



**ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE
PROTECTION AND CARE OF ANIMALS**



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Royal Society for the Protection and Care of Animals

"Animals have the right to care and love as much as we do"

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Royal Patron Her Majesty the Gyalyum Tshering Yangdoen Wangchuck



"I would like to commend your efforts to ensure better lives for animals which not only benefits the numerous stray animals but help to keep the environment clean and free from dangerous diseases. I am extremely happy to be a part of this noble endeavor and will do all I can to support your activities"

-Her Majesty Gyalyum Tshering Yangdoen Wangchuck

Royal Patron

Letter from the President

Letter from the President

Over a period of 19 enriching years since it set up in 1999, the Royal Society for the Protection and Care of Animals has work tirelessly to advocate against mal practice and generate awareness in the Bhutanese society on the welfare of the animals.

The society has come a long way of networking with the government and relevant organizations of promoting animal welfare and bringing in international organization like Humane Society International, introducing them to the Royal Government of Bhutan and working with the Government for the last 9 years in maintaining a clean, healthy and manageable stray dog population and knowledge sharing.

With much pride and gratitude under the Royal Patronage of Her Majesty the Gyalyum Tshering Yangdön Wangchuck, and a dedicated board of directors along with a hardworking team, who have selflessly given an immense amount of their free time, I am glad to announce 2017 has been a fruitful journey for the society. I am proud to be a part of this noble initiative and to have joined the Board at a time when the organization is in the process of revamping and creating much change for the betterment of the animals and the environment we live in.

The organization in our Animal Welfare Centre - The House for the Downtrodden has treated 7418 dogs since its set up in March, 2002. In the last year itself, we have accommodated 57 dogs, 2 cows, 2 calves and a mule. The organization has also attended to 37 house calls for veterinary services.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, volunteers and the RSPCA management, I thank you for your extraordinary support. I humbly convey my gratitude to the friends of the society and all ANIMAL LOVERS and well-wishers for your love, compassion and support for our four legged friends.

Tashi Delek!



(Rinzin Dorji)

(Rinzin Dorji)

PRESIDENT

WHO ARE WE?



Founded in 1999, under the Royal Patronage of Her Majesty Gyalum Tshering Yangdön Wangchuck; the Royal Society for Protection and Care of Animals in Bhutan (RSPCA) is the first organization of its kind, fully dedicated for the welfare, protection and well-being of animals in Bhutan. RSPCA is registered as a Public Benefit Organization under the Civil Society Organizations Act of Bhutan 2007.

We work towards rescuing stray animals and providing them with care, stability, medical assistance and lifelong homes, while also solving the stray dog problems and reducing canine related diseases in order to maintain a healthy, safe and manageable stray dog population. Towards promoting the general welfare of animals by raising awareness through public education and campaign and sustaining the Animal Welfare Centre in Serbithang – the “House for the Downtrodden” for sick, injured and abandoned animals, which is now home to 87 dogs, 15 puppies, a calf and a bull and a mule.



Vision

A place where mankind and animals live together in harmony with mutual love and respect and where life is valued

Mission Statement

Inculcate a sense of moral responsibility for the proper care and humane treatment of animals through increasing awareness on plight of the animals in Bhutan and; manage a constant and healthy free roaming dog population; at the same time ensure animal welfare is not compromised

Aim

To protect and care for all animals in Bhutan;

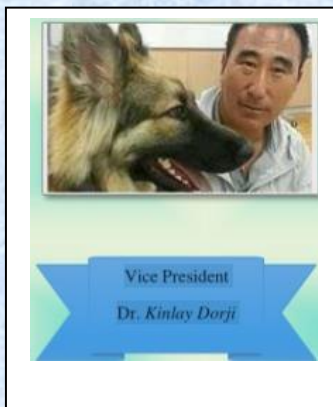
To ensure the welfare of the animals;

To work in harmony with all the relevant stakeholders bearing the interest of the animals.

