and CSO representatives, facilitated by RTC Professional Services, where participants discussed key gaps and insights to inform the development of the second module of RENEW's media training package, promoting inclusive and responsible storytelling. Subsequently, from 3rd to 5th June 2025, a three-day training workshop was conducted for 14 media personnel from seven media houses, covering ethical reporting, trauma-informed journalism, media's role in social protection, and effective engagement with vulnerable groups. Funded by the European Union and implemented in partnership with Save the Children and the Bhutan Transparency Initiative, these initiatives equipped participants to advance ethical, inclusive, and socially responsible media practices across the country.





Training Workshop on Ethical and Inclusive Journalism

INTERNATIONAL DAYS



International Youth Day 2025 Celebration

12th August 2025

RENEW marked International Youth Day at Motithang Higher Secondary School, championing the global theme “Local Youth Actions for the SDGs and Beyond.” The event highlighted three pivotal Sustainable Development Goals shaping youth lives: SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-being), SDG 4 (Quality Education), and SDG 5 (Gender Equality). Over 80 youths and 15 teachers, including Peer-Helper DAISAN students from 14 schools across Thimphu Dzongkhag, as well as participants from the Paro Wangsel Institute for the Deaf, the Royal Institute for Tourism and Hospitality, and the National Institute for Zorig Chusum, came together on an inclusive platform. Under the slogan “Your Voice Matters: Speak, Act, Inspire,” the program featured keynote speeches, youth leadership presentations, and motivational messages, inspiring proactive engagement and demonstrating that meaningful transformation begins within schools, communities, and everyday actions.



International Women's Day

25 YEARS OF HER MAJESTY AS UNFPA GOODWILL AMBASSADOR AND EVOLUTION OF RENEW TO RENEW PLUS

Coinciding with International Women's Day, RENEW celebrated a remarkable milestone, 25 years of Her Majesty Gyalyum Sangay Choden Wangchuck's devoted service as UNFPA Goodwill Ambassador. The occasion brought together partners from the Royal Government of Bhutan, international organizations, civil society organizations (CSOs), youth volunteers, and community leaders to honor Her Majesty's steadfast commitment to uplifting vulnerable communities and transforming lives. As the founder and president of RENEW and a tireless advocate for gender equality, Her Majesty's vision and guidance have been instrumental in driving meaningful change over the past quarter-century.

A highlight of the celebration was the announcement of RENEW's evolution into RENEW Plus. Her Majesty shared: *"With this next phase, RENEW Plus will extend its support beyond women and girls to include men, boys, the LGBT+ community, and people with disabilities. It embodies our broader commitment to promoting choice, dignity, and empowerment for all."*

This expansion acknowledges that many of these groups continue to face barriers in accessing critical resources such as reproductive healthcare, education, and protection, reinforcing RENEW Plus's mission to ensure inclusivity and equity for all members of society.







Thimphu

International Women's Day Celebration at the Community Service Centers

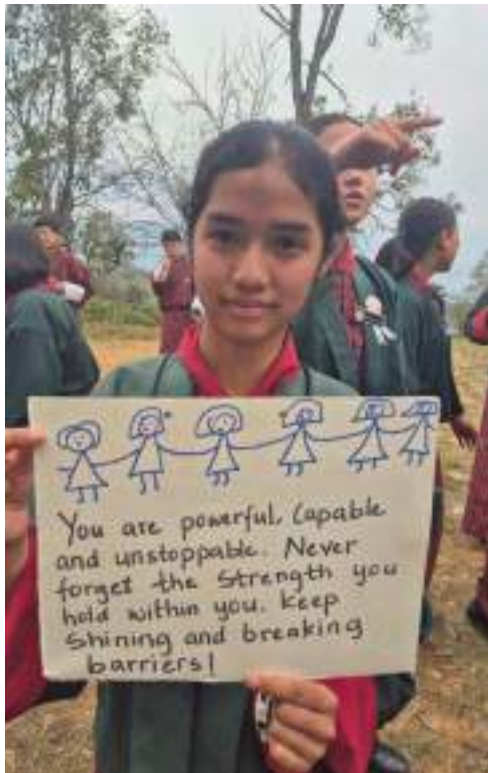




Chukha



Chukha



Tsirang



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Tsirang



Zhemgang



Trashigang



Chukha

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN (IDEVAW)

Commemorating the 70th Birth anniversary of His Majesty the Fourth Druk Gyalpo Jigme Singye Wangchuck



INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Advancing Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment



Commemorating the 70th Birth Anniversary of His Majesty the Fourth Druk Gyalpo: Honoring Leadership in Advancing Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment

This year, Bhutan observed IDEVAW 2025 with special significance, as the nation celebrated the 70th Birth Anniversary of His Majesty the Fourth Druk Gyalpo, Jigme Singye Wangchuck. On this historic occasion, we honor His Majesty's visionary leadership and remarkable contributions in laying the foundation for gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls across the country.

Under His Majesty's foresight, Bhutan has achieved steady and transformative progress in ensuring equal opportunities and protections for all. From the earliest phases of planned socio-economic development, the Royal Government emphasized equitable access to resources and services. The establishment of the National Women's Association of Bhutan in 1981, alongside Bhutan's ratification of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women, marked a pivotal milestone in institutionalizing gender equality.

Over the decades, rising literacy rates, expanded access to education and health services, and increased participation of women in public life have reinforced Bhutan's commitment to gender parity. Institutions such as the National Commission for Women and Children and RENEW have played a critical role in protecting and empowering women and children, supporting national efforts toward inclusive development. Bhutan's progressive legal and policy framework continues to evolve, with instruments such as the Domestic Violence Prevention Act (2013), the National Gender Equality Policy (2020), and the National Strategy and Framework of Action on the Elimination of Gender-Based Violence (2024–2028). Complementary operational tools, including the Standard Operating Procedures for Gender-Based Violence Response, Case Management Guidelines, and the RCSC SOP on Sexual Harassment (2025), strengthen a coordinated, survivor-centered approach across sectors.

These national achievements reflect His Majesty's deep compassion and unwavering commitment to building a just, inclusive, and equitable society. Complementing His Majesty's vision, Her Majesty Gyalyum Sangay Choden Wangchuck, as UNFPA Goodwill Ambassador to Bhutan, continues to champion gender equality, promote family health, and strengthen social protection, inspiring sustained national action and community engagement.

This year's IDEVAW observance featured several significant initiatives honoring His Majesty's legacy. Her Majesty graced the launch of RENEW's couture brand "YŪM", symbolizing resilience, empowerment, and the enduring grace of Bhutanese women. YŪM is more than a label, it is a movement and a visionary initiative that brings to life high-quality, minimalistic, and timeless Bhutanese couture. The brand is built on three core pillars: signature collections, made-to-measure pieces, and the development of innovative contemporary fabrics. The Fall 2025 Collection, "Winter Mountain-Silent Peaks," was unveiled, inspired by Bhutan's serene winter landscapes. The collection features a palette of whites, blues, greys, and blacks, with an exclusive mountain motif woven throughout. It blends traditional craftsmanship with contemporary silhouettes, refined materials, delicate embroidery, and modern styling. For the first time, YŪM by RENEW also introduces Bhutan's pioneering woven sarees, thoughtfully crafted for saree lovers across the region.

The event also saw the launch of the revised SOP on Prevention and Response to Sexual Harassment in the Civil Service and the updated Gender-Based Violence SOP, highlighting the importance of strengthened national mechanisms for prevention, protection, and coordinated action. The 16 Days of Activism to End Gender-Based Violence this year followed the global theme, “UNiTE to End Digital Violence against All Women and Girls.” Commemorating the 30th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, the campaign emphasized one of the fastest-growing forms of abuse, digital violence, underscoring that digital safety is essential to achieving meaningful gender equality. Under His Majesty’s foresight, Bhutan has achieved steady and transformative progress in ensuring equal opportunities and protections for all. From the earliest phases of planned socio-economic development, the Royal Government emphasized equitable access to resources and services. The establishment of the National Women’s Association of Bhutan in 1981, alongside Bhutan’s ratification of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women, marked a pivotal milestone in institutionalizing gender equality.

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Through this platform, the CSC successfully reached out to a significant number of police personnel, members of the education sector, and community representatives - strengthening awareness, enhancing visibility, and reinforcing key messages related to protection, safety, and access to services. RENEW CSC, Samdrup Jongkhar, remains committed to promoting protection, empowerment, and wellbeing for all, ensuring that every individual is informed, supported, and safe.



IDEVAW Observed in Bongo

Phuentsholing

RENEW Community Service Centre, Phuentsholing in collaboration with Chukha MSTF-CBSS observed the IDEVAW in bongo Gewog under Chukha Dzongkhag. The event also commemorated His Majesty the fourth Druk Gyalpo's 70th birth anniversary. The national theme honours the 70th Birth Anniversary of His Majesty the Fourth Druk Gyalpo, celebrating His Majesty's extraordinary leadership in advancing gender equality, women's empowerment, and the protection of children across Bhutan.

Bongo Gewog in one of farthest and unreached communities under Chukha Dzongkhag but more than 100 participants gathered for the programme, reflecting the growing awareness and collective will to end all forms of violence against women and girls.

The Chief Guest, the Chief District Livestock Officer, highlighted the importance of the day and the community's unwavering commitment to ending violence. He emphasised that violence against women is not just a women's issue but a societal concern, requiring the engagement of everyone: men, women, youth, elders, and institutions.

He further reiterated His Majesty the Fourth Druk Gyalpo's unparalleled contributions in shaping a compassionate and just nation. His Majesty's visionary policies strengthened education, expanded opportunities for girls, empowered women across sectors, and laid the foundation for a safer Bhutan where the rights and dignity of women and children are upheld. Adding to the significance of the occasion, the Officer Commanding, RBP Gedu, delivered a crucial message on crime trends related to violence against women. He highlighted growing concerns around gender-based violence and stressed the need for vigilance, community cooperation, and timely intervention. He reaffirmed the police's commitment to ensuring justice, supporting survivors, and working closely with local communities to create safer environments.

The event served as a powerful reminder that preventing violence begins with awareness, education, and respect. By embracing the values cherished by His Majesty's compassion, dignity, and shared responsibility, communities can build safer, more inclusive, and supportive spaces for women and children.

