Scholarships for University Students

at

Northwest Nationalities University (Lanzhou)

Qinghai Nationalities University (Xining)

Qinghai Normal University (Xining)

Qinghai University (Xining)

Final Report

to

the Tibetan Development Assistance Trust

From

Shar Dzong གུང་དོན། Development Group

June 4, 2011
Summary

What?

Scholarships

Who?

Six University Students

Where?

Northwest Nationalities University

Qinghai Nationalities University

Qinghai Normal University

Qinghai University

The Tibetan Development Assistance Trust Contribution: 20,144 RMB

Beneficiaries: 6 students
Part I: Project Report

1. **Project title:** Scholarships for University Students

2. **Project applicant:** Shar Dzong Development Group

3. **Supervisor:** Xianba, Vice-township Leader, Jinyuan Township, Hualong Hui Autonomous County, Haidong Region, Qinghai Province, PR China

4. **Project location:** Qinghai Province, China

5. **Donor's contribution:** 20,144 RMB

6. **Shar Dzong Development Group contribution:** 300 RMB

7. **Total monetary value of the program:** 20,444 RMB

8. **Implementing agency:** Shar Dzong Development Group

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11. **Project start date:** August 2010

12. **Project completion date:** March, 2011
May 25, 2011

Dear Ms. Ahlers,

We respectfully report on the satisfactory completion of the scholarship program for university students in Qinghai Province, China. The project started August 2010 and ended January 2011. With your generous support, scholarships were provided for four outstanding Tibetan university students and two pre-university students who are from different areas in Qinghai Province. Currently, these students are studying at their respective schools.

Five of these six students were accepted by the universities in June 2010, and then enrolled in September 2010; one was accepted in June 2008. These students encountered problems with meeting the cost of school tuition at the beginning of the semester. Their attempts to obtain scholarships from the Civil Affairs Bureau, Education Bureau, and Youth League in their counties were unsuccessful.

The parents of the six students did not want to give up their children’s education and attempted to borrow the needed funds from their relatives and friends. What they were able to raise was, however, insufficient to meet schooling costs.

Your generous support has meant that these students are now in school. Without your support, they might have dropped out from school. On behalf of the students who received your support, I extend sincere appreciation.

To continue their education is still a problem due to limited incomes of these families. To pay the coming year’s tuition and to cover the daily expenses and accommodation fee will be coming difficulties for these families. Additionally, some of these families are already high in debts; to get loans or borrow money from outside seems impossible. Therefore, to drop out from schools might be only option for some of these students if there will be no external assistance. So, I sincerely hope you will be able to continuously help these and the other students who need helps in the future. Thank you very much.

Yours faithfully,

The Shar Dzong Development Group
Description of the Program Purpose

Student enrolment has been on the rise since free compulsory education in Tibetan areas of Qinghai has become universal. In addition, increased enrolment at universities in China has led to greater student enrolment at the primary and middle school levels, even in impoverished areas. Education through college has never been more accessible than it is now, but in order for students from impoverished families to enter college, economic assistance is needed.

Most areas of Qinghai primarily depend on agriculture and animal husbandry. Average cash income of this many areas is only 300-450 RMB person/year, which makes sending children to university a great challenge. Dropping out from schools is very common for the senior middle school and university students in Qinghai.

Shar Dzong Development Group further investigated and determined to apply for sponsorship for students searching for assistance in order to continue their education. Since 2005, Shar Dzong Development Group has managed some scholarships from Global Routes, Chandra Mia, and certain individuals. From 2008, Qinghai Women’s Scholarship and Shar Dzong Development Group organized a scholarship program in Hualong County - each year they provide a full scholarship for an outstanding university student from Hualong County.

In 2010, the head of the Tibetan Development Assistance Trust, Anneli, and Lerjiater went to rural areas of Qinghai to evaluate projects from previous years. They discussed the issue of college costs and Anneli agreed to support some university students from Qinghai.

With Shar Dzong Development Group members and some teachers’ help, in August 2010, six outstanding students were selected as candidates for the Tibetan Development Assistance Trust’s scholarship from among twelve university freshmen applicants. Selection criteria included family background and academic performance. The final selection decision was determined after Lerjiater and other group members carefully assessed the applications and interviewed the students’ parents.

The Tibetan Development Assistance Trust donated 20,144 RMB for six students’ tuitions, which greatly benefited 6 students and their families. Therefore, we (SDDG) sincerely thanks you for your effort and support; we hope the same program can be done again your assistance.

