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# Love Qinghai Tibet Rescue & Aid



## Final Report for New Day on Sengchumdrokmo Girls Home 2008, Dari, Golog, Qinghai

*Giving the Former Slave and Poor Girls a Warmer and Safer Future, Qinghai  
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## Building Project Report

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<i>Project Name</i>	Sengchundrokmo Girls Home (SGH) Building Project 2008, Dari (kitchen and computer room for 40 girls)
<i>Project Site</i>	Dari County Town->Dari County->Golog Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture->Qinghai Province->PR China
<i>Beneficiaries</i>	40 girls of SGH
<i>Project Donor</i>	New Day of Hong Kong (ND)
<i>Proposed Start Date</i>	July 2008
<i>Proposed End Date</i>	Oct/Nov 2008
<i>Background</i>	<p>Dari is one of the poorest counties in China. In July 2008 ND partners with Love Qinghai Tibet Rescue &amp; Aid (LOVEQTRA) to</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. build and equip kitchen</li> <li>2. build 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the new classroom building</li> </ol> <p>to benefit 40 girls currently living and learning in SGH.  <i>For more general information on Dari please see Appendix.</i></p>
<i>Milestones</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apr-Jun 2008 - LOVEQTRA submitted application and received funding to start working on the 3rd floor of new classroom building as computer room, and kitchen for the 40 girls;</li> <li>• Aug 2008 - We finished 90% of the computer room and kitchen. We also begun to custom make steel tables and benches in traditional Tibetan style for the 40 girls to sit and eat and study in dining room;</li> <li>• Oct 2008 - Tables and benches completed. Kitchen completed. 98% Computer room completed.</li> </ul>

<p><i>Challenges &amp; Solutions</i></p>	<p><i>Difficulty in finding construction company</i> We could not get any local construction company as there is none. <b>Solutions</b> Project manager had to hire one from Sichuan (next door) province.</p> <p><i>Inflation</i> Gas, bricks and mortars, labor cost all hiked up 60% following the global trend in price-increase in gas and building materials. <b>Solutions</b> We ordered from various places, and also insisted on the contractor honoring his word and agreement. Still, we ran out of money and could not apply the final plaster and paint job for the building.</p> <p><i>Inaccessibility of Site, Inclement Weather</i> The roads to Dari get treacherous, especially in months beyond Sep. The rain fall in summer 2008 was also record high, accounting partially for the slow progress of the project. <b>Solutions</b> We practice common sense and convince the drivers and workers to work as and when the weather allows.</p>
<p><i>Unforeseeable</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Hike in Building Cost</i> - We proposed to build at CNY 1000/m<sup>2</sup>, but by summer of 2008 the cheapest price we could get was CNY 1050/m<sup>2</sup>. Therefore we spent more than the proposed amount on the building side of the project. Also as a result of the hike in price, we are not able to apply the final plastering and painting job on the building.</li> <li>• <i>Discrepancy between Proposal and Reality</i> - we have adjusted the purchased items to suite our current needs vis a vis what we originally proposed. For example, we purchased steel traditional Tibetan tables and benches instead of the proposed tempered glass dining table because we could not get the proposed items made in time for use; we purchased washing basin instead of serving spoon, etc.</li> </ul>
<p><i>Recommendation</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We recommend ND come and inspect the project in summer of 2009 (Jun - Sep). The rest of the year is below freezing cold.</li> <li>• We also wish to seek further funding if possible to buy and set up 20 computers for the computer room.</li> </ul>
<p><i>Use of Fund</i></p>	<p>We have controlled our spending to be within budget. See tables below for a breakdown.</p>

**Computer Room on 3rd Floor**

Item	Total Size (m)	Unit Cost (CNY/m), <i>including materials, labor, transportation</i>	Total Cost (CNY)
Computer room (3rd floor)	45 (m2)	1050	47250
Safety Fencing (concrete) around the 3rd floor	150	100	15000
<i>Sub -Total</i>			62250

**Kitchen and Items**

Item	Qty	Unit Cost (CNY)	Total Cost (CNY)
Steel Table	8	550	4400
Steel Bench	8	480	3840
500 liters Cooking Vat	2	200	400
Shelf and box for flour	1	2000	2000
Cutting board, knives, bowls, wash basin, ladle, etc			300
Noodle machine	1	800	800
Hot Stove (Warming up rooms)	1	1200	1200
Cooking Stove for Big cooking vat	1	2900	2900
TV and TV shelf	1	1560	1560
VCD player	1	350	350
<i>Sub-total</i>			17750
Admin and Project Management Cost			5000
<b>Grand Total</b>			85000
<b>ND's Contribution</b>			85000 (HKD 98000)

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## Photos

*(Below, Right) July 2008: For 3 years, our girls ate like this: squatting on the stone-cold floor and alley ways because there were no tables and chairs. In winter months some had to eat outside in freezing cold if the room was too packed.*



*(Below) Oct 2008:*

*Now they can eat sitting in a warm multi-purpose room on traditional Tibetan style steel tables and bench, thank you New Day!*



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*(Left) Oct 2008: New kitchen with stoves, pots, vats, shelves to store flour and other food items.*



*(Left) Our beautiful cook with her sumptuous handiwork.*



*(Left) Girls lining up for food. "Now we can have hot meals to fill our tummy in a warm dinning room!" one girl chirped happily.*

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*(Above Right) Jun 2007: Construction of the 1st floor of our Library and classroom building. It stopped at 2nd floor due to lack of funding in Sep 2007. (Above Left) July 2007: Construction of 3rd floor began upon receiving funding from New Day.*



*(Above) Late Oct 2008: Completion of 3rd floor computer room. We are looking for further funding to buy 20 computers.*



*(Above Right) Late Oct 2008: Concrete safety fencing of the 3rd floor. (Left): Close shot of the 3rd floor computer room.*

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## Appendix

### *Introduction*

Golog Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture is situated in southwest of Qinghai province. It is famous in the past for its warriors, and in present days, its poverty. Dari County is one of the 6 counties in Golog. The average elevation is 4,300 m above sea level, average annual temperature is - 2 C, with a mere 40% of oxygen at sea level. Because of inclement natural elements and lack of funding, Dari is classified as one of the National Level Key Poverty Alleviation Sites in 2000.

### *Administrative Divisions*

Dari County is divided into 10 townships and 33 herdsmen committees. Of these, the four townships of Shanghongke, Xiahongke, Sangrima, and Jianshe are each divided into four herdsmen committees. The five townships of Jibian, Teheshi, Manzhang, Wosai, and De'ang are each divided into three herdsmen's committees. Finally, Moba Township is divided into two herdsmen committees. In all, the county has 109 cooperatives.

### *Population*

According to 2000 statistics, the population of Dari County is 23,941 people, with the population suitable for labor estimated at 8,329. The population of families involved in pastoral activities is 19,671 or 82.16% of the total population. In the county, a total of 11 different nationalities are represented, including Tibetan, Han, Hui, Sala, and Tu. Tibetans number 23,014, making up 96% of the population.

### *Education*

The illiteracy rate in Dari is very high, with 85% of the pastoral population being illiterate. There are a total of 13 schools of all types in the county, with a total of 1,311 students enrolled. The rate of attendance among the children of pastoralists is 32%.

### *Religion*

Many people in Dari are involved in religious work. There are a total of nine monasteries in the county. Monks living in monasteries number 731; and "Akas" living in the general society number 640, altogether making up over 6% of the pastoral population. (Figures given are for those monks and "Akas" officially approved by the government.)

### *Poverty*

Serious environmental degradation is already posing a threat to the productivity and livelihoods of pastoralists in Dari. Dari has been designated at the national level as an official poverty stricken county. In 2000, the average per capita income of pastoralists in Dari was only RMB 938. This is far below the Absolute Poverty Line of USD 1.00 per day per household as defined by the World Bank. **Many still eke out their living with an annual income of less than RMB 300 (USD 39) in Dari county.**

### *Distance*

Dari county town is 10 hours drive on a bumpy road from the provincial capital of Xining, in good weather. From Dari, it will take another 2-5 hours to various project sites. The traveling time gets longer during mild snow days.