

PROJECT LOCATION: Tibetan Journal Publication Project

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Village	Township	County	Prefecture	Province
Bon skor 汪什科	Bya mdo 沙沟	Guinan 贵南	Hainan 海南	Qinghai 青海
བོན་སྐྱོད་	བྱ་མདོ་	ཀུ་ནཱན་	ཧཱེ་ནཱན་	འབྲུག་ཡུལ་

LOCATION DESCRIPTION:

Bon skor Tibetan Village is situated in the southwest of Guinan County, Hainan Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture, Qinghai Province, 200 kilometers from Guinan County Town, 5 kilometers from Bya mdo Township Town, and 250 kilometers from Xining City, the provincial capital.

IMPLEMENTING ORGANIZATION:

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TARGETING TO:

- Basic Literacy [] Basic Healthcare []
- Gender Equality/Justice [] Poverty Alleviation []
- Cultural Preservation [] Rural Development []
- Community Development [] Individual Empowerment []
- Environmental Protection [] Sustainable Development []

PROJECT PURPOSE/GOAL:

- To improve local students' writing skills.
- Publish local students' writings with outsiders to get different perspectives.
- Increase student' enthusiasm for writing.
- Encourage outside writers to participate in the local journal publication.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Since 2003, the Bon skor Tibetan Village Primary School has published a periodical *The Rhythm of Byachu* in Tibetan.¹ This publication includes non-political poetic and literary works as well as non-fiction essays and short stories translated from Chinese and English. The periodical was created as a way to encourage students to study Tibetan language and linguistic arts. Since 2004, the project has expanded into a

¹ *Byachu* is the biggest river near Bon skor Village. This river name here represents the local area.

yearly journal, published and distributed throughout Qinghai, Sichuan, Gansu, and Tibet. Approximately 1,000 copies are distributed per year. Local writers are encouraged to contribute their works to the publication. The goal of this periodical is to encourage the use of Tibetan language and linguistic arts as well as encourage parents to send their children to school. It is the hope of the publishers and writers that local people will take an interest in seeing their children's works published and will realize the value of education, thereby encouraging them to send their children to school rather than keeping them at home to assist with animal husbandry, farming, or other chores.

Since the inception of this project, the journal has been funded locally. Members of the project travel throughout the local area explaining the periodical and its purpose and asking for donations. Although this technique of fundraising has worked in past years, due to economic strains on local people starting in 2008, donations were insufficient, and the periodical, for the first time since its inception, could not be published and distributed. Thus, we are seeking external assistance for this publication. The approximate cost of publishing and distributing 1,000 copies of the Tibetan periodical is \$595-\$600.

PROJECT SUSTAINABILITY

50% of the books will be distributed into local book and will be sold for 4 RMB each. 50% of the copies would be offered free for ONLY the writers, local students, young villagers, and committee members. The money from the sale of the magazine will be kept in the FCA bank account and will be used to cover the next year's publication costs.

BENEFICIARIES BACKGROUND

The community consists of two locations - a farming location and a herding location. Seventy percent of the villagers live in the farming area and 30% of the villagers live in the herding area. There are 394 Tibetans in 72 households and 18,976 head of livestock in the herding area. The herders live in adobe-wood rooms constructed around an open courtyard. Their livestock live in sheds adjacent to the household living quarters. Money earned from selling sheep and goats is only enough for their food and clothes. Families who have few sheep and goats cannot get enough food and lack proper clothing. In addition, ninety-eight percent of the residents of the herding location are illiterate.

The local primary school was built in 1989, and has six grades. It has 308 students and 14 teachers. All the teachers and students are local Tibetans. Except for the Chinese and English languages, all subjects are taught in Tibetan. Most students live far from the school because their homes are in a nomad area 20 km from the school, consequently, they board at the school. Certain students live in the village, because their families have no livestock. Students have six classes per day.

THE PERIODICAL COMMITTEE

Editors		
Name in Wiley	Name in Tibetan	Position
Rin bzang	རྟིང་བཟང་།	Tibetan teacher
Dge 'phel	དཀའ་ཤེས་།	Tibetan teacher
'drug lha	འཇུག་ལྔ་ལྔ་།	Local headmaster
Kha ba rnam rgyal	མཁའ་པ་རྣམ་རྒྱལ་།	English-Tibetan teacher
Editor Assistants		
Zon thar ja	ཟོན་ཐར་ཇེ་།	Tibetan doctor
Lha rgyal 'bum	ལྔ་རྒྱལ་འུམ་།	College student
Snying mo skyid	སྟིང་མོ་སྟེང་།	Tibetan teacher
Tshe ring mtsho	ཚེ་རིང་མཚོ་།	English-Tibetan teacher
Tshe pdal rgyal	ཚེ་པད་ལྔ་རྒྱལ་།	Tibetan teacher
'brug thar rgyal	འཇུག་ཐར་རྒྱལ་།	Herder
Donation Seeker		
Snying lcags rgyal (Nanchukja)	སྟིང་ལམ་རྒྱལ་།	FCA Director