OUR BOARD OF TRUSTEES

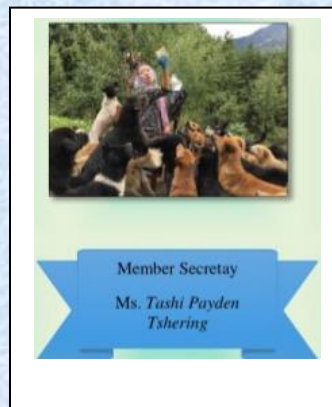


Dasho Rinzin Dorji (Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Forests)
The assistance and help that is being provided by MoAF from hosting the Board meetings to guiding the Society's affairs, having Dasho Rinzin as the President has been a blessing for our little organization.



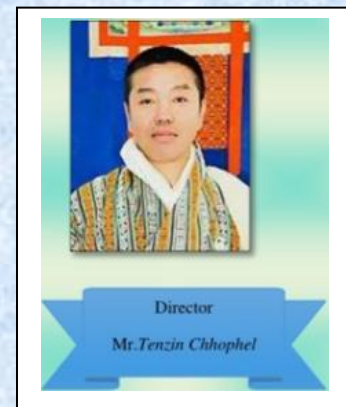
Dr. Kinlay Dorji
(Chief Veterinary Officer)

Dr. Kinlay Dorji has a keen and long-standing interest in animal welfare and ethics. A firm supporter and a part of the founding Board of Directors, he has supported RSPCA since its inception.



Ms. Tashi Payden Tshering
(Executive Director/ Founder)

Founded the organisation in the hope of saving Animals, Ms. Tashi's commitment to enhancing the lives of animals is unwavering. She is a strong advocator for animal welfare and is committed to providing a voice for animals.



Mr. Tenzin Chhophel
(Director, Ministry of Health)

Mr. Tenzin has been a volunteer and a long serving member of the Board of RSPCA, bringing a wealth of knowledge and contacts for the organizations.



Mr. Yeshi Wangdi
(Chief, Environmental Division, Thimphu Thromde)
Mr. Yeshi has dedicated a lot of his free time
Overlooking the renovation of the shelter.



Mrs. Tshering Yangzom
(Proprietor, Tiny Toes Day Care)
Extremely energetic and passionate, Mrs. Tshering Yangzom is one of our most active Board members on the field and has been a member on the Board for two terms. An Educationist she promotes the idea of compassion for animals to her students. She is also an active advocter and helps RSPCA with fundraising.



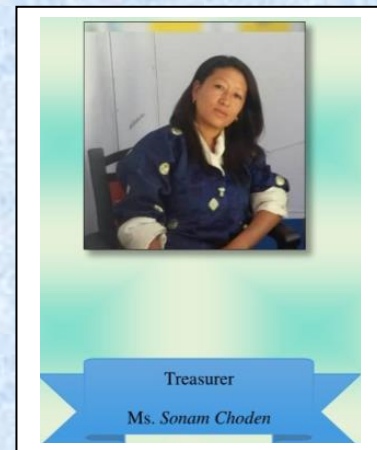
Ms. Sonam Lhaki (Volunteer at Office of Gyalwa Dokhampa)

A compassionate person and an animal lover, she relishes any opportunity to work for the animals. Our youngest member on the Board, Ms. Sonam Lhaki is an active volunteer who goes out of her way for our animals. She has helped us coordinate clean-up campaigns and bring donations in.



Mrs. Yeshe Om

Mrs. Yeshe Om is an ardent animal lover. Apart from being on our Board, she also helps with other chartiable causes



Ms. Sonam Choden (Manager, RSPCA)

Ms. Sonam Choden has committed her entire career to animal welfare, ever since she graduated from high school. She is very passionate and dedicated towards the welfare of animals.

“Building a Better World”

At more than 17 years old, our shelter has outlived its useful life. Although amazing work happens within its boundary, the small size of our facility prevents best practices that could save even more lives.



Our dream of a new shelter and a better world for animals would have remained a dream if not for the helping hand from Welttierschutzgesellschaft e.V. (WTG) Berlin, who is making our dream into a reality by funding our renovation plan.



Programme Area 1.

Animal Welfare Activities

1. Rescue and Treatment

- ❖ 98 rescues: 29 Puppies, 3 Cats, 64 Stray Dogs.
- ❖ Treatment and care
 - ✓ Scabies – 52
 - ✓ De-worming – 29 puppies
 - ✓ Calcium – 18 puppies
 - ✓ Daily treatment – 2 dogs
- ❖ Dogs sterilized 11 dogs Sterilized.

