

Final Report for “Solar Flashlight Project for Lo rta Village”

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What? This project is to provide 21 solar flashlights to 12 old people and 9 children who are very poor in Lo rta Village.

Who? The 21 poorest people in Lor rta village

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Project location

This project was implemented in Lo rta Village, Ngawa County, Ngawa Tibetan Qiang Autonomous Prefecture of Sichuan Province, China.

Brief Description of the Project Implementation:

Before winter holiday on the 6th of January 2011, the project manager took 21 flash lights from Shem Women's Group to give to villagers who are poor, old and in bad condition.

There were only 21 flashlights, so the project manager had to choose the poorest families/person to give the flashlights to as Shem requested. The project manager talked to her parents about the villagers' condition to get a basic idea about the poor families in the village, so the next day she could choose better beneficiaries with the village leader.

On the next day, the project manager went to see the village leader to discuss the project implementation. The village leader was very happy about the project and he said he will try his best to help the project manager to organize and implement the project. They chose 21 of the poorest people from the village and decided to give the flashlights to them. As soon as they came up with the decision, village leader and project manager informed all the villagers to come together and announced the project and the final decision. The project manager told villagers about the reason for choosing these 21 people as well as where the flashlights were from. Twenty one households were selected based on the following reasons: firstly there are six old women (Tse ring sgron, Zom ko, Bkr go, Lo yag, Ye xes sgron, Kunbzang.) from Lo rta Village who get sick all the time such as headache and they need to buy medicine often, plus they can't work. Secondly there are three young women (Sko mo, Yar msto, Kun dga sgron) who are widows,

they have children but they are living by themselves and everything depends on themselves. Thirdly, an old man ('og go) who has two children and he is divorced. His two children are with him and he is supporting their school fees and life. Another three men (Rig rgl, Tse ring nor bu, Chos rgyn yag) are from poor families who don't have young people to labor to earn money for the family. Fourth, other people (Gnas brtn, Lha skyid, Klu ssub, Lha 'tsam, Bkr te, Bde legs, Snang mo, Tse lu) are also from poor families without young people in the family, and also they have many children to go to school and no more children stay home to help do house work.

The villagers were happy about the decision and they said it was the right decision.

Those 21 flashlights were given to those poorest people in front of all the villagers after the announcement. And all the villagers were happy about it, especially the beneficiaries. After the distribution of flashlights, the project manager explained to the villagers again where they were from and how to use them. The villagers are very thankful for Shem and the Donor.

Project result:

After implemented the project, all the villagers said thanks for helping us, and the solar flashlight can not only protect environment but also save money for them. They also said that Lo rta Village is a remote area that transportation is also not convenient. Thus, to buy batteries for normal flashlights costs a lot of money, is not convenient and destroys environment by throwing away the used batteries. But these solar flashlights don't have these problems, so it is very useful and helpful for nomads.

Photos of beneficiaries:



All the recipients are in this picture.



The woman who is closer in the photo is Yis xes smmron and she is a hardworking woman. She only has one daughter and her husband passed away when she was 30 years old.



Yokor is from a poor family and she is forty-seven years old. She has seven children and four of her children are going to school. She is a hardworking woman for her family, especially for sending her children to the school.



He is a primary school student and his family has several children going school. He is good at study.

The Name-list of beneficiaries:

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ལྷོ་ལོ་	ལོ་	51
ལྷོ་ལོ་	ལོ་	43
ལྷོ་ལོ་	ལོ་	56
ལྷོ་ལོ་	ལོ་	61
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ལྷོ་ལོ་	ལོ་	66
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ལྷོ་ལོ་	ལོ་	58

List of the beneficiaries:

Thank You Letter Translation:

Dear donor and Shem Woman Group,

Firstly I would like to say thank you very much on behalf of Lo rta villagers for your kind help.

Lo rta Village is in a rural area, and transportation is not convenient, people only earn small incomes from herding and farming, and also there is not much help from outside organizations. So this time the Donor and Shem Women's Group helped us with their kind heart and gave us these solar flashlights which can save us money, not be harmful to environment, and also are very convenient to use. Therefore, the villagers highly appreciate your kind help.

Finally, I wish the Donor and Shem Women's Group would succeed everything they do.

Village leader: Chos mchog
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