



MOVE 4 HEALTH WALK 2013

BACKGROUND

At the core of Bhutan's development philosophy lies the physical and spiritual well-being of its people within a safe and secure environment. Thus, investments in the social sector have always been accorded the highest priority. However, the sustainability of past accomplishments and future initiatives has become a daunting challenge for Bhutan as a least developed country (LDC). In the vital sector of health, the key concern of the Royal Government of Bhutan is how to enhance the accessibility and quality of Primary Health Care Services against rising costs and competing needs. The idea of a Trust Fund presented itself as a novel and dependable alternative for financing the priority needs of vaccines, essential drugs and needles & syringes. Therefore, the Bhutan Health Trust Fund (BHTF) was established in 2000 under the Royal Charter to ensure continued and timely supply of vaccines and essential drugs, which are crucial components of primary health care. The fund, after full capitalization of US\$ 24 million, envisages an investment to generate sufficient returns to cover all annual expenditure for these components. A successful operationalization further envisages covering components such as reproductive health and other essential health services.

WHY?

Growth of BHTF funds had almost come to a standstill by 2002 and in order to revive interest in it, the then Minister of Health, Lyonpo Sangay Ngedup came up with the ingenious idea of a sponsored walk from Trashigang to Thimphu covering a distance of 560 Kilometers over a period of 15½ days. The actual Walk took place from 25th September to 10th October 2002 and was a phenomenal success both in terms of raising awareness on health and funds for the BHTF. The Walk had raised almost USD 2 million bringing the BHTF a step closer to achieving its initial target.

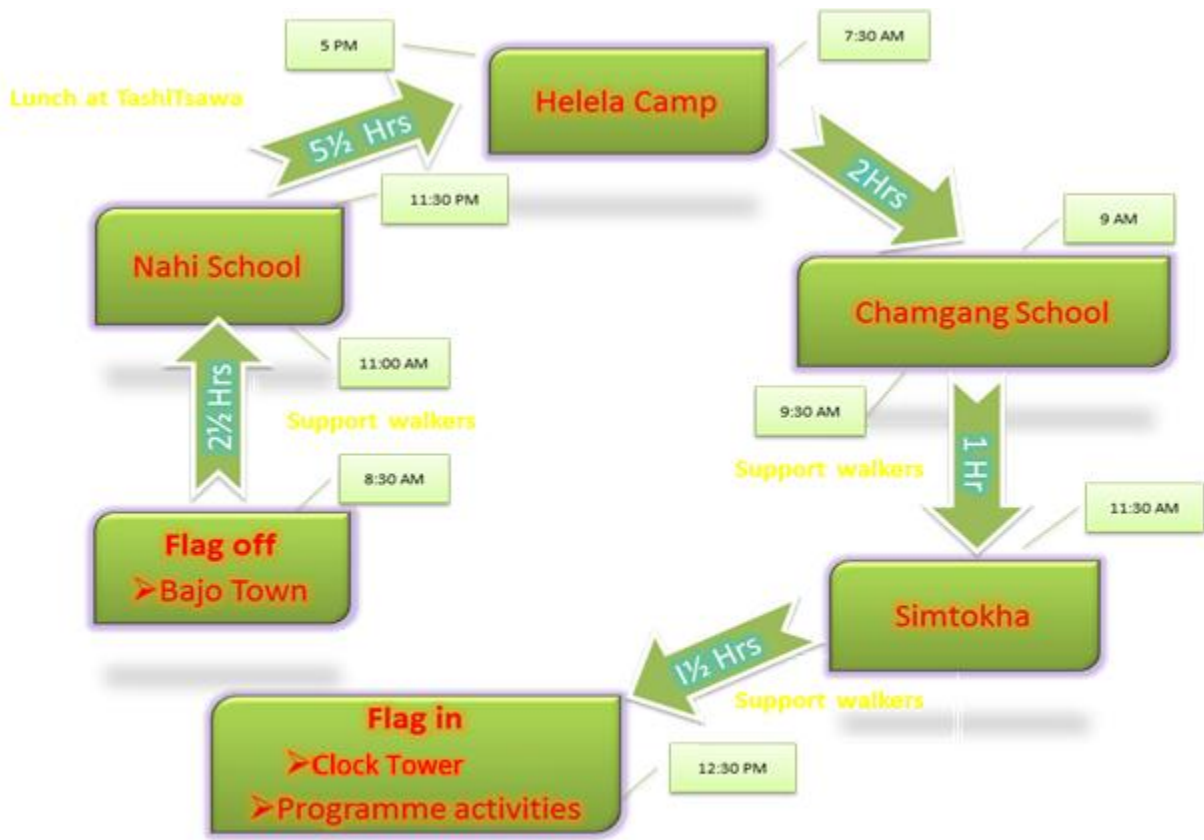
While the initial target of USD 24 million was achieved in 2009, the current appreciation of Rupee against the Dollar has impacted adversely on the status of the fund. This unfortunate development has resulted in huge loss of BHTF funds in terms of dollar value. In fact, it has put BHTF back into a situation whereby BHTF once again, has to endeavor to achieve its initial target of USD 24 million. Moreover, BHTF does seem to have lost the momentum to build upon the enormous publicity and goodwill generated by the "Move for Health Walk 2002". It is highly likely that the lack of any major fund raising event over the years as well as the lack of