Our team has rescued and treated 200 dogs and sterilized 11 dogs this year.

2. House call for veterinary services

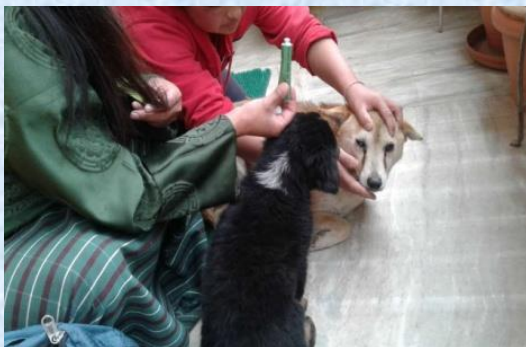
Aside rescues, the Society also initiated Veterinary Services, whereby we vaccinated 36 pets for rabies and kept track of vaccination requirement to ensure all vaccinations and follow up treatments are done in time.



The Society also took in house call, where by:

- 3 adoptees were vaccinated with anti-rabies and DHPPI
- 2 treated for wounds
- 1 for an eye infection

The team keeps a record of all treatments to ensure and follow up all vaccinations are done in time.



Some of our Rescue stories.

1. Just like others, he is one among many stray dogs in Thimphu rescued after a car ran over him a year ago and was found with his rare legs broken. His hope for survival was almost next to impossible but today it's a miracle for him as well for all of us to see him running & playing with his best friends (Momo, Katu & Mesha) and he is recovering fast. RSPCA expresses appreciation and thank you to each and every heroic life savers and animal life supporter across the country.



2. Our team has rescued a lactating stray with 13 puppies, (7males and 6 females) from Buddha Point. The stray mother with the puppies is homed in our shelter and all the puppies were given Calcium drops and de-wormed. Currently the mother and all the Puppies are doing well in the shelter. Among those 13 puppies, a lucky one named "Ghost" got sponsored by Mr. Wiris William, a compassionate Animal lover outside Bhutan. We believe that all animals have the right to live as much as we do.



3. Another six Puppies were rescued from the way to BBS tower; Sangay gang. These puppies were cared and fed by a compassionate Animal lover Aum Tshewang C Rabgye and her daughter for several weeks. She then called for RSPCA's help to rescue these puppies before they get hit by any car. Our team have rescued these puppies; they are de-wormed and housed in the shelter. These puppies will be sterilized when they turn 6months. However our team could not rescue their mother since it was difficult to catch them but our team is be - friending the mother dog including 6 other dogs (2 mothers, 2 male and 2 puppies) by daily feeding them.



3. Sterilization Campaign.

In order to curb the ever increasing stray dog population, we ensure that all sick dogs at the shelter after they are treated from other diseases for which they are brought in are sterilized, vaccinated and dewormed Including rescued dogs, puppies and biting dogs that are rehabilitated at the shelter. These dogs and other animals are sterilised and treated with the help of the team from the National Animal Hospital.



For this year 2018, eight dogs kept at the shelter were sterilized of which four were female and other four males. The dogs that underwent Sterilizations are all doing well and are back to their active self. Additionally three more stray dogs were sterilized with the help from local communities to catch these dogs.



4. Animals Lover's Visit to the Shelter.



His Eminence Namkhai Nyingpo Rimpoche's visit to the shelter was a great honour for the RSPCA Family. Our team including our sick dogs and office dogs were blessed to get blessing from His Eminence Namkhai Nyingpo Rimpoche. We believe that the blessing from His Eminence will definitely increase human-animal bond and connection.

Hon'ble minister, Ministry of Agriculture and Forest, Lyonpo Yeshey Penjor, visited our animals Shelter. He is the first minister to visit our animal shelter and it was a great honour for our Organisation that the Hon'ble Minister is willing to render support.



A youth group summit organized by a CSO called the Bhutan Centre for Media and Democracy visited the Shelter where they spent time with the animals and were very inquisitive about our work and programs. We also handed out our brochures, told them individual stories about the animals at the Shelter, and possible future plans. Many showed interest in volunteering for us in the future and even becoming members of the Society.

