

## **Brief Report on the Emergency Medical Fund**

**Introduction:** It has been our endeavor to support the poor and needy Tibetans in times of sicknesses. With no social security and many not even without any sort of income, life becomes hell for them when they fall ill. Many who are newcomers from Tibet carry with them many illnesses that befell them while they take the treacherous route to escape to India.

At times we have seen people succumbing to illnesses that could have been cured due to lack of few thousand rupees that were needed to do the required treatment.

Seeing how a few thousand rupees could save someone's precious life, we came up with this idea of having a pool of money in the form of emergency medical fund. We have been greatly helped in this area by personal attention of Elisabeth Zimmerman and kind assistance of people associated with Save Tibet Austria.

Thanks to her support and thanks to the kind support of philanthropists associated with save Tibet Austria, we have been able to bring some hope in many people's life when they fell ill.

## Some Beneficiaries:



1. **Name:** Venerable Yeshe Wangyal

**Age:** 57 years

**Illness:** Kidney Failure

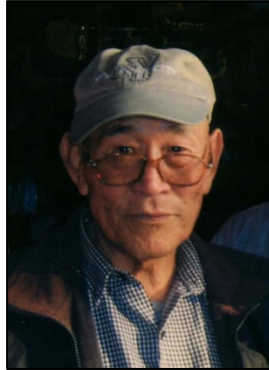
**Amount paid:** Rs.13364.00

**Brief Report:** He was a monk of Drepung Loseling Monastery in the South of India. After the completion of doctorate degree in Buddhist Philosophy, he is presently studying Tantras and Sutras at Gyutoe Tantric University in Dharamsala. He developed severe kidney failure and was admitted to Delek Hospital in Dharamsala. Seeing the severity of the case he was referred to Post Graduate Institute of Medical Science (PGI) at Chandigarh.

Being a simple monk, he had no source of income except for the money he gets as donations from people visiting the monasteries.

Though the dispensary at Gyutoe University was willing to bear 50% of the total cost, he had to bear the remaining 50%. As he has no source of income, he approached Tibet Charity for help which we willingly provided after inspecting the documents and recommendation letters.

**Present Status:** Convalescing.



2. **Name:** Mr. Lobsang Choedak

**Age:** 77 years

**Illness:** Heart Problem requiring installation of Pace Maker

**Amount paid:** Rs. 30000.00

**Brief Report:** He is a simple worker at Norbulingka Institute of Tibetan Arts and Crafts. He is earning very little in the form of salary. So when he developed heart problem and when he was required installation of the pacemaker, the Institute that he works for agreed to bear some percentage of the total cost but as they had so many staff to look after, he was asked to bear the remaining cost. With no other source, he approached Tibet Charity for help. So with our help, the pacemaker was installed and he is now leading a normal life.

**Present Status:** Leading Normal Life

3. **Name:** Mrs. Dawa Dolma  
**Age:** 45 years  
**Illness:** Brain Hemorrhage  
**Amount paid:** Rs.37000.00



**Brief Report:** She had a sudden brain hemorrhage in April this year. Since then she was taken to PGI Chandigarh on number of occasions for medical treatment. She was operated twice.  
So all these have exhausted whatever little saving the family had. They had to spend more than Rs.500'000.00 on these medical treatments and operations. So they had to take loans from others for the treatments. With no hope they approached Department of Health under Central Tibetan Administration who kindly paid 25% of the total expense. They then approached us and we paid Rs.37000 from the emergency medical fund.

**Present Status:** Under treatment



4. **Name:** Mr. Migmar

**Age:** 30 years

**Illness:** Genitourinary TB + B/L VVJ Structure + Tubule Bladder + Chronic Kidney Disease + Hypertension

**Amount paid:** Rs.3500.00

**Brief Report:** He is working in wood painting section at Norbulingka Institute. He had TB operation at PGI Chandigarh in 2008. Now he is extremely weak and is in no position to do any kind of work because of which he has to be absent from work on number of occasions. That leaves him with no money to pay for his medical treatment. Though Norbulingka Institute has paid 50% of the total medical cost, he has no income enough to pay for the medical costs for his multiple illnesses.

**Present Status:** Under treatment

5. **Name:** Mr. Samdup  
**Age:** 30 years  
**Illness:** Gall Bladder Infection  
**Amount paid:** Rs.3400.00



**Brief Report:** He is a new comer from Tibet. On arrival in India he joined a school for the new comers from Tibet learning tailoring. After passing from the school, he has joined a private firm as a tailor. There he gets only Rs. 3000 per month with which he has to pay for his room and other requirements of life. So the salary he gets is never sufficient. So when he had a pain in the abdomen, he was referred to PGI by Delek Hospital.

There he underwent treatment on number of occasions. But with no proper income even paying little amount becomes a problem. So we helped him by bearing his medical costs.

**Present Status:** The patient has fully recovered.

6. **Name:** Mr. Tenzin Kachoe  
**Age:** 36 years  
**Illness:** TB + Acute Abdominal pain  
**Amount paid:** Rs.14032.00  
**Brief Report:** He was a drug addict due to which he has been disowned by his own family. He has been roaming the streets of Dharamsala. Then he fell ill and was hospitalized. As his condition deteriorated, he was referred to PGI Chandigarh where he was diagnosed for TB. But he had no money to pay for the treatments. So we decided to help him on the condition that he will not go back to drugs after recovery.  
**Present Status:** Convalescing

7. **Name:** Mrs. Lobsang  
**Age:** 24 years  
**Illness:** Delivery Case  
**Amount paid:** Rs.8000.00



**Brief Report:** She was referred to Balaji Hospital in Kangra by Delek Hospital on 27/02/2010 after she was diagnosed as having some complication with active urinary tract infection. The doctors at Delek Hospital also suspected preterm baby. But she was facing a lot of financial crisis as both she and her husband were unemployed new comers from Tibet. They had no money to pay for the delivery and other costs related to it. So we not only supported her with the money but we also bought other requirements of a new born baby. We paid some money for food for the mother and the baby. Our nurse visited the house and advised her on baby care.

**Present Status:** Hale and hearty.



8. **Name:** Mr. Gyaltsen Topgyal

**Age:** 79 years

**Illness:** Renal Failure

**Amount paid:** Rs.31257.00

**Brief Report:** He was diagnosed as having renal failure. Both his kidneys have failed because of which he has to do hemodialysis thrice a week. But as the family has already spent exhausted their resources, they are doing it once a week only. There too the cost of one such treatment runs to around Rs.2000 per treatment. Exhausting all resources they approached Tibet Charity for help. He has to get this treatment done throughout his life. Seeing the financial crisis caused by his illness, he wants to stop treatment but his family wants to continue treating him.

**Present Status:** Under treatment

**Special Remark:** More regular support for the dialysis will be a big help.

9. **Name:** Venerable Kelsang

**Age:** 32 years

**Illness:** TB

**Amount paid:** Rs.7484.00

**Brief Report:** He arrived in India in 2001. On arrival here he joined Sera Monastery in the southern part of India. But owing to extreme climatic difference, he fell ill. Later he was diagnosed as having TB. He was then admitted to Delek hospital in Dharamsala. But after receiving some treatments he was discharged from the hospital but he had to continue receiving treatments. But as he did not want to go back to the South, he stayed back in Dharamsala in a rented room. But with no source of income and no relative here, he had to no money to pay for the medicines. So he approached us and we provided him the money for his medicines.

**Present Status:** He has recovered and has moved to Gangtok where he has a relative.