In January 2011, Lerjafter and Hangdan HelveticaNeueW02-45L showcased personally met the students who received the scholarship. The students offered thanks letters in Tibetan to express appreciation and Lerjiater translated the letters.
Students' Letters of Appreciation

(1) Lhamo Dorma ལྷ་མོ་དོརམ་
(1) Lhamo Dorma (translation)

Dear All Warmhearted Sponsors and Representatives of the Tibetan Development Assistance Trust,

I am one of the students who received your scholarship last year. My name is Lhamo Dorma. I was born in an impoverished farming family in Hualong County. My family situation is very poor. However, with my family support and outside assistance, I completed my high school education and entered university in 2010. Subsequently, my family could not pay my university tuition. Luckily, with your generous support, I enrolled in Qinghai Nationalities University and currently am studying at university full of hopes and dreams. I work hard to achieve my goal; to be a scholar to assist society and my community. Finally, I greatly appreciate your help and support.

Many thanks.

Lhamo Dorma
(2) Daluojia སྦ་ལོ་ཤེ།
(2) Daluojia (translation)

Dear Donor,

I am Daluojia from 2008 Business Administration (bilingual: Tibetan & Chinese) Class, Northwest Nationalities University. I entered in this university in 2008 as I wished. I was very pleased at beginning, but later due to unfortunate financial situation of my family, my family encountered some difficulties to pay for the school tuition. Through my parents’ efforts, I have been studying in this university for three years. My family paid all the costs of my three year studying in this school, for the reason that of this the financial situation of my family getting worse and worse, they are now even unable to pay for rest of the years in this university. At this moment, I was selected one of the scholarship candidates who has received your scholarship. Here, I sincerely thank you for your kindness and generous support which offered me a way to continue my study.

I hope you will be in the same mind to help me in future. I will work hard to gain successful result to become a useful person who will be able to do something for my hometown and community.

Daluojia

September 22, 2010
(3) Lijia Tsering 賽 Chevron
(3) **Lijia Tsering** (translation)

Dear Donor,

I was born in a poor farmer family which has poor financial income, but I had precious chance to go to primary and middle school because firstly my parents were supportive on my twelve-year primary and middle school education, they supported me with the limited money that they earned from agricultural and waged works even the family situation is very deprived. Secondly, I studied very hard while I was in middle school in order to show my appreciation for their efforts. Lastly, under the correct guidance of my middle school teachers, I was accepted by Qinghai University, my dream to be a university became true since then. Fortunately, the university tuition is very large compared to the middle school tuition, in addition my family situation is impoverished, so we worried about the tuition. At the time when we were anxious about it, I was selected one of your scholarship recipients. I have never dreamed such great things, and I really appreciate your help and support and I will work hard at school to achieve my goal, I will never dishearten your expectations and teachers’ expectations too. Many thanks again for your support.

Sincerely yours,

Lijia Tsering

September 23, 2010
(4) Haudan Tsering རྒྱལ་དགའ་བོ
(4) Huadan Tsering (translation)

Dear Donor,

I am the one the students who received your scholarship, I am Huadan Tsering from Qinghai Normal University. I would like to thank you for your help and support for me and the other students like me.

Currently, I study hard every subject with unbiased under my professors’ instruction and classmates’ help. I will be grateful to my teachers, parents and donors’ help and support. I work hard to be standard university student to achieve my goal. I won’t let down expectations of my teachers, parents and the donors.

Finally, I sincerely hope all the representatives and workers in the Tibetan Development Assistance Trust have happy healthy and wealthy life and everything goes well as you wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Huadan Tsering
2010 Physics Class
Qinghai Normal University
(5) Phumo Yangji ལྷ་མོ་ཡང་ཇི་
Dear Donor,

I am the student who always hopes to enter a university to become a teacher in future. This year, your organization provided me a bright and optimistic hope for my future life. Your assistance created a way for me to begin achieving my goal. I will work hard to achieve my purpose and will never disappoint you. Finally, on behalf of my 50-year old mother, my sister and my family, I gratefully thank you for your kindness and help.

Sincerely yours,

Phumao Yangji
September 29, 2010
(6) Penmao Tsedan པོད་མ་ཐེ་ན།
(6) **Penmao Tsedan** (translation)

Dear Donors,

Through your assistance this time, I was able to enter university and experience university life. I thank you for your kindness and support which created a great way for me. Surely, I would not have entered university without your assistance and help. My dream to be a university student and obtain a university education would be vanished.

I am very pleased that I have received your scholarship. With your scholarship, I continue my study in university. I will properly use every minute of my time in this school to study well every subject to become a capable citizen to assist society after I graduate. I will never forget your help and thank you for your help.

Finally, I hope all of you have a happy, healthy life everyday and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Penmao Tsedan

September 25, 2010
# Part II: Financial Report

## Original Budget

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Receipts

Daluojia paid school tuition (2,500 RMB) and accommodation fees (1,200 RMB) for a total of 3,700 RMB.

Lhamo Dorma, Law Department of Qinghai Nationalities University student, has paid school tuition and accommodation fees for a total of 3,500 RMB.
Certification

Lijia Tsering, male, is a 21 year old, four year university student from Quanji Township, Gangcha County, Haibei Prefecture currently studying at Qinghai Medical College, majoring in Tibetan Medicine. His school tuition is 2,800 RMB per year and accommodation fee is 1,200 RMB per year for a total of 4,000 RMB.
Certification

Physical Education Department, Qinghai Normal University student, Huadan Tsering, paid school tuition (2,460 RMB) and accommodation fees (600 RMB) for a total of 3,060 RMB (2010-2011).

Phumo Yangji paid school tuition (2,252 RMB) and accommodation fees (600 RMB) for a total of 2,852 RMB.
Daluojia paid school tuition (2,252 RMB), accommodation fees (600 RMB), and book fees (180 RMB) for a total of 3,032 RMB.
Part III: Appendix

Student Introductions

(1)

My name is Lhamo Dorma, a female student from Dejia Village, Angsi Duo Town, Hualong County, Haidong Region, Qinghai Province.

I was born in a poor farmer family in 1990. There were seven people in my family - my grandparents, parents, brother, sister, and me. My family depends on a small amount of crop land. Family income is very limited. My parents were usually gone from home doing wage work to pay for such expenses as chemical fertilizers for our crops and our electricity bills. My grandparents took care of us - my sister, brother, and me. Since 2008, my grandparents have not been in good health consequently, my parents must stay with them and can no longer do wage work, thus our family has become much poorer.

I graduated from Hualong Middle School in 2009, and scored 398 on the national university entrance exam - one of the highest scores among all Hualong Middle School students. I was accepted by the Tibetan Department, Qinghai Nationalities University to major in Tibetan and Chinese. School expenses were about 5,000 RMB including accommodation. It is a huge amount of money for my family to pay. Last year, with the help of my maternal uncle and my parents’ effort, my family paid the cost of my study.

Currently, I am on holiday. School will start soon. The school cost is the same as last year. My parents have little hope of raising the needed funds. However, I don’t want to give up my education. I believe with a better education, there will be more access to jobs to support these people in my family in the future. Therefore, I apply to you for assistance to continue my education. I hope you all will consider my request and give me a hand to create a path to make my dreams come true, thanks!

Sincerely yours,

Lhamo Dorma
September 2, 2010
My name is Lijia Tsering. I was born April 25, 1989 in Zhu Village, Chuma Township, Hualong County, Haidong Region, Qinghai Province. There were eight people in my family when I was small. I started school when I was seven years old at Chuma Township School. There were no Tibetan classes in Chuma School so I moved to live with one of my elder sisters who had married to a man from Gangcha County, Haibei Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture. Most classes in Gangcha are taught in Tibetan.

Since then, all of my expenses were met by my sister and brother-in-law, who are herders from Ning Xia Village, which is one of the poorest townships in Gangcha County. From the year I entered Gangcha Middle School, my brother-in-law went to Gangcha County Town to do wage works each summer to support my education. The cost of high school education was not very high, but it was a big burden for my family. I also did wage works during the summer holidays. Eventually I graduated from Gangcha Middle School, passed the national university entrance exam, and was accepted by Qinghai University with a major in Tibetan Medicine.

I want to be a Tibetan doctor to serve herders in Gangcha County, since there are few Tibetan doctors in township clinics. Doctors who speak both Chinese and Tibetan are much needed in this area because herders have difficulties communicating with Chinese doctors. To make my dream true is hard because my sister and brother-in-law cannot afford to meet my expenses. This is complicated by my brother studying at Haibei Normal School and my nephew studying in Gangcha County Primary School. They also depend on my sister and brother-in-law.

I apply for your support to achieve my goal.

Sincerely,

Lijia Tsering
September 2, 2010
I am Phumo Yangji, a Tibetan girl from Namao Village, Jiarang Township, Jianzha County, Huangnan Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture, Qinghai Province. I was born in 1991 in a poor family of seven – my parents, two brothers, my sister, my sister-in-law, and me.

My father died when I was in grade one in the village primary school. My family's condition became much worse after Father's death when all the household tasks and responsibilities fell on my mother’s shoulders. My siblings never had a chance to go to school because of our poverty. My second elder brother was sent to a small monastery to be a monk. My other brother married when I was in junior middle school and after a few years, lived separately with his wife and son. I live with my mother and sister who has mental and physical problems that means she loses consciousness if she experiences something unpleasant or does heavy work. She cannot marry nor help Mother do heavy farm tasks.

My middle school education was supported by my teachers and headmasters and I graduated from Jianzha Middle School in June, 2010, and scored well enough on the national university entrance exam to be accepted into the preparatory class of Qinghai Normal University.

My family cannot afford to pay the school tuition and Mother has been unable to borrow the amount that is needed.