PROJECT ACTIVITIES/DURATION:

Activities	Participants	2009
Start seeking funds	FCA	20 th March
Receive funds	FCA	20 th April
Hold project meeting	FCA, Editors, Editor Assistants	25 th April
Call for collecting poems and essays	Editor Assistants	30 th April
Deadline for Writing calls	Editor Assistants	30 th June
Start editing	Editors	2 nd July
Start publishing	FCA, Editors, Xining Publication Press	20 th July
Complete	FCA, Editors,	15 th August

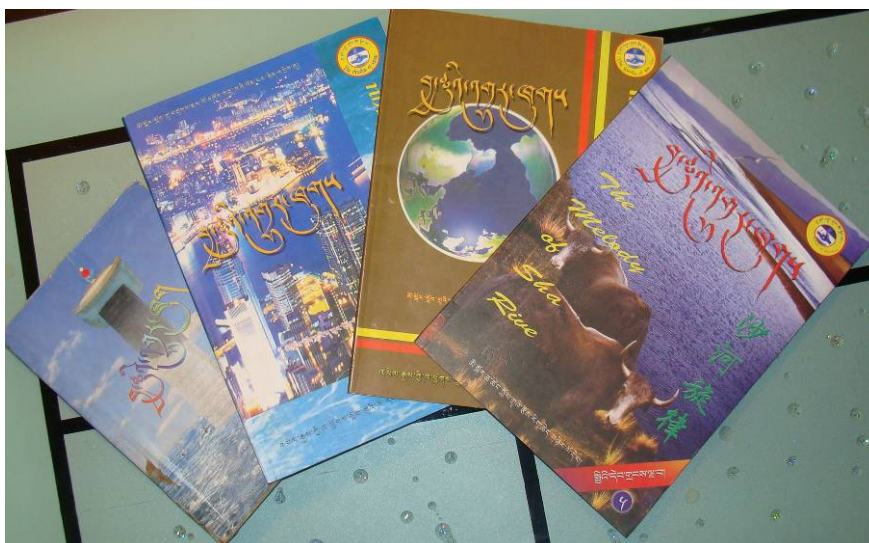
publication	Xining Publication Press	
Hold publication completion meeting at local school	FCA, Editors, Assistants, Teachers, Students	20 th August
Write final report	FCA	30 th August

BUDGET:

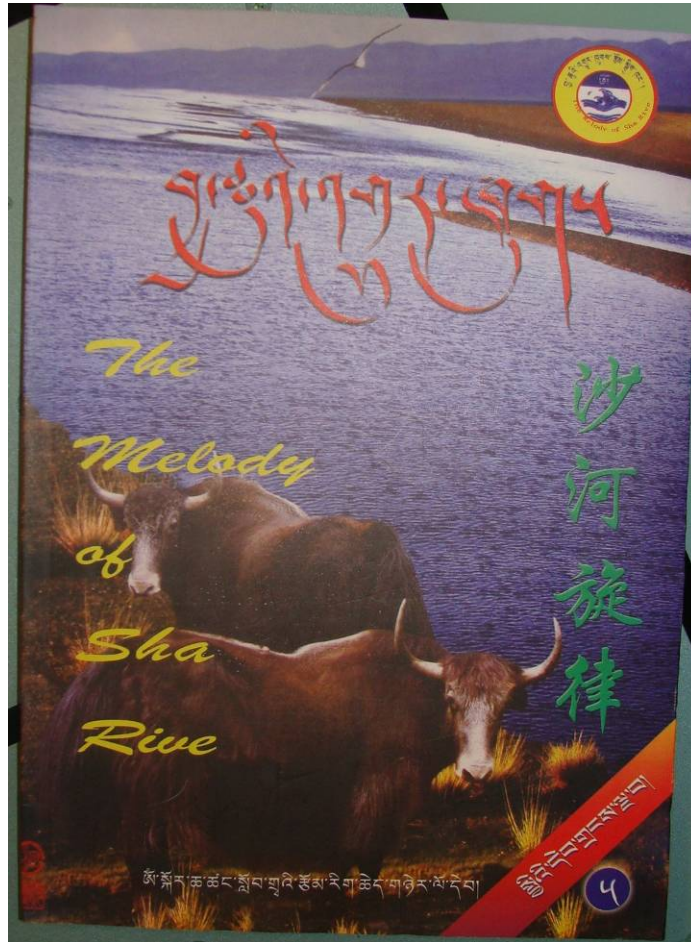
Item	Details	Per Unit RMB	Total RMB
Periodical copies	1,000 copies contains about 150 pages	4	4,000
1.1. Requested Donor's Contribution			¥4,000.00

Item	Details	Per Unit RMB	Total RMB
Book Transportation	Xining to Bon skor Village.	500	500
1.2. Local Contribution			¥500.00

PHOTOS:



The annual periodical from 2004 to 2007



The fifth periodical in 2007

SITEMAP:

