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and education of children  
and youth in northern  
India, Nepal and Tibet  
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## **TRAS Scholarship Fund (TSF) Annual Report April 1, 2021 to September 2022**

TRAS is very excited to be announcing new phases for all of our TSF partners. Currently TRAS is supporting 20 students studying in the Scholarship Program.

**Rinchen Zangpo Society for Spiti Development** is entering phase 4 which is the 10th year since the TSF was launched.

Two students are leaving the program this year: Pesang Dolma is finished her third year of medical school and will continue her studies; Tenzin Tsokit graduated from St Stephen's College in N. Delhi and is busy preparing for her civil service examination.

An update on Tenzin Butith, who lost both her parents to Covid during the pandemic and has finished her first year of nursing. "I'm having a good time in nursing college and hoping to have a great career in the field of nursing. I'm highly thankful to you for being the helping hand to me."

The 2 new candidates selected for this year are Tenzin Zompa and Sonam Gakit who are both studying Bachelor in Science from Dharamshala College. Pema Khando, the initial selection, has opted to prepare for medical entrance exams and delay applying to TSF!

**Voice of children (VOC)** currently have 6 students completing various stages of their studies and are in the process of selecting 4 new candidates this fall.

VOC is based in Uttarakhand, N. India and is comprised of 2 NGOs, AMAN and VIMARSH. Because of the large catchment area and huge demand for post-secondary education TRAS has decided to expand the TSF in VOC, N. India. VIMARSH and AMAN will each be allocated 2 new candidates to be selected each year going forward.

We are very pleased to be able to support this expansion of the Scholarship Fund thanks to the generosity of YOU our DONORS !

**Dekyiling Handicraft Center** in Dehradun has chosen 2 new candidates this year "from poor and needy families" who have been sponsored by TRAS for many years for their basic schooling.

Sangay Dolma has been accepted into a 3 year General Nursing and Midwifery Program after receiving TRAS sponsorship since 2015.

Tenzin Kunsang is starting a 4 year Bachelor of Hotel Management and has had TRAS sponsorship since 2011!

This example highlights the importance of TRAS promoting early education through to high school graduation with our sponsorship program and then giving these bright students the opportunity to fulfill their dreams through higher education with the Scholarship Fund.

It is because of your support of these 2 worthwhile programs that TRAS is able to fulfill their goals of a better life for them, their families and their communities.

THANK YOU.

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