We heard about the assistance your organization is providing in other areas and I also would like to apply to you. I want to be a Tibetan teacher in the countryside to teach Tibetan after I graduate from university.

Sincerely,

Phumo Yangji
4 September 2010
My name is Pengmo Tsedan. I am from Nian Nai Suma Village, Quanji Township, Gangcha County, Haibei Prefecture, Qinghai Province. I was born in a herding family in August 1991. My parents were divorced when I was small and my father left and never returned. My mother married again and I became homeless until my maternal grandfather took me to live with him.

Grandfather was a pastoralist and depended on animal husbandry, though he had only a few animals. We lived in a small tiny room. After we lost our few yaks, we moved to the township center town and lived with my aunt. I started school there. My grandfather began to work on a nearby farm and could earn a bit of money to support me. With my family's help, I graduated from Gangcha Middle School in June 2010.

I passed the university entrance exam and was accepted into the preparatory class of Qinghai University, but the school tuition is very high. My aunt cannot afford to pay it and, despite many efforts, borrowing the needed funds seems impossible. For these reasons, I would like to apply for your support to continue my education.

Sincerely, Pengmo Tsedan
September 4, 2010
I am Daluojia. I am 20 years old and a Tibetan from Awuju Village, Jinyuan Township, Hualong County, Qinghai Province. I graduated from Hualong Middle School in 2008 with good scores on the national university entrance exam. I was accepted by Northwest Nationalities University with a major in Business Administration (Bilingual; Tibetan and Chinese). Currently, I am studying in this university and I am a grade-three student.

I grew up in a Tibetan farming family. There are seven people in my family; my parents, grandparents, sister, brother, and me. Both my parents are farmers. My mother has some health problems and she is very weak. My family depends on a few acres of land where we grow crops for food. There is no other income. My grandparents are old and unable to do any work. My brother is in junior middle school. My sister dropped out from school this year because of our family's poverty. I face the same problem as my sister because of my family's poverty. When I was freshman, my father left home for work that paid poorly and was very hard.

I really worked during two years in this university and got very good scores for each course. My performance at school is one of the best among my classmates.

Unfortunately, in June last year, Grandfather got pneumonia and went to the Second People's Hospital of Qinghai Province for medical treatment. He stayed in the hospital for 6 months. His medical expenses were about 70,000 RMB which was borrowed from relatives and friends. This is a huge debt for our family.

On August 5, 2010, I received a call from my father from the place where they were working informing me that my mother was seriously ill and that they had to go to hospital. The next day, she said went to the First People’s Hospital of Qinghai Province. Ensuing treatment cost 30,000 RMB.

The new semester started. Tuition is about 4,000 RMB per year, but my family has virtually no money, which is the reason my sister dropped out of school. I took only 100 RMB from home and went to school. The classes had started and I had no money to pay. School administrative officers often ask me to pay. With this pressure, I cannot concentrate on my study. I ask you for help me to help me accomplish my study in this university. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Daluojia

September 4, 2010
My name is Huadan Tsering, a university student from Jianke Village, Jinyuan Township, Hualong County, Haidong Region, Qinghai Province. I was born in 1987 in a small remote mountain village with 45 households and 330 people, 99 percent of whom are illiterate. Luckily, my younger brother and I had the chance to attend school. I graduated from Hualong Middle School in 2009, passed the national university exam, and was accepted by the university preparatory class at Qinghai Normal University.

Historically, I am the only student who reached university level in my home village. Nobody works for the government in my village. I studied hard for one year in the preparatory class and got good scores. I am now a freshman in the Physics Department, Qinghai Normal University now.

There are ten people in my family - my parents, 2 brothers, 3 nieces, a nephew, my sister-in-law, and me. My family depends on a small amount of irrigated farm land and a few yaks. Mostly, we grow wheat and potatoes that meets our need for food. Our income is very limited and mostly from selling yak hair and butter.

The school fees are excessive for my family. After I received my acceptance letter, my father tried to borrow money but it was very hard. Fortunately, Trace Foundation provided me 3,000 RMB for school fees, because I got scored 126 on the Tibetan section of the university entrance exam. It was a reward for good performance on Tibetan. With this reward, I paid school fees and was able to complete one year in the preparatory class.

Now, I am freshman and the school fee for this year is about 3,500 RMB. It is big amount for my family. Additionally, my younger brother also finished high school and was accepted by Qinghai Nationalities University. To support both of us is extremely difficult for my family. However, I and my family do not want us to give up our study.

Fortunately, I have heard that there are donors who provide assistance for university students. Here, I wrote this simple introduction and I would like to apply for assistance from you donors. Please consider my request and to make my dream come true!

If I could complete my university education at Qinghai Normal University, I want to be a teacher and I will try my best to support students who cannot afford their education.

Sincerely yours,
Huadan Tsering
September 5, 2010