We also had a group of students from Royal Thimphu College Visiting the shelter. They were 5th semester students of Political Science and Sociology on their study tour to learn more about the Civil Society Organizations on its benefits and hurdles as a part of their project work and assignment. RSPCA is their first among many CSOs that they will be visiting.



5. Mass cleaning campaign.

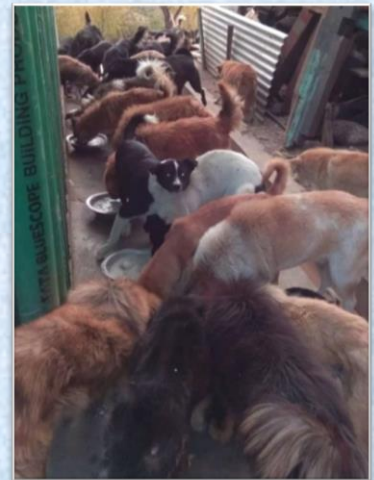


Students along with their teachers from Early Learning Centre School Visited the Shelter House for the Downtrodden to mark the Worlds Rabies Day. The students and teachers were actively involved in campus beautification, cleaning the shelter, Washing, Grooming shelter dogs and cooking meals for the dogs.



RSPCA team visits the Animal Welfare centre once every Month to clean the shelter. Following are some of the activities we do every month.

1. Cleaning the welfare centre
2. Cooking meal for the animals
3. Washing dishes and food bowls
4. Feeding treats and meals
5. Grooming the dogs



Programme Area 2.

Advocacy and awareness programme in the Schools.

1. Awareness activity on animal Welfare.

The year 2018 has been an active year for RSPCA team having interactive sessions with schools and colleges in Thimphu, South Bhutan (Phuentsholing and Gedu) and schools in Eastern Bhutan (Pemagatshel and SamdrupJongkhar) working towards creating awareness on animal maltreatment and canine related diseases, Awareness on responsible pet ownership, Waste management and inculcating a sense of moral responsibility by forming Animals lovers club in the Schools and colleges.



Fig.1. Advocacy and awareness Programme in Royal Thimphu College.

a. Advocacy in Thimphu Schools

RSPCA visited the following schools and set up an Animal Lovers Club:

- Thimphu Primary School
- ELC Junior



The team met with two groups of very enthusiastic students, a total of 75 students who are extremely passionate about animal welfare in particular and social responsibility in general. Our team did short presentation on our organization, programs and activities, how to register etc and distributed brochures and forms (Membership, Adoption, Sponsorship and Foster).

The response from the children were amazing, they had great ideas and suggestions which are definitely going down in our activities list.

RSPCA in collaboration with *Jangsa Animal Saving Trust* and *National Veterinary Hospital* visited five Primary Schools in Thimphu to Advocate on Animal Welfare and awareness on stray dog bites and Sterilization. The Program started with a Welcome song and was followed by various Theatre acts on;

- 1) The signs that stray dogs show before biting
- 2) Reasons why stray dogs bite
- 3) Five types of risky dogs
- 4) The importance of sterilization and
- 5) Community Ownership



2. Advocacy tour to South and Eastern Bhutan

RSPCA team headed by Executive Director started advocacy tour from the 16th of September 2018 along with a team of volunteers to advocate against animal maltreatment, canine related diseases and with the aim to form an animal lovers club in 8 schools and 2 colleges in Pemagatshel, Samdrup Jongkhar and Chukha Districts. The team returned on the 25th of September after a successful advocacy in the following Schools:

❖ Pemagatshel Dzongkhag

- 1) Gonpasingma Lower Secondary School
- 2) Pemagatshel Middle Secondary School
- 3) Khotakpa Primary School
- 4) Nangkhor Higher Secondary School

❖ S/Jongkhar Dzongkhag

- 1) S/Jongkhar Middle Secondary School
- 2) Ganpawong Middle Secondary School
- 3) Dewathang Primary School

❖ Chhukha Dzongkhag

- 1) Gedu College of Business Studies
- 2) Phuntsholing Middle Secondary School
- 3) College of Science and Technology

Advocacy at some of the Schools in Pemagatshel District.



Gonpasingma Lower Secondary School



Pemagatshel Middle Secondary School



Khotakpa Primary School



Nangkhor Higher Secondary School

Advocacy in some of the Schools at Samdrup Jongkhar District.



S/Jongkhar Middle Secondary School



Ganpawong Middle Secondary School



Dewathang Primary School

Advocacy in some of the Schools and Colleges at Chukha District.



Gedu College of Business Studies



College of Science and Technology



Phuntsholing Middle Secondary School

COLLECTIONS OF DONATED MATERIALS.

a. Fire woods



The food for more than 96 dogs and two bulls at the shelter is prepared by the caretaker *Aum Lhamo* with fire woods. These fire woods we receive are from construction sites, saw Mills, and from the residents in Thimphu. This year our team have collected four Boleros and one DCM trip of fire woods from Jungsina Construction site and Changzamtog Nissan Show room.

b. Hay collection



A compassionate Animal Lover from Punakha has donated rice straws to use as a matt for the dogs and protect them from the cold winter months. It was not only used as a mat by the dogs but the taste of it was also enjoyed by our two bulls at the shelter.

c. Food collection

Leftover food collection from:

- Hotel Namgay Heritage
- City Hotel
- San Maru Korean Restaurant
- Royal Thimphu College (RTC)
- *Thangthong Dewanchen Nunnery*
- Thimphu City Cooperation
- During the Moenlem Chemo



Programme Area 2.

Our Shelter Programme.

The Society also started the following programs which encouraged people of all age to participate and volunteer:

1. BUDDIES PROGRAM

In RSPCA "Buddies program", we take the children for a tour of our shelter. The dogs clearly love it. This helps the children learn about the value of life and to develop mutual love and trust. The team ensures the safety of both kids and the animals. Besides young children, we also have residents and tourists join us for the program.



2. MEMBERSHIP

Members enjoy many benefits, including a subscription to our half yearly newsletter and the opportunity to visit our shelter any time of the year. In addition, we keep you informed of RSPCA's progress with special mailings as well as an annual report. Our membership charges are as follows;

- Adult – Nu 750
- Students – Nu 250
- Tourist - \$25

The Society recruited a total of 104 members till date from all walks of life: Students, Civil servants and residents.



3. FOSTERING

Foster a pet! Every year we need dozens of foster homes to help raise litters of puppies and kittens. We also need foster homes to help socialize dogs so that they can become great pets for adopters. "Baby" is our first fostered dog. A resident from Thimphu came forward to give "Baby" a home to care, love and attention for 10 days.



4. ADOPTION

For people interested in adoption, we have “Meet and greet” session, where we guide the interested visitors around the shelter, have them interact with the dogs, give them treats and see if they feel a bond with anyone in particular. The interested adopter then fills out an adoption form and is free to take home a lifelong companion. RSPCA ensures the adopted pets are vaccinated against Rabies, de-wormed and given DHPPI vaccine Free of cost for one year.

5. SPONSORSHIP.

Sponsorship is for people who wants to help but are unable to foster or volunteer. The sponsor can visit our shelter and personally pick a dog. We send a monthly update on how your furry friend is doing. Aside sponsoring an animal, you can also sponsor small projects at the shelter like upgrading the kennel and improving the physical environment of the shelter. If you would like to know more about our programs, please get in touch with us.



6. VOLUNTEERING

Volunteering activities includes:

- Transport animals from shelters, foster homes or veterinarian appointment
- Help with administrative tasks
- Help with fundraising drives and campaigns
- Collection of waste food from hotels and restaurant
- Grooming
- Maintenance/Up keeping: Wash bowls, clean visitors area, kennels etc
- Assist adoption events or help our team with event coordination
- Help with fun special events such as Buddies program

- Be an outreach ambassador to spread our mission in the community
- Become a foster parent and take needy animals to your home for Specialized care
- Help physically and mentally stimulate the pets in our care.



In Partnership with WTG

Welttierschutzgesellschaft e.V. (WTG) is a Berlin/Germany based registered non-profit organisation. Their vision is “A world, in which animals are appreciated by people, treated according to their needs and with respect”.