awareness of BHTF among a significant proportion of the Bhutanese population bear testimony to it.

Given the phenomenal success of the “Move for Health Walk 2002”, the Minister of Health, Lyonpo Tandin Wangchuk has decided to revive the interest in BHTF once again by undertaking a shorter version of the “Move for Health Walk 2002”. This shorter version of the Walk will involve 1½ days walking from Wangdue to Thimphu with the dual aim of raising funds for BHTF while at the same time promoting healthy life style.

THE ROUTE

The Health Walk Team 2013 led by His Excellency, Lyonchen Tshering Tobgay will follow the old walking route over a period of 1½ days.



WHEN?

The walk will be undertaken from 19th– 20th October 2013.

FLAG OFF PROGRAMME (19th October 2013)

8:00 – Welcome by WangdueDzongdag

8:05 – Talk on selected areas of Health by Hon’ble Health Minister

8:15 – Address by Hon’ble Prime Minister of Bhutan

8:25 – Serkim led by Lam Neten, Wangdue Dratshang

8:30 – Flag off by Lam Neten

- Display of Posters and Banners at the venue

FLAG IN PROGRAMME (20 October 2013)

12:30 PM – Welcome address (?)

12:40 PM – Address by Hon’ble Lyonchen

12:50 PM – Cultural Programme by RAPA & Collection of donations/contributions

01:20 PM – Vote of Thanks (?)

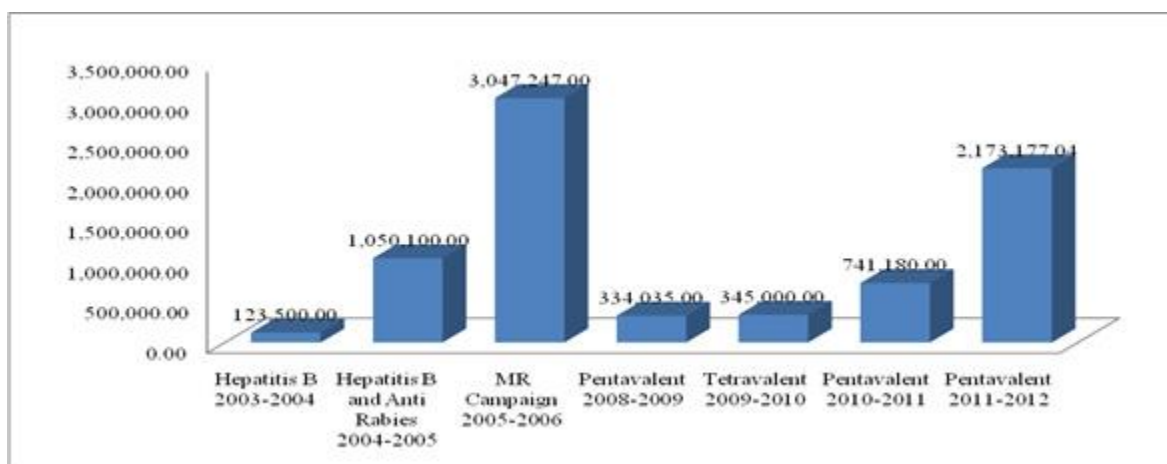
LIST OF MAJOR DONORS AS OF 30 JUNE 2012

DONORS	AMOUNT IN US\$
Royal government of Bhutan	11,801,102.87
2002 Move for Health Walk Sponsorship	1,709,782.39
Government of Norway	1,300,570.00
The Summit Foundation	1,000,000.00
Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation	1,000,000.00
Dr. Frederick Paulsen Foundation Inc.	99,945.00
Government of Australia	63,850.00
Government of New Zealand	53,374.33
Private Sector of Bhutan	50,587.36
Mr. Andrew Evans	50,000.00
Dr. Franz Rhomberg	50,000.00
Mr. Madanjeet Singh	49,989.00
IBRD	29,989.00
David J. & Dianne Stern	25,000.00

PAST & CURRENT ACTIVITIES OF BHTF

BHTF since its operationalization in 2003 has supported the procurement of vaccines including the nationwide introduction of Measles-Rubella (MR) vaccines. BHTF is co-financing the procurement of pentavalent vaccines with Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization (GAVI) since 2009 and will have to take up the full financing by 2015 as per GAVI requirements.

FUND UTILIZATION OF BHTF



The total cost of procurement of vaccines and its accessories per annum and the number of beneficiaries are provided here under to reflect the current needs. BHTF is expected to meet any financing gap in the event of donor retraction.

COST OF VACCINES PROCURED ON AN ANNUAL BASIS

No.	Vaccine Name	Total Cost (USD)	Financed by
1	BCG-20	12,937	JCV
2	OPV-10	20,769	JCV
3	DTP-10	14,124	JCV
4	MR-10	66,888	JCV
5	Td-10	14,800	JCV
6	Hep.B-10	9568	JCV
7	DTP-Hep.B-Hib (Pentavalent)	134,550	BHTF & GAVI
9	HPV	175,500	ACCF & MSD
	AD syringes	18,002	BHTF, GAVI, JCV
	Cold Chain	286,225	UNICEF, JICA, RGoB
	Total	753,363	

TOTAL NO. OF CHILDREN IMMUNIZED IN THE PAST FIVE YEARS

Year	Total immunized
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2012	13319
2011	13089
2010	13258
2009	13382
2008	13091

TOTAL NO. OF GIRLS (12 years) IMMUNIZED WITH HPV VACCINES

Year	Total Immunized
2012	6869
2011	4869
2010	42,863#

HPV was introduced in 2010 for all girls from 12-18 years

SPONSORSHIP & DONATION

The Health Trust Fund is vitally important for Bhutan to ensure timely availability of critical vaccines, essential drugs, needles and syringes. These components together form the backbone of primary health care services for the physical and mental well being of the people of Bhutan. By contributing to this Trust Fund, the RGoB and the contributing partners will help achieve an equitable and sustainable primary health care system for the entire population of Bhutan. Beyond this, the partners will have established an innovative and viable model for promoting and sustaining the costly delivery of primary health care services in the developing world.

An appeal is made to all individuals, families, communities, organizations, countries and regions worldwide to contribute generously to Bhutan Health Trust Fund to achieve its initial target of US\$ 24 million. Contributions can be made directly at the following banks in Bhutan:

Account No. 20700220293190019 Bank of Bhutan Ltd	Account No. 5000039993022 Bhutan National Bank Ltd
Account No. 000127120030 Bhutan Development Bank Ltd.	Account No. 110210001267 Druk Punjab National Bank Ltd

Or By Cheque or demand draft payable to the Bhutan Health Trust Fund, Thimphu.

Bank Transfer for Foreigners

Donations to Bhutan Health Trust Fund can be made by cheque written to the Bhutan Foundation with a memo to Bhutan Health Trust Fund (you can email us a memo to bhtf@bhtf.bt) and mail it to the address below:

The Bhutan Foundation Suite 525	The Bhutan Foundation Post Box 255, Norzin Lam
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Or By clicking the “[Donate Now](#)” button at www.bhtf.bt for overseas donors only

For more information, please contact the **Bhutan Health Trust Fund**, Tel: **+975-2-324632**,
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