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The most important things I learned from today's training are the concepts of key populations, SOGIESC, and the coming-out process. I understood that ending violence, discrimination, and stigma against these groups is essential in reducing HIV. I also learned that rather than addressing people as "he and she" in LGBT community, it is more respectful to call individuals by their names. As a counsellor gaining insight into the types of stress they experience at each stage will really help me develop more effective treatment plan

Bal Bdr Powdel
Clinical Counselor

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IDEVAW & 16 Days of Activism

Samdrup Jongkhar

In observance of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women (IDEVAW) and as part of the 16 Days of Activism, the RENEW Community Service Center, Samdrup Jongkhar, leveraged the opportunity created through the sensitization program conducted by the RENEW Head Office under the Sustainability of HIV Services for Key Populations in South-East Asia Program (SKPA-2), which focuses on promoting sustainable HIV and related services for key populations in Bhutan.

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IDEVAW

Samdrup Jongkhar

The RENEW Community Service Center, Samdrup Jongkhar, observed the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women in tribute to the 70th Birth Anniversary of His Majesty the Fourth Druk Gyalpo, Jigme Singye Wangchuck. The event was held in alignment with the global theme, “UNiTE to End Digital Violence Against All Women and Girls.”

The program was graced by Dasho Dzungda, the armed forces led by the Brigadier of the RBA, Chief Education Officers and Education Officers from the Dzongkhag and Thromde, health officials, and members of the public. Their esteemed presence highlighted our collective responsibility to protect the safety, dignity, and rights of women and girls across all spheres of life.

Violence against women continues to manifest in many forms - physical, emotional, sexual, psychological, and economic. These harms not only affect individuals but tear at the fabric of families and communities. With the rise of technology, violence now extends into digital spaces, where women and girls face online harassment, cyberbullying, exploitation, and intimidation.

The event underscored that ending violence requires a united, multisectoral commitment: strengthening community awareness, empowering survivors, increasing access to support services, promoting respectful relationships, and holding perpetrators accountable.

Through this observance, the Samdrup Jongkhar Community Service Center reaffirms its unwavering dedication to creating a society where women and girls are safe in their homes, communities, workplaces, and digital environments- free to thrive with dignity, equality, and respect.



World Down Syndrome Day

Tsirang

RENEW CSC, Tsirang extends heartfelt gratitude to Ability Bhutan Society (ABS) and the physiotherapy team of Damphu Hospital for inviting us to observe World Down Syndrome Day at Phendhey ECCD. This meaningful event not only marked the occasion but also raised awareness about social inclusion and the importance of early identification and early intervention to parents.

Additionally, the program highlighted children's rights and engaged them in a fun-filled coloring activity to enhance their cognitive skills, creativity, and organizational abilities. Such initiatives play a vital role in fostering a more inclusive and supportive community for every child.



World Down Syndrome Day

Phuentsholing

World Mental Health Day is observed globally on 10th October every year to raise awareness about mental health issues and to mobilize efforts in support of better mental well-being. This year's theme, "Mental health is a universal human right," emphasizes that every individual, regardless of age, background, or circumstance, deserves access to mental health education, support, and care.

In Bhutan, promoting mental health has become increasingly important as children and adolescents face growing challenges such as academic stress, social pressure, exposure to digital media, and limited avenues for emotional expression. Recognizing these concerns, the RENEW Community Service Center, Phuentsholing, in collaboration with Logchina middle secondary school and MSTF-CBSS community action group, organized an awareness session to commemorate World Mental Health Day.

The program aimed to foster understanding, empathy, and resilience among students, teachers, and parents. It also served as a platform to introduce the DAISAN framework. The day provided an opportunity for consultation and discussion for the upcoming IP child protection project with the LG officials too.





Menstrual Hygiene Day

Punakha

In partnership with dedicated DAISAN volunteers and the incredible support of 4 schools across Punakha, RENEW Community Service Center proudly conducted a one-day campaign to raise awareness on menstrual hygiene and promote Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE).

Through Red Dot campaigns, creative poster displays, group discussions, and powerful pledges, students led the way in breaking stigma and building a more informed, period-friendly school environment.



Menstrual Hygiene Day

Trashigang

Trashigang CSC marked Menstrual Hygiene Day with the vibrant community of Barkazur Chiwog, Udzorong Gewog, bringing together women, men, girls, and boys for an inclusive awareness event. The session focused on breaking taboos, promoting open conversations, and educating everyone—regardless of gender—on the importance of menstrual health and hygiene. Heartfelt gratitude to the Barkazur community for your active participation and support. Together, we're building a more informed, respectful, and compassionate society.



Menstrual Hygiene Day

Tsirang

RENEW CSC Tsirang, in collaboration with MSTF-CBSS members, conducted an awareness program in Patshaling Gewog to mark Menstrual Hygiene Day. The event focused on sensitizing the community on Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV), safe referral pathways, and menstrual hygiene management. Through demonstrations and group discussions, we empowered participants with knowledge and tools for a healthier, safer future. The program also mobilized Gewog Committee and Action Group members to strengthen local efforts for community well-being. Together, we are breaking taboos, promoting dignity, and ensuring no one is left behind.





World Menstrual Hygiene Day

Dagana

To mark World Menstrual Hygiene Day, the RENEW Community Service Center, Dagana organized a special program in Drujaygang Gewog. The event brought together community members from three chiwogs under the gewog. The program aimed to raise awareness about the significance of menstrual hygiene for women and girls. Key messages highlighted the importance of breaking taboos, promoting good hygiene practices, and ensuring dignity and health for all menstruating individuals.

In addition to the main theme, a brief yet impactful presentation on domestic violence was also delivered, reinforcing RENEW's commitment to promoting safe and healthy communities.

Menstrual Hygiene Day

Phuentsholing

On May 28, 2025, the RENEW Community Service Centre (CSC) in Phuentsholing observed World Menstrual Hygiene Day at Phuentsholing Rigzar Higher Secondary School. The event was organized in collaboration with the school's DAISAN network and led by the MSTF-CBSS volunteers, with generous financial support from Phuentsholing Thromde.

The event brought together DAISAN members from Sonamgang Primary School and Phuentsholing Primary School, creating a vibrant platform of solidarity and awareness. The program was further honored by the presence of two distinguished guests: the Executive Secretary of Phuentsholing Thromde and His Eminence Khenpo from Namgay Choling Dratshang, who both delivered empowering messages to the participants. The program began with a ceremonial butter lamp offering led by the Chief Guests. In her opening remarks, the Executive Secretary underscored the importance of supporting girls and women during menstruation—whether at school, in the workplace, or within the community. She stressed that menstruation is a natural biological process that should be treated with dignity and understanding, not stigma or silence.

His Eminence Khenpo delivered a deeply moving address on compassion and respect. Drawing from both Buddhist philosophy and scientific understanding, he affirmed the sacred and vital role of women as givers of life and emphasized that supporting women—especially during menstruation—is a reflection of a truly compassionate society. He also commended the government's ongoing efforts to improve menstrual health education and access to sanitary products across Bhutan.





Menstrual Hygiene Day

Thimphu

RENEW Family joins the world to take a stand to ensure that no girl or woman is ever held back because of her period.

It is a moment to reflect, connect, and recommit ourselves to a world where periods are not a barrier to education, health, or opportunity. Through shared reflections and collective efforts, we remind ourselves that change begins right here with awareness, empathy, and the courage to challenge taboos.

Every voice, every action, and every effort counts when it comes to creating a future where menstruation is understood, accepted, and supported with dignity.







CHAPTER 3

COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTERS

Promoting highly motivated and professional service providers

COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTERS

Since 2022, RENEW has been implementing a nationwide initiative to strengthen community-based protection and response mechanisms through the establishment of RENEW Community Service Centers (CSCs). Implemented with support from International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF), Government of India (GoI), UNFPA, and UNICEF, the CSCs serve as women and girls' safe spaces and have emerged as critical service delivery hubs across Bhutan.

The CSCs provide integrated services including protection, psychosocial support, case management, legal assistance, and livelihood support for women, children, and other vulnerable groups. These centers play a vital role in ensuring that sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) and child protection services are accessible, particularly in remote and underserved communities.

As of 2025, 14 CSCs are fully functional across the country. The initiative has significantly strengthened RENEW's grassroots outreach and service delivery capacity. Since its inception, over 100,000 individuals have been reached through awareness and training programmes on SGBV and child protection, contributing to increased community awareness and prevention efforts.

Overall, the RENEW Community Service Centers continue to play a central role in advancing protection, empowerment, and access to essential services for vulnerable populations across Bhutan.

Center	Female	Male	Girls	Boys	Others	Total
Physical Violence	116	0	1	12	0	129
Sexual Violence	6	23	75	6	0	110
Emotional Violence	239	45	17	12	0	313
Economic Violence	50	5	4	9	0	68
Non-GBV	72	24	19	13	6	134
Total	483	97	116	52	6	754

Cases registered under each type of violence



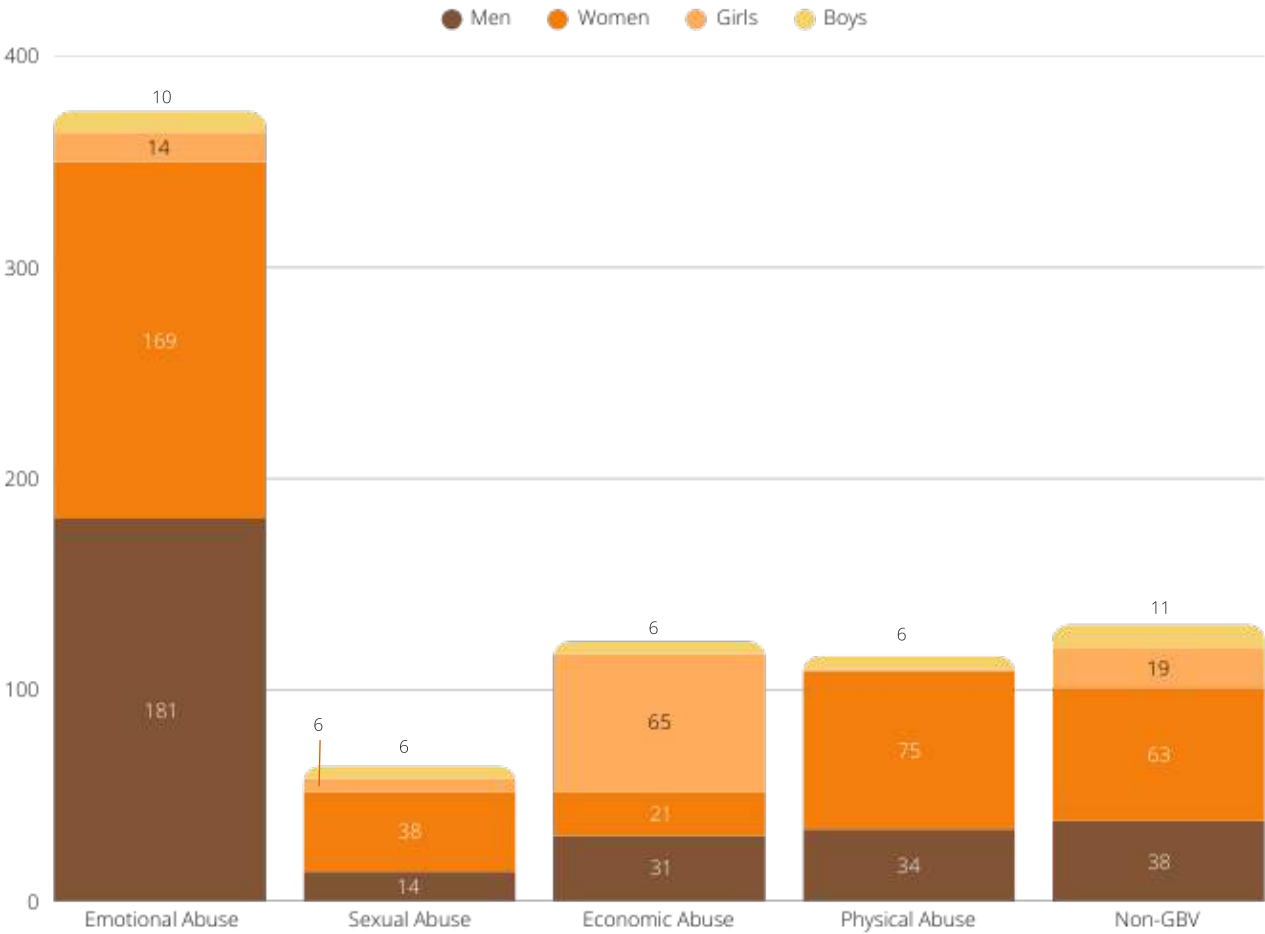
Outreach through the programs/ activities