They aim at improving the situation for animals in the long term i.e. by providing veterinary care, by supporting animal sanctuaries and through educational work, WTG cooperates with local partner organisations. WTG has partnered with RSPCA since September 2017 and is financially supporting most of the activities of the RSPCA along with the part of the renovation work at the shelter. With the support from WTG, we have seen so many Changes and comfort in the lives of the animals here in Bhutan and we hope that with their Constant support we can create a better world for the animals.

SPECIAL THANKS

- ❖ NAH (National Animal Hospital)
- ❖ MoAF (Ministry of Agriculture and Forest)
- ❖ DoL (Department of Livestock)
- ❖ NCAH (National Centre for Animal Health)
- ❖ Thimphu Thromde (Municipal)
- ❖ Members
- ❖ Volunteers

Over the span of 19 years, the Society has been able to look after the welfare of animals and carry out its activities with support of the above mentioned.

Support us:

What does your support help us to do?

Your money goes towards the ongoing care of our resident rescued animals at our shelter, helps us rescue more of old, hurt or neglected animals and get active with neutering activities in the community to reduce the numbers of abandoned and stray animals in our area. For every animal, we intake, we rely on donations to cover the above costs. We could not continue to rescue without your generosity. Our rescued animals thank you!

Monetary Donation

Donors wishing to donate can use the account:

a. Bhutan National Bank:



Account no: 5023081018

b. Bank of Bhutan:



Account No: 20100304

Your donation is tax deductible.

Non- Monetary Donations

We appreciate all kinds of donations, mentioned below are the list of items we use the most at the shelter:

- Collars and Leashes
- Hand Sanitizer, Towels and Blankets
- Rice
- Paper Towels
- Bleach/Floor Cleaners with Disinfectant
- Long-Handle Scrub Brushes
- Old mattress
- Used Construction materials (Bamboos, Tiles, Planks, Nets, Jute Sacks, Tires, etc.)
- Left over Foods (Rice, meats, vegetables, etc.)



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AUDIT REPORT 2018



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**AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE
ROYAL SOCIETY FOR PROTECTION AND CARE OF ANIMALS,
THIMPHU FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Royal Society for Protection and Care of Animals, Thimphu which comprise the Receipts & Payments Statements and schedules forming part of financial statements for the financial year ended 30 June 2018, as required under the Audit Act of Bhutan 2018 and as per the Terms of Reference issued by the RAA vide letter RAA(OSA-06)/AC/2018/2723 date. 18/09/2018.

Management's responsibility for the financial statements

Management is responsible for preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Financial Rules and Regulations 2016. This responsibility includes, designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies, and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements based on our audit. We conducted the audit in accordance with RAA's Auditing Standards and Generally Accepted Auditing Standards (GAAS). Those standards require that the Auditor complies with the ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

Scope of Audit

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on auditor's judgment, including the risk of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal controls relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit

procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of the accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that the audit evidence obtained by us is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements are prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the Financial Rules and Regulations 2016.



(Kinzang)
Team Leader
For Brandon Kinzang & Associates Pvt. Ltd.

Dated : 11/02/2019

Place : Thimphu


Receipts and Payments Statements for yearend 30th June 2018

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS STATEMENT

For the year ended 30th June 2018

All figures in Nu.

PARTICULARS	SCHEDULE	RECEIPTS Amount (Nu.)	PARTICULARS	SCHEDULE	PAYMENTS Amount (Nu.)
Opening balance b/f			Expenditure	5	1,948,888.36
Cash		7674.00			
BNB Bank		121,046.35			
Donation	3	888,661.00	Closing Balance C/f		
Membership Fees	3	5,275.00	Cash		1286.00
WTG FUND	3	2,068,516.91	BNB Bank	4	43,305.53
Sponsorship	3	60,500.00	BNB Bank (saving Account)	4	531,341.62
Interest on BNB	4	8,338.18	BNB (WTG fund in Euro)	4	573,790.55
Interest on Saving(BNB Saving Acc)	4	21,341.62	BOB Bank	4	120,971.00
Advance (cash Deposit)	6	7,364.00			
Bus Hiring	3	30,866.00			
		3,219,583.058			3,219,583.058


 (Ms. Sonam Choden)
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