Message from the GNHCB

The GNHCB extends its warm greetings to friends in Bhutan and beyond. Like the rest of the world, the GNHCB too, was not prepared for the challenges that COVID-19 posed.

Despite the global pandemic and national challenges, the GNHCB continued its efforts in working in promoting the vision of Gross National Happiness.

We are delighted to share what has been achieved so far. We hope that 2021 will bring good health to all.

Furthermore, the Centre would like to extend our deep gratitude to everyone for the continued advice and support.

Happy reading!

The GNHCB wishes our readers a very Happy Losar Tashi Delek! May the year of the Ox bring you good health and prosperity!
In March 2020, the GNHCB, as a part of a joint effort among civil society organizations in Bhutan, collaborated in the Face Mask Production Project for tailoring reusable face masks for our frontliners. The Centre contributed Nu 10,000.00 and staff volunteered in taking forward different activities from mask making to being involved in the documentary for BBS. The first production of masks were offered to His Majesty’s Royal Kidu Office by the CSO Chairperson and members. Based on the success of the initiative, both the Ministry of Health and Helvetas funded the second phase of the project.

Planning ahead with the 21st Century Roadmap

In the beginning of 2020, the GNHCB was selected to serve a 2 year term in the CSO Core Coordination Committee in the capacity of Vice Chair. During this time, the Centre’s responsibilities included coordinating and leading the CSO Annual Retreat in Punakha, discussions around the CSO Rules and Regulations, coordinating the development of the Government & CSO Collaboration Proposal, and the proposals from CSOs for the national taskforce for the 21st Century Economic Roadmap.

Honoring the 11th of November

Despite the challenges of holding public events, the Centre held a humble gathering to commemorate Drugyal Zhipa’s birth anniversary and the national day of happiness. The event was graced by Her Royal Highness Gyalsem Kezang Choden Wangchuck. This course is designed to offer a user-friendly and interactive session with the use of audio-visual graphics providing a new learning experience for students and youth. Looking into the current scenario of digital learning, the Centre launched the first national online GNH course for Bhutanese students.
As part of the GNH Youth in Action campaign, the "GNH Village" was launched and a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the Sherubtse GNH Youth Club, Kanglung Gewog and Rongthong Village.

The project seeks to encourage volunteerism, care and create support groups among the youths.

The GNHCB team also initiated collecting the Centre’s first lockdown stories from our youth members which were then shared on our social media platforms.

The GNH youth members were actively engaged in contributing their stories and lessons to inspire other youths across the country.

CALL FOR ACTION
Fundraising Efforts
The GNHCB is trying to promote farming and mushroom cultivation activities in Dewaling, Bumthang.

The Centre aims to engage youths to take up the project and to inspire them towards entrepreneurship and financial stability.

The GNHCB is currently trying to raise funds for this effort.

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