Centers	Bumthang	Tsirang	Paro	Punakha	P/ling	Samtse	Gelephu	Tashigang	Dagana	Zhemgang	S/Jongkhar	P/Gatshel	Mongar
Total Outreach	717	2513	1207	2995	3753	7163	3523	2295	1669	3551	4285	2039	3604

Total cases handled by centres

Center	Bumthang	Dagana	Gelephu	Mongar	Paro	P/Gatshel	P/ling	Punakha	S/Jongkhar	Samtse	Tashigang	Zhemgang	Tsirang	Total
Number	32	35	137	18	106	20	126	68	16	51	39	23	83	754

Types of Cases by Gender & Abuses



Total Cases 566

- Emotional violence 299
- Economic violence 54
- Sexual violence 98
- Physical violence 82
- Non-gbv 103

Case Refferal	RBP	Community Admin	Hospital	The PEMA	Court	Legal	Counsel	Other CSC	HQ	Total
Outgoing	5	1	2	3	7	1	1	2	1	23
Incoming	16	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	20

PROGRAMS/ ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT IN THE COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER

BUMTHANG

Enhancing collaboration and strengthening community networks

The RENEW Community Service center, Bumthang along with CBSS volunteers successfully conducted a dynamic program for local leaders focused on enhancing collaboration and strengthening community networks for prompt services delivery. The session brought together changemakers to share insights, build meaningful connections, and explore new ways to work together for greater impact. They have developed action plan to eliminate or reduce the violence in their community.





Initiative to Eliminate Violence

Strengthening Our Commitment to Eliminating Violence

The RENEW Community Service Center, Bumthang has worked on latest developments to eliminate violence in the community. In collaboration with MSTF-CBSS members, local leaders, stakeholders, and concerned citizens, have taken meaningful steps toward building a safer, more unified environment for everyone.

A new Community Safety Action Plan has been developed, outlining strategic interventions focused on prevention, education, youth empowerment, and reintegration. This plan is a direct result of community inputs.





DAGANA

Strengthening Program at Grassroot Level

RENEW Community Service Center, Dagana, in collaboration with the Dzongkhag Health Sector, conducted visits to all 14 gewogs under Dagana Dzongkhag. These visits focused on sensitizing and orienting Local Government leaders and communities on MSTF-CBSS at the grassroots level, while also enhancing the visibility of the center. With the establishment of MSTF-CBSS mechanisms at the grassroots, delivery of essential services related to Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV), child protection, domestic violence, and Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) will be significantly strengthened. This initiative reinforces community-based support systems, ensuring individuals in need can access timely and effective services.





Outreach Program

RENEW Community Service Center, Dagana successfully reached five chiwogs under Tashiding Gewog, Dagana, as part of their ongoing community outreach program. The sessions were designed to raise awareness on key issues affecting the well-being of our communities.

The centre led a talk on SRHR focusing on empowering individuals with knowledge and promoting sexual and reproductive rights.

In addition, the hospital counselor delivered an engaging and insightful session on the impact of alcohol addiction and its link to mental health challenges.



Stakeholder Consultation Meeting

13th March 2025

RENEW Community Service Center, Dagana, convened a consultation meeting with Dzongkhag sector heads, stakeholders, Local Government representatives, and CBSS volunteers, graced by the presence of the Dasho Dzongdag. During the session, the CSC presented updates on MSTF-CBSS initiatives at the grassroots level, highlighting key achievements, existing challenges, and pressing social issues requiring coordinated interventions from relevant stakeholders.



Summer Youth Engagement Program

6th July 2025

The program featured an engaging session led by the Officer-in-Charge of Dagapela RBP, who addressed substance abuse and its adverse impacts while sharing practical stress-management strategies. The session equipped children with essential coping skills to better navigate personal and social challenges. Participants were also introduced to basic tailoring techniques by a professional instructor. Through guided, hands-on practice, they gained practical exposure to vocational skills, sparking interest in skill-based learning opportunities. In addition, the program strengthened literacy and communication competencies through book review presentations and interactive reading activities, promoting critical thinking, self-expression, and confidence in public speaking.



Youth Engagement Program

Focus: Child Online Protection



Stakeholder Engagement and Collaboration

15th February 2025

RENEW CSC, in collaboration with the Dzongkhag Public Health Officer, convened a meeting with Local Government leaders and representatives from all 14 gewogs of Dagana Dzongkhag. The session provided an overview of RENEW's mandate and the range of services it offers to communities. The meeting also served as a platform for constructive dialogue on strengthening future collaboration with Local Government leaders, reinforcing coordinated efforts to enhance community support systems and service delivery.



GELEPHU

21st RENEW Foundation Day

13th March 2025

To commemorate the 21st RENEW Foundation Day and the Birth Anniversary of Her Majesty Gyalyum Sangay Choden Wangchuck, the Royal Patron and Founder of RENEW, the RENEW Community Service Centre in Gelephu marked the auspicious occasion together with stakeholders, community women, DAISAN (Youth Volunteer Network), CBSS and the participants from Mindful Aftercare Centre. In keeping with Her Majesty's lifelong commitment to the wellbeing of women and children, the center also conducted an awareness program focused on Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV), Mental health and wellbeing, Child Protection, and the services provided by the Women and Children Protection Unit (WCPU), RBP.



Awareness Program

29th March 2025

An awareness program on RENEW and its services, as well as Sexual & Gender-Based Violence (SGBV)/ Domestic Violence (DV) was held for the staff and workers of the Army Welfare Project (AWP) in Gelephu.



16th June 2025

RENEW CSC in Gelephu, in collaboration with the Dzongkhag Health Office, Sarpang, conducted an awareness program to highlight RENEW and its services, Gender and SGBV along with providing a quarterly update on the center's activities. The session also covered key topics such as reintegration programs (livelihood skills training) and discussions on the way forward in our shared commitment to serving the community. Participants included Gups/representatives from all 12 Gewogs, MSTF-CBSS members, and members of the Newlife Recovery Group Of Gelephu.

Child Online Protection

25th April 2025

A sensitization program on Child Online Protection was conducted for students of Classes 4 to 6 at Jigmeling Primary School. The students were educated on various cyber risks and informed about practical measures to stay safe while navigating the online world. All the staff members were present during the session, contributing to the success of the program.



Sensitization session on Sexual & Gender Based Violence (SGBVDV)

1st April 2025

RENEW CSC in Gelephu conducted a brief sensitization session on Sexual & Gender Based Violence (SGBV/DV) for community women participating in a 3-day Agro-Entrepreneurship training hosted by the Sherchok Women's Group (SWG) in Sarpang.

SWG, an agri-business women's cooperative, is dedicated to empowering Bhutanese women and self-help groups in agribusiness through strategic rebranding and production.

During the session, participants were informed about the services, activities, and programs offered by RENEW, including livelihood skills training. Most importantly, they were educated on gender issues, SGBV, and the service providers available in their community.



Child Online Protection

28th April 2025

RENEW CSC Gelephu in collaboration with Emotional Coordinator, Gelephu Middle Secondary School organized training on Child Online Protection (CoP) and Early Identification & Safe Referral (EISR) with the school principal, teacher volunteers and student DAISAN members, all of whom play crucial roles in ensuring safe and supportive school environment. The session focused on understanding the risks associated with children's online presence, including cyberbullying, online exploitation, and privacy breaches. It also emphasized the importance of digital literacy and proactive measures to help students navigate the internet safely.

By the end of the session, participants had a clearer understanding of their responsibilities in fostering a safe online environment and ensuring that at risk children receive the necessary support, protection and safe referral.



MONGAR

Consultation Meeting

A consultation meeting was held regarding the establishment of the RENEW community service center in the Mongar Dzongkhag supported by the UNICEF and the feasibility assessment of the safe space. The meeting was coordinated by the RENEW Officials and chaired by Hon'ble Dasho Dzungda. The location of the safe space will be in the heart of the Mongar town.







PEMAGATSHEL

21st Foundation Day

13th March 2025

On this auspicious day, as we commemorate the 62nd Birth Anniversary of Her Majesty Gyalyum Sangay Choden Wangchuck, the Founding President and Royal Patron of RENEW, we are honored to officially launch the Facebook page of RENEW Community Service Center, Pemagatshel. This special occasion also marks the 21st Foundation Day of RENEW (Respect, Educate, Nurture and Empower Women), a movement dedicated to promoting the rights and well-being of women, men, and children across Bhutan.

With deep gratitude to Her Majesty's visionary leadership and unwavering commitment to social transformation, RENEW Pemagatshel pledges to continue working towards a society free of violence, inequality, and discrimination. This platform will serve as a space for community engagement, awareness, and updates on our programs and initiatives.



Official Inauguration of the RENEW Community Service Center

6th November 2025

With the generous support of UNICEF, the RENEW Community Service Center was officially inaugurated, marking an important milestone in expanding community-based support systems in Pema Gatshel. This development strengthens localized service delivery and enhances access for individuals and families to essential care, protection, and empowerment opportunities, reinforcing continued efforts to build responsive and inclusive support structures at the community level.





