

Final Report for Solar Flashlight Project in Somba Village

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What? This project is to distribute 20 solar flashlights to old people who are from poor families or who do not have anyone to look after them.

Who? 20 old people from Somba Village, Guide County.

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Project location:

Somba Village is located 30kilometers away from Kharang Township. Kharang Township is in the Northeast of the Guide region and it is 50kilometers from Guide County. The distance from Xining, the Capital of Qinghai Province, to Guide County is 114 kilometers.

Project Summary:

This project is to distribute 20 solar flashlights to 20 people from Somba Village, Guide County, Qinghai Province, China. The project manager noted all the old people who need solar flashlights in the village. The solar flashlights were given to those old people, who are from relatively poor families or who have been living alone without anyone looking after them, after a serious discussion with the villager leader. According to the local custom, no toilet is built in the house or next to the adobes. Thus, villagers have to look for a hidden space whenever they want to use the little boy's room. Accordingly, many of the village old people have been injured since their eye sight is poor and blurry or because of no lights are available to be used in the dark. And the villagers have to irrigate their farm land even at night. Consequently, very often villagers get hurt or injured during night irrigation by falling into trenches. The irrigation cannot be secured either.

This solar flashlight project has not only provided security to the old people, who are

from relatively poor families or who lives alone without anybody to look after them, but also it has made it more convenient for relatively poor families during night irrigation. Moreover the solar flashlights have secured the irrigation and they are very environmental and quite easy to use. In addition, the project manager has gained some communication and management experience through this project and she also has been able to do something meaningful for people who need help in their hometown as she wished.

Project Pictures:



The project manager is fully appreciated by the old women named Tsheshon when the solar flashlight is handed to her. She is clearly instructed about how to using the flashlight by the project manager.



The old nun called Kenzang, she was very happy when she received the solar flashlight and she showed her appreciation toward both the donor and the project

manager, as well as Shem Women's Group.



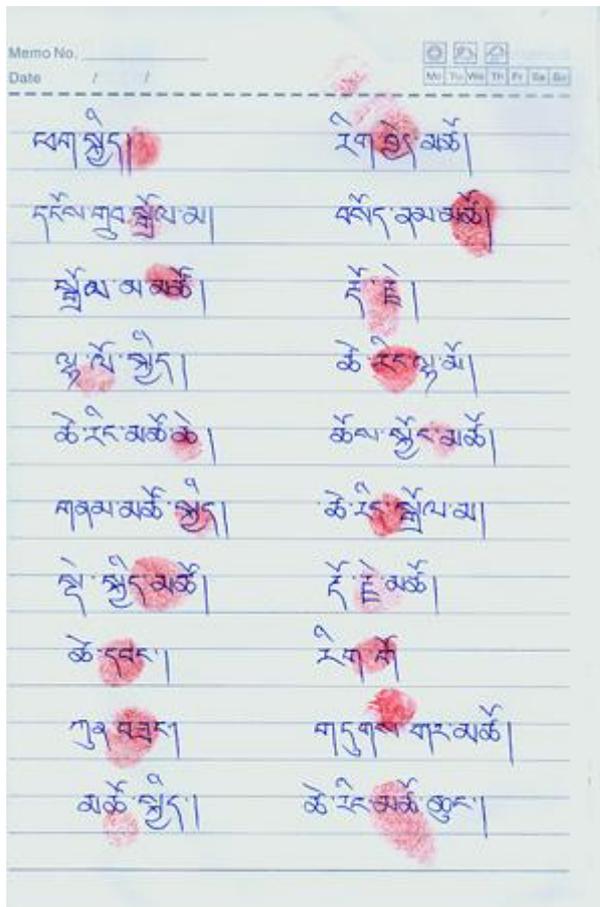
Tserigyi said her eyesight is pretty poor and she is always worried to going out during night. She got a flashlight but it has to be charged regularly so she finds that it is not very convenience for her. The solar flashlight does not need to get charged and it is very easy to use compare to her previous one.



Rigshitso said hers is the only family who has got no light at home in the village and she found the solar flashlight is much more than what she needs right now.



Beneficiaries' name list:



Translation of beneficiaries' name:

Pagjiy	Rigshetso
Nigmadrolma	Sobnamjiy
Drolmatso	Dorjee
Lhalojiy	Tseroglhamo
Tserogtso(older)	Chijungtso
Namtsojiy	Tserogdrolma
Dejiytso	Dorjeetso
Tsewoe	Riggo

Kenzang	Doggartso
Tsojiy	Tserogtso(younger)

Interview:



“My name is Tsojiy. You are the only college student in our village and you have been always thinking of people from your hometown. We are proud of you and will always support you. Hope you keep doing such helpful things.”



Her name is Pagjiy. She said thanks to the donor and Shem Women’s Group, as well as to those whom has the passion to help others.



Namtso said she has never got helped by others and this is the first time in her life. She was very happy and said would never forget.



Nigmadrolma Said she had no light at home and the solar flashlight is just in time. She said thanks to people who had helped her.

Thank You Letter:

