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# **MONASTERY ROOFING PROJECT IN DOLPO**

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## Dolpo Tulku Charitable Foundation

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### Monastery Roofing Project in Dolpo, Nepal

#### *Concept Note*

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#### **Introduction:**

Dolpo the land of Bon and Buddhism reserves the many century and age-old Bon and Buddhist monastery. Buddhism in Dolpo was flourishing after the 8th century while great magician Buddhist founder Guru Rinpoche was travelled across the region and also four Buddhist disciples from Tibet was reached in Dolpo to promote Buddhism. At the same time, after the invasion of Tibet, many Tibetan citizens were migrated to India and Kathmandu across the Dolpo and some are settled in Dolpo and built monasteries and Gompas. The region provides the opportunities to visit ancient villages, high passes, beautiful lakes and most importantly the isolated Buddhist Monasteries, Temples & Stupas.

#### **Project Rationale:**

The effects of globalization and climate change are great challenges for the environment and the culture of the Dolpo region too, especially in the last few years of time due to unseasonal and heavy rainfalls. Due to changing climate and heavy rainfalls, the cultural heritage sites in Dolpo were deteriorating every year, which resulted in losing these invaluable monuments itself and also the precious texts (Sutras and Tantras), idols, arts, wall painting etc. of 14th Century onwards. But due to financial constraint and lack of awareness from the concerned department of the Nepal Government, restoration could not be carried for preservation and upholding of remaining 20-30% of the historical & sacred texts, scripts, statues, arts, wall painting etc. existed in these monasteries of Dolpo for a long time.



*The damaged roof resulted to washing of old wall paintings.*



*Situation of old ancient wall paintings, statues and text manuscripts*

Since Dolpo Tulku Charitable Foundation has been assisting in the conservation of historical and cultural heritage sites of Dolpo right from its commencement, the foundation supported with the renovation project of Ne Chuwopal Ngedon Shedrub Daryeling Monastery and Nechen Dechen Parli Monastery in Dhu and Thachen village respectively in the year 2017.



*Nechen Dechen Parli Monastery*

After the completion of the renovation project in the year 2018, Dolpo Tulku Rinpoche along with Upaya's Nomads Clinic team visited the aforementioned monasteries to inaugurate and serve villagers with the medical camp. During 17 days of walk, Rinpoche and his foreign team toured 9 different villages and he was saddened to see with his own eyes, the historically important monasteries in the state of the leaky roofs, damaged wall painting and particularly the monastery caretakers and villagers are forced to preserve the historically important statues, texts, arts, painting etc. storing inside the temples, stupas and personal houses which are at risk of missing and getting destroyed with time over. And in other few places, there is no monastery and community centre for the last few decades.

Therefore, Dolpo Tulku Charitable Foundation (DTCF) is leading this initiative of supporting the renovation work of these monasteries starting from this year where the foundation proposed to provide Colour Coated Tin Sheet for Roofing which is easy to use, durable, environment-friendly, fully recyclable and economical to work with. And the local people will collaborate in building the monastery in the form of labour & other materials such as collecting stones, timber etc. These monasteries are one of the most important monuments in the Buddhist community. There are great benefits in having a well-built monastery with all the different statues of archaeological importance, sacred mantras & scripts. The people, who support to build such Monastery and Stupas collect many merits and good karma because whoever touches and circumambulate the monastery & stupa purifies the mind and negative karma.



*Pile of Sacred Buddhist texts in dilapidated state*

## Objectives:

The present condition of monasteries in these five villages of Chharka Tangshong Rural Municipality are in very bad situation and two of villages even don't have the monastery for a long time although these used to have before. Therefore, the main intentions of this project will be;

- ⇒ To preserve the different statues of archaeological & historical importance, sacred mantras and scripts of the villagers and monastery which holds long and rich history.
- ⇒ To restore and maintain the remaining historically important monastery to preserve the religious and cultural heritage sites for the benefit of all sentient beings.
- ⇒ To respect and honour the people who built these priceless monuments and also the paintings, statues, texts etc.



*Old ancient texts and statues inside the monastery.*

**Names of Monastery where the DTCF will be implementing the roofing project:**

- Shang- Village Monastery
- Mu- Village Monastery
- Dhu-Village Monastery
- Pungkak – Village Monastery
- Chharka-Village Monastery



*Location of each Monastery from Google Earth*

## **Project Implementation Methodology:**

The project will be overseen and managed by the management committee of the respective monastery with the consent and participation of the local community in the form of labour in constructing new two monasteries structure and also in roofing of the monastery.

1. The first step consists of purchasing the materials like galvanized tin sheets along with necessary materials from Kathmandu or nearest suppliers and to transport them up to each village of the monastery in Dolpo by the Dolpo Tulku Charitable Foundation.
2. The second step is to collect in Dolpo locally available materials like timber and stones and to process them accordingly in the case of two new monasteries. And in the case of other monasteries which were already renovated, it will start the roofing right after the receipt of Colour Coated Galvanized Tin Sheet. Some of these skilled or technical work will be done by paid labour from the lower parts from Dolpo due to the shortage of skilled manpower.
3. Start of renovation in 2019.



Chharka Monastery

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Ne Chuwopal Ngedon Shedrub Daryeling Monastery, Dhu Village



*Aluminum Colour Coated Galvanized Tin Sheet that we are proposing for Roofing.*

## Estimated Cost of Roofing Project:

Due to the high fluctuation of the value of the Nepali Rupees and the general economic difficulties in the country the exact costs are hard to predict. Therefore, the mentioned estimated cost might change in the coming days:

Names of Monastery	Quantity (Bundles)	Cost (Tin-sheets)	Transportation (Up-to Dolpo)	Total Cost (NRs & USD)
<b>Dhu- Monastery</b>	20 Bundles (180 pcs)	20* Rs.10.000 = 200.000	180 pcs * 1600 = 288.000	NRs. 488.000 USD 4.880
<b>Chharka Monastery</b>	22 Bundles (198 pcs)	22* Rs.10.000 = 220.000	198 pcs* 1600 = 316.800	NRs. 536.800 USD 5.368
<b>Mu- Monastery</b>	12 Bundles (108 pcs)	12*10.000 = 120.0000	108 pcs * 1600 = 172.800	NRs. 292.800 USD 2.928
<b>Shang Monastery</b>	12 Bundles (108 pcs)	12* 10.000 =120.000	108 pcs* 1600 = 172.800	NRs. 292.800 USD 2928
<b>Barong Monastery</b>	12 Bundles (108 pcs)	12* 10.0000 120.000	108 pcs* 1600 =172.800	NRs. 292.800 USD 2.928
<b>Cap-Nails</b>	35 Kg	35 * 300 =10.500	35*300 per kg = 10.500	NRs. 21.000 USD 210
<b>Join- Covering Thin Tin-sheet</b>	3 Rolls	3*6500 =19.500	3* 40* 300 =36,000	NRs. 55.500 USD 555
<b>Total Renovation cost</b>	-----	-----	-----	NRs. 1.979.700 USD 1.979
<b>Administrative cost @ 8 %</b>	-----	-----	-----	NRs. 158.376 USD 1.583
<b>Estimated Total Cost of Renovation</b>	-----	-----	-----	<b>NRs. 2.138.076</b> <b>USD 21.380</b>

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