Outreach Sessions

As part of our visibility initiative, the newly established RENEW Community Service Centre (CSC) in Pemagatshel has successfully visited four Gewogs—Dungmin, Chongshing, Yurung, and Chimong—in collaboration with the Royal Bhutan Police, Pemagatshel. The outreach sessions aimed to raise awareness about RENEW's services and the location of the center, while also strengthening ties with LG leaders and the local communities. We look forward to continued collaboration in creating a safer and more supportive environment for all.



PHUENTSHOLING

Child Online Protection Training

With the increasing digitization of education and communication, even traditionally non-digital environments such as monastic institutions are beginning to embrace Information Technology. While this marks a significant step toward bridging the digital divide, young monks being introduced to the digital world for the first time are at risk online if not equipped with the necessary skills.

In response, RENEW CSC in Phuentsholing, in collaboration with Palden Tashicholing Shedra and Phuentsholing Thromde, conducted a one-day Child Online Protection training for 35 young monks currently undergoing a month-long IT training program.



Consultation Meeting

16th February 2025

RENEW CSC conducted a consultation meeting with 14 women who have undergone basket weaving training as part of their livelihood skills development. The meeting focused on planning and strategizing the marketing and promotion of their products as they prepare to enter the market.

Discussions centered on the income generated so far and future income opportunities. The women expressed a strong interest in forming a working group to continue producing baskets and bags working from home. They requested support from the center in facilitating market linkages and coordinating promotional efforts to enhance their sales and other skills. RENEW CSC assures of any possible support to empower the beneficiaries. The basket weaving training was conducted earlier in September 2024 with financial support from UNICEF Bhutan which has greatly benefited the beneficiaries.



Opening of the Dedicated Community-Based Support System (CBSS) Journey

We are deeply honored to announce the opening of the dedicated Community-Based Support System (CBSS) volunteer working space at the RENEW Service Center, Phuentsholing—an initiative to enhance outreach and support for clients in a safe, welcoming, and client-centered environment.

The opening was blessed with a ceremonial prayer presided over by monks from Phuentsholing Shedra, who were at the center for a meeting with the team. This beautiful coincidence felt like a divine blessing—symbolizing strength, purity of intent, and encouragement as we move forward in strengthening our support within the community.



Key Highlights:

The space is open to all CBSS volunteers under Phuentsholing Thromde and Dungkhag, and also welcomes school DAISAN volunteers when in need of a quiet and safe space to support clients.

This setup ensures confidentiality, comfort, and ease for clients, away from volunteers' primary workplaces.

It aims to strengthen coordination between community volunteers and the RENEW center team for seamless service delivery.

During the visit, RENEW's Executive Director shared key messages on:



The vital role of community support systems



The need to strengthen partnerships with local stakeholders.



The importance of thinking beyond traditional methods to elevate outreach and sustainability efforts by volunteers.

This initiative is a humble step toward fulfilling Her Majesty the Gyalyum Sangay Choden Wangchuck's noble vision and mission of empowering communities through compassion, dignity, and service.

Orientation and a Session on Child Online Protection

RENEW Community Service Centre (CSC) successfully conducted an orientation and a session on Child Online Protection on 21.05.2025 to 41 newly integrated DAISAN members at Phuentsholing Primary School. With this integration, all four government schools under Phuentsholing Thromde—Sonamgang Primary School, Phuentsholing Rigzar Higher Secondary School, Phuentsholing Higher Secondary School, and now Phuentsholing Primary School—have established active DAISAN networks.

DAISAN is an adolescent and youth volunteer network that advocates for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) and provides peer support in schools and communities.



Orientation and Briefing Session for Women in Difficult Circumstances and Persons with Disabilities

6th January 2025

To promote an inclusive society, RENEW CSC facilitated an orientation and briefing session for women in difficult circumstances and persons with disabilities to acquire a special support employment program on 6.01.2024. This joint program, in collaboration with the Employment Service Unit, ROICE, and Phuentsholing Thromde Office, was attended by eleven persons with disabilities and their caregivers, along with three women facing difficult situations. The program aimed to provide inclusive support to these often-overlooked communities, empowering them with economic opportunities. This marks the first initiative of its kind, showcasing the government's commitment to recognizing and supporting the vulnerable groups.





Orientation on the Integration of the DAISAN–Peer Helpers

29th May 2025

RENEW Community Service Center (CSC) in Phuentsholing conducted an orientation on the integration of the DAISAN–Peer Helpers Initiative for all the schools under Phuentsholing Thromde during the Leadership and Management Conference held at Gelephu. The session was attended by Principals, Vice Principals, and Academic Heads from Phuentsholing Higher Secondary School, Rigzar Higher Secondary School, Sonamgang Primary School, Phuentsholing Primary School, as well as the two private schools—Yonten Kunjung Academy and Norbu Academy—along with Thromde Education Officials under Phuentsholing Thromde.

The objective of the session was to incorporate the DAISAN network and its activities into the schools' annual work plans. The DAISAN–Peer Helpers Network aims to empower young people with knowledge and understanding of Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) Gender-Based Violence (GBV) and Child Rights from an early age, fostering safer and more informed school communities. This partnership between RENEW and the schools aims to create a positive and lasting impact on the students' well-being and development.

Panel Discussion and Awareness Session

Chimuna community, housing 88 households, is one of the most remote and underserved areas in Logchina Gewog. Among these households, nine are headed by single mothers, and seven have out-of-school adolescents and youth. Recognizing the pressing challenges faced by this community, RENEW CSC in Phuentsholing conducted an interactive panel discussion and awareness session focused on gender-based violence (GBV), particularly domestic violence fueled by alcohol abuse, and Child Protection.

The initiative aimed to engage community members in meaningful dialogue, encourage positive behavioral change, and empower women and families by connecting them with essential resources and support networks. By involving the entire community, this initiative fostered a culture of mutual respect, safety, and collective responsibility in addressing gender-based violence and Right to Education for Children.

Observed on February 14th, One Billion Rising (OBR) is a global movement dedicated to ending violence against women and girls, with a strong focus on justice, safety, and empowerment. The movement calls for collective action to break the cycle of abuse through awareness campaigns, community engagement, and advocacy.



Orientation and Briefing Session for Women in Difficult Circumstances and Persons with Disabilities

RENEW Community Service Center (CSC) in Phuentsholing, in collaboration with the Multi-Sectoral Task Force and Community-Based Support System (MSTF-CBSS), conducted an awareness session on RENEW's services and Child Online Protection for 55 adolescent and young monks at Sangay Minjurling Sekhar Guthog Monastery, Wangdigatshel on 23.05.2025.

The session aimed to equip the young monks with knowledge and skills to stay safe online and make informed choices in the digital space. The program was supported by UNICEF.



Second General Coordination Meeting

2nd June 2025

RENEW Community Service Center (CSC) in Phuentsholing participated in the second General Coordination Meeting of the Thromde Women and Children Committee (TWCC) at Thromde office.

The meeting served as an important platform to address and resolve challenges in delivering services to beneficiaries and survivors of domestic and gender-based violence. Key agenda included refining the working modality, discussing logistics and transportation issues, facilitating school admissions, and exploring preventive measures to reduce incidences of violence against women and children.

The session was meaningfully facilitated by the Thromde Legal Officer and Gender & Child Focal—who also serves as the Member Secretary of Thromde Women & Children Committee (TWCC)—ensuring effective coordination and dialogue among stakeholders, the meeting was attended by members from Thromde Education office, RBP Women & Children Protection Unit, Thromde Thuemis from Phuentsholing Throm.



Sensitization Program

16th June 2025

RENEW CSC conducted a sensitization program on the Domestic Violence Prevention Act 2013 for the staff of Phuentsholing Thromde.

The session was conducted to raise awareness among civil servants about the existing legal frameworks and provisions related to domestic violence. By enhancing their understanding, the program aimed to equip participants with the knowledge to identify instances of domestic violence in their surroundings and support prevention efforts.

We extend our sincere gratitude to the Thromde Women & Children Committee of Thromde Administration for the invitation and coordination. Such ownership and collaborative efforts among government agencies play a crucial role in addressing Gender-Based Violence and Domestic Violence, fostering a safer, more harmonious, and healthy community for all.



Special Support Program for Key Population

RENEW CSC, in collaboration with the Thromde administration, successfully secured a Special Support Program for Key Population from the Ministry of Industry, Commerce, and Employment (MoICE). This initiative aims to empower Three Women in Difficult Circumstances and nine Persons with Disabilities by providing them with paid internship opportunities with a monthly stipend for a period of one year.

This government-led initiative by MoICE is the first of its kind, designed to promote inclusivity by providing with practical work experience and professional skills. Key Population such as Persons with Disabilities and Women in Difficult circumstances face significant challenges in securing employment due to limited opportunities, inadequate training, and often, societal biases. To overcome these barriers and foster greater economic independence and self-reliance, the MoICE provided this structured, supportive paid internship program. This program will offer hands-on experience, professional development, and financial assistance through stipends, which are essential for the key population to sustain themselves and participate fully in the workforce and prepare them to explore future employment in the job market.



Summer Engagement Program

30 students from Phuentsholing Thromde, Chumithang, Chukha, and Punakha took part in a 4-day Summer Engagement Program organized by RENEW CSC with support from IPPF and UNICEF in collaboration with Fablab CST and Phuentsholing Thromde.

The program aimed for a meaningful platform for students to engage productively during their break. It featured educational sessions on Child Online Protection and Resilience Building Skills, along with hands-on practical activities in Digital Fabrication, Graphic Design, and 2D/3D Printing facilitated at Fablab CST and DIY hand crafted products.







Winter Engagement Program

The second batch of our winter engagement program for 30 adolescents has successfully concluded. During this session, participants learned how to manage waste by recycling plastic into useful items such as bags, baskets, and pencil holders. They were also provided with vital information on accessing services for addressing violence against children, building resilience, and staying safe online.

And with heavy hearts but proud smile, we concluded our third batch of winter engagement program for adolescents. It was learning experience for us as well as the participants. We learned that our children needs a platform and a space where they can just be themselves, express themselves and be creative in their own talent. The children about their skills, their comfort zones, unleashed their creativity and developed a confidence which they will carry on in the everyday life. The practical skills encouraged them to express themselves in their own ways. The information on Online protection and Resilience skills were another important aspect they learnt in the program. We wish all our participants the best, safe travel and have a wonderful remaining vacation.



SAMDRUP JONGKHAR

21st Foundation Day

13th March 2025

On the joyous occasion of the Birth Anniversary of Her Majesty Gyalum Sangay Choden Wangchuck, the Founding President and the Royal Patron of RENEW, we are honored to commemorate the 21st Foundation Day of RENEW (Respect, Educate, Nurture, and Empower Women) with the official launch of the Facebook page for the newly established RENEW Community Service Center in Samdrup Jongkhar.

This auspicious occasion was celebrated in the presence of the esteemed members of the Dzongkhag Administration and other stakeholders. Together, we reaffirm our collective commitment to serving the community and upholding the noble vision and mission inspired by Her Majesty Gyalum Sangay Choden Wangchuck's unwavering dedication to creating a just and inclusive society.

This platform will serve as a vital hub for community engagement, awareness campaigns, and timely updates on programs and services within the Dzongkhag. We warmly welcome everyone to follow this page and visit the Community Service Center. Let us join hands in realizing the vision of RENEW - creating safe, empowered, and resilient communities across the country.



Multi-Sectoral Task Force's Initiative Program

19th June 2025

The RENEW Community Service Center of Samdrup Jongkhar had the valuable opportunity to present during a significant multi-sectoral gathering of key stakeholders from the Dzongkhag and Thromde. Although the platform was primarily organized as part of the Multi-Sectoral Task Force's initiative to address priority public health and social issues, RENEW CSC was honored to contribute to the discussion.

The session also included meaningful dialogue on the Dzongkhag Women and Children Committee (DWCC), fostering engagement on critical issues affecting women and children in the community. The meeting was graced by the presence of Dasho Dzongda, the Superintendent of Police, Dasho Dzongrab, DT Thrizin, Drungpas, and other esteemed officials from various sectors. The collaborative discussions led to the identification of pressing community concerns and reinforced the importance of working together across sectors for impactful and sustainable solutions.



Multi-Sectoral Task Force's Initiative Program

3rd November 2025

A remarkable and meaningful day for Samdrup Jongkhar - the official inauguration of the RENEW Community Service Center was gracefully held in the presence of the Dasho Dzongda, Dasho Drangpon, and Dasho Thrompon, along with regional and sectoral heads, representatives from the monastic body, the armed forces led by the Brigadier of the RBA, SP of Police, and officers from the RBA, as well as officials from various schools, Dzongkhag, Thromde and hospital.

The day was marked by heartfelt speeches, valuable words of wisdom from the Chief Guest, and meaningful updates on the center's services and progress.

With RENEWed commitment, the team at RENEW-CSC Samdrup Jongkhar remains ever dedicated to serving the community with compassion, understanding, and resilience.



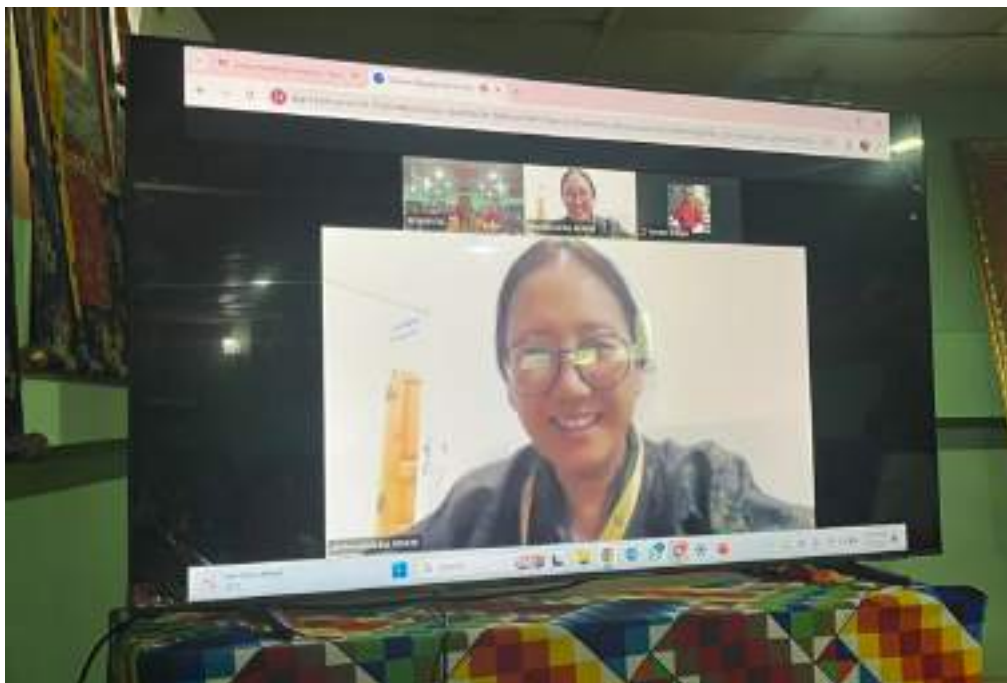
Summer Youth Engagement Program

3rd November 2025

The RENEW Community Service Center (CSC) of Samdrup Jongkhar conducted a one-day Summer Youth Engagement Program, bringing together students from eight schools across the district. The event was graced by the presence of the Superintendent of Police, Executive Secretary of the Thromde, Chief Thromde Education Officer, and the Business Committee Focal.

The program aimed to encourage and support youth in utilizing their vacation meaningfully through learning and engagement. It was successfully carried out through the collaborative efforts of various community stakeholders.

The platform served as an opportunity for students to engage, interact, and learn from different stakeholders. Key sessions were delivered by the Women and Child Protection Unit (WCPU), hospital clinical counselor, school counselor, case manager, and the center manager of RENEW CSC. A word of wisdom was also shared from the RENEW Headquarter, adding further value and encouragement to the gathering. Activities included group work, lesson sharing, and a question-and-answer.



TRASHIGANG

Sensitization Program on SOGIESC

16th May 2025

RENEW CSC Trashigang in collaboration with a group of Sherubtsean students from the Population and Development program, conducted a sensitization program at Sherubtse College of Education.

The session focused on raising awareness about SOGIESC (Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Expression, and Sex Characteristics) and introducing the Rainbow Help Desk, a safe space initiative for individuals seeking support, information, and guidance.



21st Foundation Day



13th March 2025

In celebration of the 21st Foundation Day of RENEW and the birth anniversary of Her Majesty Gyalyum Sangay Choden Wangchuck, the Royal Patron and Founder of RENEW, the RENEW Community Service Centre (CSC) Trashigang, in collaboration with Jigme Sherubling Central School, observed this special occasion at the school premises.

The event was marked with heartfelt prayers and well wishes for Her Majesty's continued good health and long life, in deep gratitude for her unwavering dedication to the empowerment and well-being of women and children across Bhutan.

TSIRANG

Child Protection and Online Safety

An engaging and impactful session on Child Protection and Online Safety was successfully conducted for the wives of police personnel. The program raised awareness on various forms of violence, introduced counseling services by the clinical counselor from Damphu Hospital, and was further supported by the RENEW CSC staff who sensitized on children in conflict with the law and those in difficult circumstances. The session also highlighted how to identify online risks and practical tips on setting digital boundaries. A step forward in building safer homes and informed communities.



MSTF-CBSS Advocacy and Coordination Meeting

23rd May 2025

RENEW CSC, Tsirang actively participated in the MSTF-CBSS Advocacy and Coordination Meeting, chaired by Dasho Dzongda and Dasho Dzongrab, along with key stakeholders from the Dzongkhag Administration, DPHO (MSTF-CBSS Secretariat), ADPHO, and CBSS members. During the meeting, RENEW CSC shared updates on ongoing livelihood initiatives, community outreach activities, and the challenges encountered—particularly in addressing domestic violence and ensuring access to essential services.

The MSTF-CBSS members engaged in meaningful discussions on existing challenges and explored practical strategies to strengthen coordinated responses. Dasho Dzongda kindly encouraged all members to seek necessary support, including any genuine assistance required, to overcome barriers in service delivery.





Outreach to the Peljorling Chiwog Community

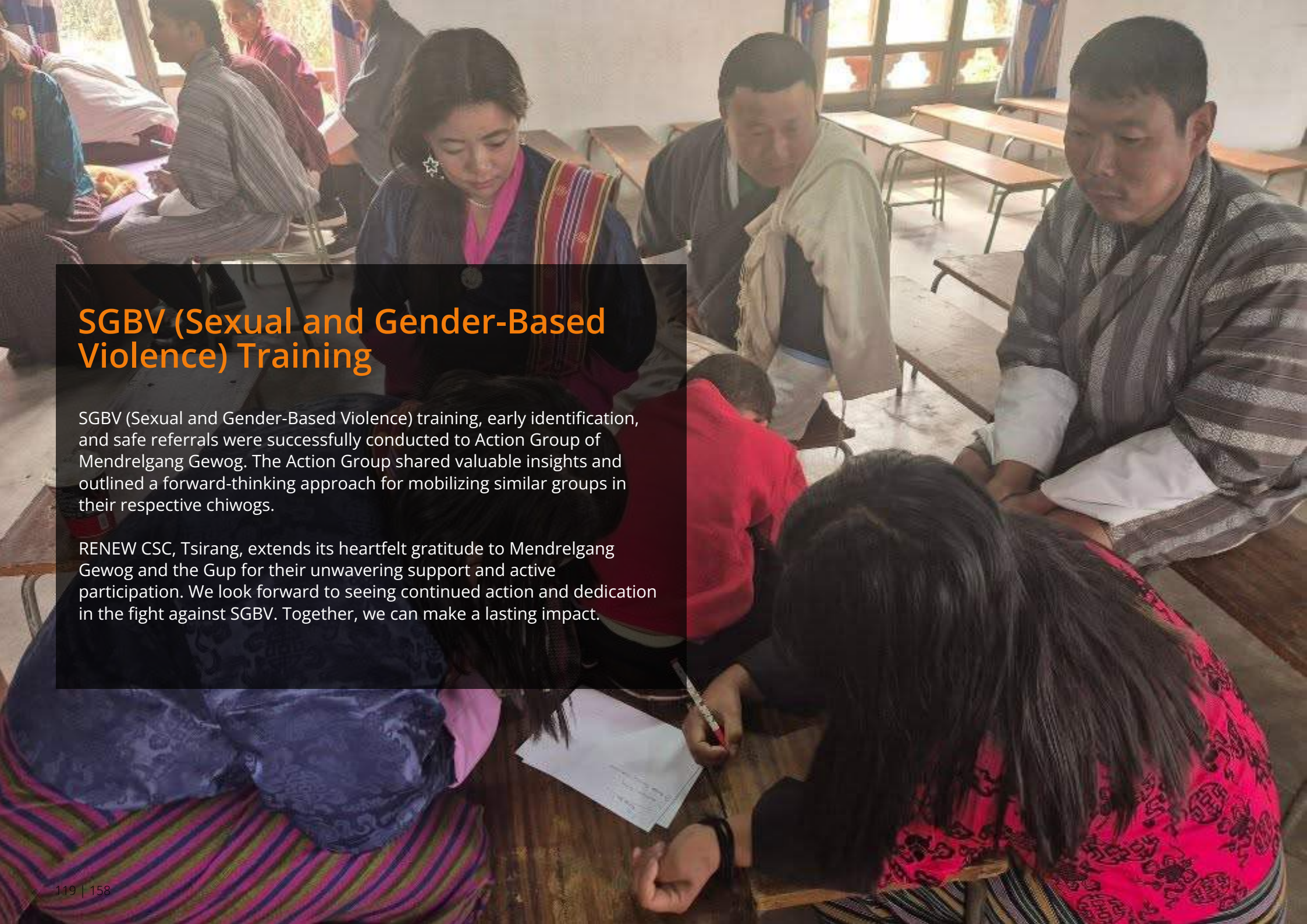
The RENEW Community Service Center, Tsirang could extend its outreach to the Peljorling Chiwog Community under Phuntenchu Gewog (34km) away from the Damphu town. By organizing sensitization programs on gender-based violence (GBV), we can raise awareness and foster discussions on effective strategies to prevent violence. Additionally, we could conduct focused group discussions to explore solutions for preventing GBV and improving safe referral systems.

Meeting with the Action group members of Peljorling would also be crucial in strengthening collaboration and ensuring that survivors of sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) have access to safe referral pathways and support. This collaboration would play a pivotal role in creating a safer environment for all members of the community. Together we can create better and safe place for everyone.

Sensitization Program in Dzomling Chiwog

RENEW Community Service Center in Tsirang, organized a sensitization program in Dzomling Chiwog under Semjong Gewog. The program addressed key topics, including RENEW services, sexual and gender-based violence, domestic violence, and child abuse. Additionally, the session concluded by sensitizing on Chiwog Action Group [community based volunteers], who will be helping people in accessing support, promotes early intervention, ensures early identification and safer referrals.





SGBV (Sexual and Gender-Based Violence) Training

SGBV (Sexual and Gender-Based Violence) training, early identification, and safe referrals were successfully conducted to Action Group of Mendrelgang Gewog. The Action Group shared valuable insights and outlined a forward-thinking approach for mobilizing similar groups in their respective chiwogs.

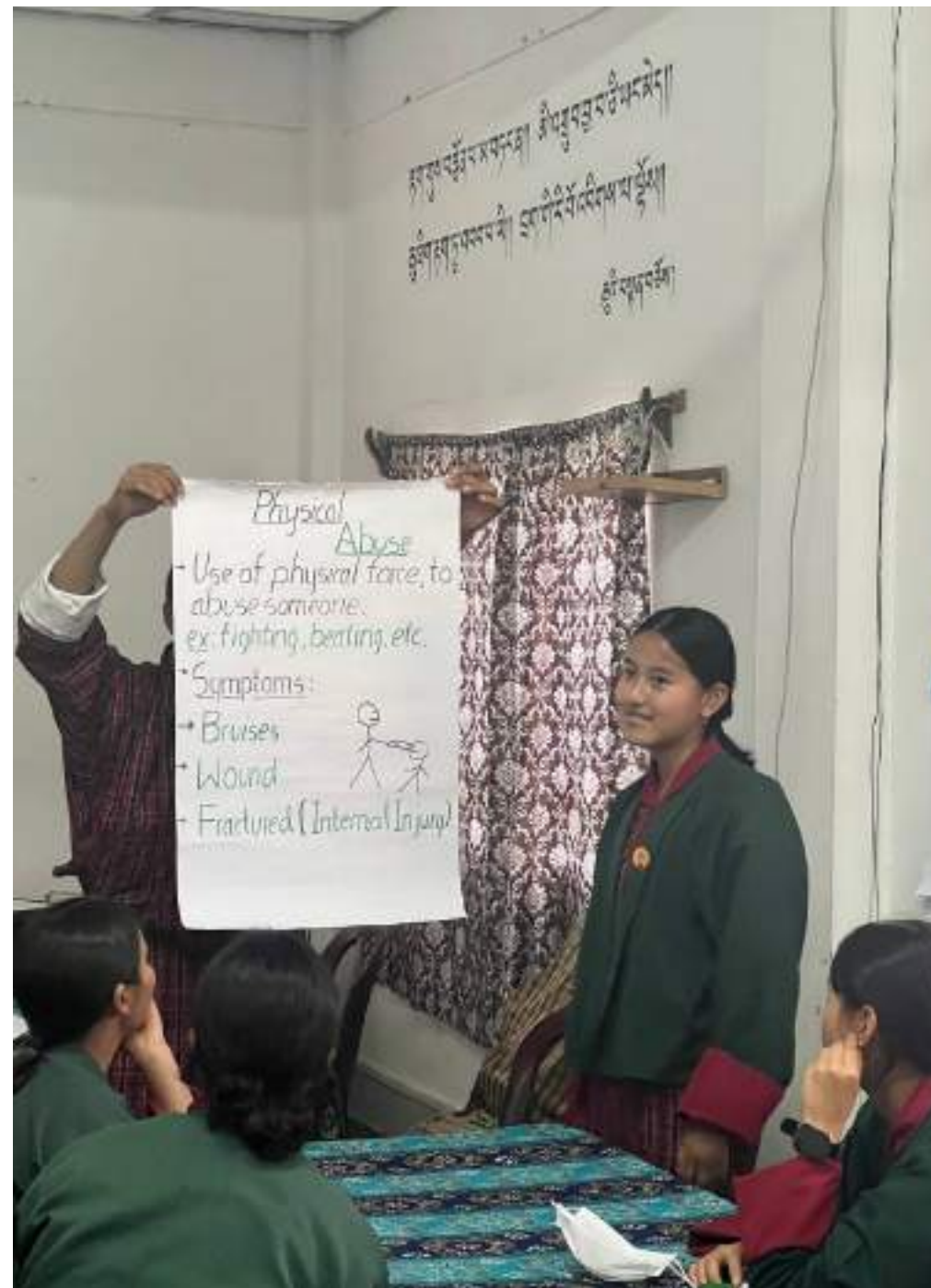
RENEW CSC, Tsirang, extends its heartfelt gratitude to Mendrelgang Gewog and the Gup for their unwavering support and active participation. We look forward to seeing continued action and dedication in the fight against SGBV. Together, we can make a lasting impact.

Sensitize on Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV)

RENEW Community Service Center (CSC), Tsirang, in collaboration with active Community-Based Support System (CBSS) members, successfully sensitize on Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) for the Law Club students of Damphu Middle Secondary School.

The session focused on fostering meaningful dialogue around gender, sex, and the different forms of violence that continue to affect our communities. Beyond awareness, the program aimed to equip students with the knowledge and confidence to identify potential SGBV cases and ensure safe and timely referrals.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Madam Tenzin Pemo and Madam Karam Choki for their proactive leadership and invaluable contribution in making this initiative a success. Their dedication played a key role in empowering young minds to become advocates for change and safety in their own environments. We look forward to building on this momentum and continuing such impactful collaborations to create safer, more informed communities for all.



ZHEMGANG

Child Online Protection Program

To celebrate the birth anniversary of Her Majesty Gyalyum Sangay Choden Wangchuck, the Royal Patron and Founder of RENEW, the RENEW Community Service Centre in Zhemgang observed the auspicious day at Dratsang with prayer offerings for Her Majesty's continued good health and long life.

In alignment with Her Majesty's lifelong dedication to the wellbeing of women and children, we also conducted a Child Online Protection program with adolescent groups at the Dratsang.





MSTF-CBSS Sensitization

Feeling incredibly grateful as we wrap up our successful MSTF-CBSS sensitization, RENEW services sensitisation and health awareness program across Zhemgang 8 Gewog and 40 Chiwog! A round of applause to everyone who attended and contributed to making our meeting so fruitful and focused on building a harmonious community.

In addition, Zhemgang RENEW Community Service Center delivered an inspiring sensitization on the RENEW Organisation services available in Trong Zhemgang, just above the startup center. This session highlighted not only the range of services at our disposal but also emphasized why establishing a dedicated working group and action group in every gewog is essential for creating proper channels of communication and support. This structured approach ensures that our community is well-equipped to tackle challenges, streamline processes, and harness opportunities to improve our overall wellbeing.

Each component of program played a crucial role in reinforcing our commitment to building a healthier, happier community. By coming together, sharing knowledge, and working through established channels, we are laying the groundwork for sustainable progress and greater unity. Your active participation and unwavering support are the cornerstones of our success.



Sensitization at Khomshar Chiwog

Sensitization at Khomshar Chiwog, Tingtibi Chiwog, and Panbang Drungkhag raising awareness on gender-based violence and RENEW's services. Advocacy in every part of Zhemgang is crucial to ensure protection, empowerment, and informed communities.



Sensitization Program

A successful sensitization program conducted across Nimshong, Kamjong, Tsaidang, Shingkar, and Langdurbi chiwogs—marking a significant milestone for Zhemgang CSC as it was our first outreach to these remote communities. Despite the short time frame, we were able to engage a large number of community members, thanks to the unwavering support of LG leaders. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Dzongkhag Health Team for their continued collaboration and support in making this advocacy initiative a success.





Sensitization Program

A meaningful sensitization program for adolescent volunteers under Youth Volunteers, DAISAN, Y-VIA, and YPEER networks was hosted.

The session focused on three important areas:

Domestic Violence (DV) & Sexual & Gender-Based Violence (SGBV):

Raising awareness among youth to recognize, prevent, and respond to violence in their communities.

Gender Equality:

Promoting respect, inclusiveness, and equal opportunities for both girls and boys to build a just and harmonious society.

Early Identification and Safe Referral (EISR):

Equipping volunteers with skills to identify peers at risk and safely refer them to appropriate support services.

This initiative aims to empower young volunteers as agents of change, enabling them to create safer spaces for their peers and contribute positively to their schools and communities. Together, we can nurture an informed, compassionate, and responsible generation.



CHAPTER 4

SOCIO-ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM

Expanding and striving to reach the unreached

Livelihood Skills Training

One of the major achievements this year by the SEEP Unit (particularly regarding the livelihood skills training) is the **Baseline Study Analysis Report** done for three Eastern Districts (Tashigang, Mongar and Zhemgang) and Sarpang District. Conducting a baseline study is critical to ensure that subsequent training programs are evidence-based, aligned with local priorities, and avoid duplication of efforts.

The trainings conducted this reporting period (2025) have been identified through the **Baseline Study Report** and is on the need basis of the community.

108

Total Participants

89

Women

09

Men

07

PwD Female

02

PwD Male

Total Livelihood Trainings conducted:

Livelihood Training	Dzongkhag	Participants
Basic Tailoring	Tsirang	30
Basic Floriculture	GGH	11
Basic Food Processing	Mongar	10
Basic Tailoring	Tashigang	21
Natural Dyed Yarn (NDY) Preparation	Bumthang	35

Target Group:



Single mothers, economically vulnerable women, unemployed youths and PwDs

SPECIFIC TRAINING ACTIVITIES

Baseline Study Meeting, Sarpang

14th May 2025

A foundational Baseline Study Meeting was conducted with district officials at the Dzongkhag Administration Office in Sarpang. Supported by Fida International, the meeting brought together five district officials, local RENEW center staff, and the SEEP team to initiate a collaborative data-gathering process aimed at designing effective livelihood interventions.

The primary objective was to identify the most vulnerable populations in Sarpang, assess existing livelihood challenges and opportunities, and pinpoint specific skills and training needs. Conducting a baseline study is critical to ensure that subsequent training programs are evidence-based, aligned with local priorities, and avoid duplication of efforts.

The meeting emphasized a coordinated approach to data collection, utilizing existing district resources and engaging Gewog Administrative Officers (GAOs) and Tshokpas as primary data collectors. Discussions highlighted the importance of market-aligned interventions and community ownership in program design.

Key outcomes included a commitment to prioritize the most vulnerable gewogs, integrate past data, and foster stakeholder collaboration. Follow-up actions involve finalizing and distributing survey questionnaires, analyzing the collected data, and producing a comprehensive baseline report to guide the design of targeted, structured livelihood training programs in Sarpang.

This meeting laid the essential groundwork for data-driven, sustainable programming that responds directly to community-identified needs.





Basic Floriculture Training GHH

26th - 30th May 2025

A five-day Floriculture Training was conducted at Gawailing Happy Home (GHH) in Wangsisina, Thimphu. Supported by Fida International, the program engaged 11 participants, including residents and staff.

The training aimed to provide therapeutic engagement and practical gardening skills to survivors of domestic and gender-based violence. Through hands-on sessions in sowing, potting, composting, and landscaping, participants gained foundational horticultural knowledge while experiencing the calming and empowering effects of working with plants.

Key outcomes included improved emotional well-being, increased self-confidence, and the acquisition of sustainable gardening skills. Participants reported feeling more connected to nature and hopeful about applying their new skills for future livelihood opportunities.

Basic Food Processing Training

13t - 28th October 2025

A two-week Basic Food Processing Training was conducted from 13th to 28th October 2025 in Ngatsang Gewog, Mongar. Supported by Fida International in partnership with RENEW, the program engaged 10 female participants, including persons with disabilities, unemployed youth and economically vulnerable women.

The training aimed to equip women entrepreneurs and Self-Help Group members with practical skills in processing and preserving local foods such as pickles, amla candy, and ginger candy. Using a hands-on, learning-by-doing approach, participants gained competencies in hygiene, packaging, labeling, and basic financial literacy.

Key outcomes included enhanced technical skills in producing market-ready food products and increased confidence in applying new knowledge for income generation. Participants were registered as Social Enterprise members, establishing a foundation for collective production and marketing.

The initiative aligns with efforts to promote women's economic empowerment and sustainable livelihoods in vulnerable communities.



Basic Tailoring Training, Tashigang

3rd October - 3rd December 2025

A two-month Basic Tailoring Training was conducted from 3rd October to 3rd December 2025 in Merak Gewog, Tashigang. Supported by Fida International and Mountain Craft, the program engaged 21 participants, including 18 women and 3 men, many of whom were mothers facing economic hardship and unemployed youth. The training was designed in response to a baseline study identifying local skills gaps. It aimed to equip participants with professional tailoring skills focused on traditional attire including Wonju, Tego, and Kira to enhance income generation and promote sustainable livelihoods.

Using a hands-on, practical approach supplemented by theoretical instruction in Dzongkha and the local dialect, participants learned machine operation, pattern cutting, stitching, and garment finishing. Supplementary sessions on financial literacy and SRHR sensitization were also integrated to support holistic empowerment. All 21 participants successfully completed the training, gaining measurable skills and confidence. Many reported applying their new abilities to home clothing repair and small-scale production. The program has laid a foundation for future micro-enterprise development, with a follow-up training planned for 2026.

This initiative underscores a commitment to addressing economic vulnerability through culturally relevant, market-aligned skill development, contributing to the long-term economic security of participants and their community.



Basic Tailoring Training, Tsirang

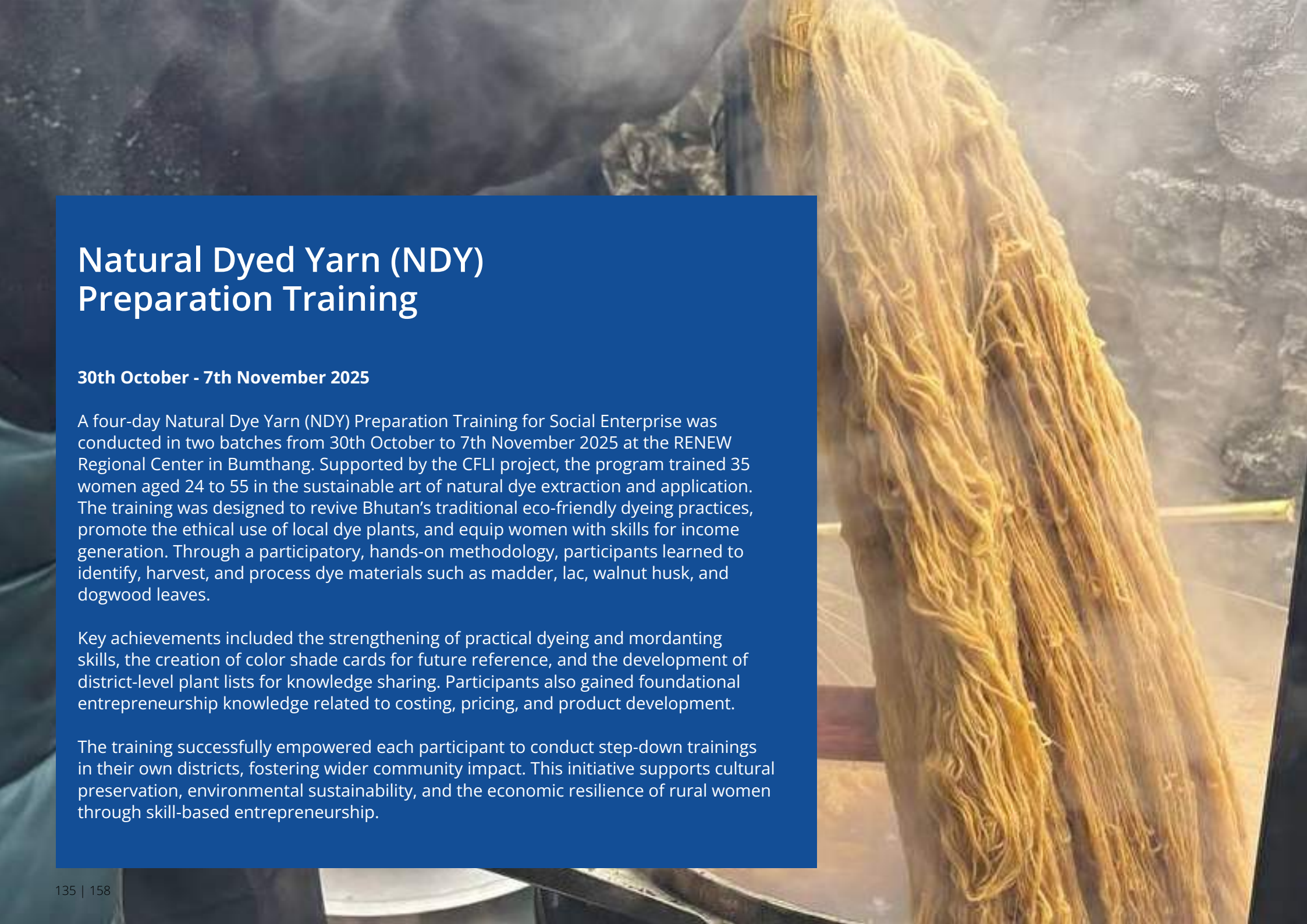
8th October - 8th January 2025

A three-month Inclusive Tailoring Training was successfully conducted from 8th October 2024 to 8th January 2025 at the RENEW Community Service Center in Damphu, Tsirang. Implemented in partnership with Ability Bhutan Society (ABS) and supported by RENEW's livelihood program, the training engaged 30 participants, including 5 men and 25 women. Among them were 12 individuals with disabilities and family members, 13 vulnerable women and youth from RENEW, and 5 participants from the wider Tsirang community.

The program was initiated in response to identified community needs, including high economic dependency among persons with disabilities and women, as highlighted by earlier assessments. It aimed to promote social inclusion, empower participants with marketable tailoring skills, and foster economic independence through the production of traditional garments and souvenirs. The hands-on training was structured in morning and evening batches to accommodate participants' schedules. Core modules covered machine operation, stitching techniques, and the creation of traditional attire such as tego, wonju, kira, and children's clothing. Supplementary sessions on disability inclusion, SGBV awareness, and entrepreneurship were integrated to support holistic development.

All 30 participants completed the training, gaining foundational tailoring competencies and increased confidence.





Natural Dyed Yarn (NDY) Preparation Training

30th October - 7th November 2025

A four-day Natural Dye Yarn (NDY) Preparation Training for Social Enterprise was conducted in two batches from 30th October to 7th November 2025 at the RENEW Regional Center in Bumthang. Supported by the CFLI project, the program trained 35 women aged 24 to 55 in the sustainable art of natural dye extraction and application. The training was designed to revive Bhutan's traditional eco-friendly dyeing practices, promote the ethical use of local dye plants, and equip women with skills for income generation. Through a participatory, hands-on methodology, participants learned to identify, harvest, and process dye materials such as madder, lac, walnut husk, and dogwood leaves.

Key achievements included the strengthening of practical dyeing and mordanting skills, the creation of color shade cards for future reference, and the development of district-level plant lists for knowledge sharing. Participants also gained foundational entrepreneurship knowledge related to costing, pricing, and product development.

The training successfully empowered each participant to conduct step-down trainings in their own districts, fostering wider community impact. This initiative supports cultural preservation, environmental sustainability, and the economic resilience of rural women through skill-based entrepreneurship.



Social Enterprise (SE) Activity Report for 2025

The Social Enterprise (SE) under RENEW undertook a series of activities aimed at strengthening operations, expanding membership, and enhancing sustainability this year.

In April, contracts of **13 existing SE members were RENEWed**, ensuring continuity and stability within the enterprise. This was followed by the **onboarding of 19 new SE members in May**, contributing to significant growth in the overall membership base. Regular engagement with members was maintained, including an **annual meeting held in July with SE members from Paro and Thimphu** to discuss pricing and costing of products, promoting transparency and shared decision-making.

Throughout the year, SE focused on product development and operational strengthening. From April to August, new SE products were developed and produced, including the successful completion of a bulk order received from RENEW Microfinance for album covers.

To improve efficiency and accountability, workflow charts, inventory management templates, updated stock lists, and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) were developed and implemented between May and June. These measures enhanced smooth operations, transparency, and effective stock tracking.







CHAPTER 5

OPERATIONS & COORDINATION

Empowering teams and strengthening ties

LAUNCH OF THE ACADEMY FOR COUNSELLING AND SOCIAL WORK ADVANCEMENT (ACSWA)

To commemorate the 70th Birth Anniversary of His Majesty the Fourth Druk Gyalpo, RENEW (Respect, Educate, Nurture, and Empower Women) proudly launched the Academy for Counselling and Social Work Advancement.

The institute, officially approved by the BQPCA as a continuing education provider, aims to enhance the skills and knowledge of counseling professionals and social workers, strengthening their capacity to support individuals and communities in need.

The academy was inaugurated by Her Majesty Gyalyum Sangay Choden Wangchuck, alongside ECU Vice-Chancellor Professor Clare Pollock, marking a significant step forward in the professional development of Bhutan's counseling and social work sector.







Celebrating the Birthday of Her Majesty Gyalyum Sangay Choden Wangchuck

This morning, RENEW, GCT, and RTA family gathered in prayer and gratitude at Tara Lhakhang to celebrate the birthday of Her Majesty Gyalyum Sangay Choden Wangchuck. With heartfelt wishes for Her Majesty's continued good health and long life, we offered our prayers in a spirit of love, unity, and deep devotion. The MSTF-CBSS members from Community service centers also joined to offer their prayers for Her Majesty's good health and long life.



GCIT and RENEW Sign MoU

27th November 2025

GCIT and RENEW Sign MoU to Strengthen Mental Well-Being and Awareness Gyalpozhing College of Information Technology (GCIT) and RENEW (Respect, Educate, Nurture and Empower Women) have formally signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 27 November 2025 at RENEW head office to support each other and to collaborate on enhancing student well-being at GCIT.

Coinciding with this year's global theme - "Unite to end digital violence against women and girls" for 16 days of activism to eliminate violence against women, the collaboration aims to contribute to a safer, more informed, and compassionate campus environment while extending GCIT's technical knowledge to support RENEW's community based efforts to empower women and girls through digitization.

The partnership marks a significant milestone in strengthening support systems for the students of GCIT by integrating professional counseling, psychosocial support, and structured awareness programs by RENEW. This will benefit our students and staff a lot as such services are not available at the moment on campus.

The MoU will open avenues for both GCIT and RENEW to collaborate and explore in the areas of innovation, Technology, well-being, counselling, mindfulness and other areas of mutual interest to benefit each other.



GCIT and RENEW has been working together since GCIT moved its campus from Mongar to Thimphu. GCIT students have conducted basic IT workshop for the Gawaling Happy home and this practice will be continued. GCIT also conducted training for women engaged in RENEW's social enterprise program and similar programs can be explored. GCIT would be happy to receive RENEW scholars as students, who can serve RENEW better after the completion of their undergraduate programs.

This MoU reflects a shared vision to empower youth with knowledge, support, and essential life skills while strengthening advocacy and response to social issues affecting communities across Bhutan.

The MoU, signed by Ms. Audrey Low, President of GCIT, and Ms. Tshering Dolkar, Executive Director of RENEW, will remain in effect for two years, with both parties committed to working in good faith toward shared objectives.



First-Ever Narrative Therapy Training

2nd - 12th July 2025

From 2nd and 12th July 2025, RENEW conducted its first-ever Narrative Therapy training, held at the RENEW Head Office and Headquarters, with support from the Australian Himalayan Foundation. The primary objective of the program was to equip counsellors and professionals with the tools of Narrative Therapy to help individuals reframe their personal stories, recognize their strengths, and separate themselves from the challenges they face. Led by Dr. Ian Percy, MSW, PhD, the training brought together passionate School Guidance Counsellors, Education Consultancy and Placement Firms (ECPF) Career Counsellors, RENEW Legal Officers, and Case Managers, providing an inspiring and transformative experience. Through practical exercises and reflective sessions, participants learned to explore and re-author their personal narratives, viewing their lives not as defined by problems, but as rich, evolving stories shaped by resilience, values, and strengths. The program emphasized the compassionate and empowering approach of Narrative Therapy, reinforcing its potential to help individuals reclaim and rewrite their life stories with confidence and purpose.



Career Guidance and Counselling Training (National Certificate Level II)

17th April - 17th October 2025

RENEW successfully resumed the Career Guidance and Counselling Training (National Certificate Level II) under the Bhutan Qualification Framework at the Academy for Counselling and Social Work Advancement (ACSWA). The training brought together participants from the Royal University of Bhutan's Student Service Offices, RENEW staff, and education consultancy and placement firms, fostering a collaborative learning environment that enhances professional growth and capacity. The program deepens participants' theoretical understanding of career development and counselling principles within the Bhutanese context, strengthens practical competencies in guidance techniques, client assessment, and ethical counselling practices, and aligns professional counselling standards with the Bhutan Qualification Framework. It empowers professionals from diverse sectors to provide effective and holistic career support services, contributing to Bhutan's vision of human resource development and Gross National Happiness through the development of skilled and compassionate counsellors.



Mental Health Facilitation (MHF) Training

7th - 16th July 2025

RENEW successfully conducted a 10-day Mental Health Facilitation (MHF) training at the RENEW Headquarter, bringing together PGDCCP graduates from Samtse College of Education, ECPF officials, and dedicated CSO caseworkers. The training focused on building essential skills in active listening, empathetic communication, suicide prevention, stress management, and early identification of mental health concerns. Emphasizing community-based approaches, participants strengthened support networks and reinforced their commitment to promoting mental well-being at the grassroots level.



RENEW Staff Training

From 21–23 March and 22–26 July 2025, RENEW conducted two comprehensive staff training programs on Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) and Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Expression, and Sex Characteristics (SOGIESC). The primary objective of these programs was to strengthen RENEW staff and Gender Focal Points' understanding of gender diversity, SGBV, stigma, and discrimination, while equipping them with the knowledge and skills to deliver inclusive, survivor-centered, and rights-based services. The first batch, held over three days, engaged 48 RENEW staff and Gender Focal Points, providing a foundational understanding of gender diversity, inclusive service delivery, and the principles of safe, equitable care. The second batch, conducted over five days, involved 41 RENEW staff and offered specialized training on LGBT+ inclusive services, trauma-informed care, inclusive counselling, effective referral pathways, and HIV awareness, ensuring services are responsive to the needs of LGBT+ individuals. Both training programs were supported by IPPF and Save the Children SKPA-2, and organized in collaboration with Pride Bhutan, reinforcing RENEW+'s commitment to equity, dignity, and building a confident, informed, and inclusive workforce across all programs.



Study Visit to Ashodaya Samithi, India

1st - 5th September 2025

A delegation of community representatives and stakeholders from Bhutan visited Ashodaya Samithi in Mysore, Karnataka. The visit was organized under the SKPA-2 program and led by RENEW in collaboration with Save the Children Bhutan, the Ministry of Health (NACP), and the Red Purse Network. The study visit provided a platform to strengthen community-based systems, promote rights-based approaches, and enhance Bhutan's strategies in responding to HIV and gender-based violence among key populations.



RENEW Inaugurates Regional Center in Bumthang

14th August 2025

The ceremony began with spiritual offering ushering in all the auspiciousness by Lam Neten. It was attended by all the Dzongkhag Yarkey Tshogdu (DYT) members, relevant stakeholders and CBSS volunteers.

Under the constant guidance and blessings from Her Majesty the Gyalyum Sangay Choden Wangchuck, the Founder and Patron of RENEW, and funding support from SOS Children's Village in Germany, this Regional center aims to strengthen the community support system through enhanced network among service providers and MSTF-CBSS network in 10 districts in the east and central region.

The center will provide essential services to survivors of gender based violence, domestic violence and sexual abuse. In collaboration with service providers, (the key stakeholders) RENEW will organize capacity building training on the national standard training packages related to SOP in response to gender-based violence and violence against children.

The center will engage closely with communities to strengthen family institutions through multiple approach. Highlights will include intensive youth engagement to enable them to play their roles as a leader towards a just, equitable and happy society.



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CHAPTER 6

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Expanding and striving to reach the unreached

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5	Tshering Galey	Nu. 73,200
6	Tenzin Namgyel	Nu. 73,200
7	Tshering Sonam	Nu. 73,200
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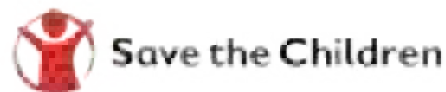
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Receipt & Payment Statement
For the Year 1st January 2025 - 31st December 2025

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS			
Particulars	Schedule	Amount(Nu) 2024	Amount(Nu) 2025	Particulars	Schedule	Amount(Nu) 2024	Amount(Nu) 2025
Opening Balance:	1			Expenditure			
i. Cash at Bank		33,142,061	33,479,686	i. Project Expenses	6	57,905,704	63,871,421.40
ii. Cash at Hand		-	12,341				
				ii. Administration Expenses			
				a. Employment Benefits	7	25,782,531	26,894,967.00
				b. Other Administrative Expenses	8	4,922,385	8,616,209.40
Fund Received							
Grant Received	2			iii. Capital Expenditure	9	-	1,857,276.00
Cash		59,858,490	73,181,153				
Kind							
Other Income	3	26,423,856	37,337,872				
Recoveries	4	10,908,845	12,062,944	Remittance	4	8,121,420	13,539,148.59
Employee Loans & Advances	5	36,422,769	37,920,525	Employee Loans & Advances	5	36,531,953	35,791,246.38
				Closing Balance	10		
				i. Cash at Bank		33,479,686	43,424,251.92
				ii. Cash at Hand		12,341	-
		166,756,021	193,994,521			166,756,021	193,994,521

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