

The Rufford Small Grants Foundation Final Report

Congratulations on the completion of your project that was supported by The Rufford Small Grants Foundation.

We ask all grant recipients to complete a Final Report Form that helps us to gauge the success of our grant giving. We understand that projects often do not follow the predicted course but knowledge of your experiences is valuable to us and others who may be undertaking similar work. Please be as honest as you can in answering the questions – remember that negative experiences are just as valuable as positive ones if they help others to learn from them.

Please complete the form in English and be as clear and concise as you can. We will ask for further information if required. If you have any other materials produced by the project, particularly a few relevant photographs, please send these to us separately.

Please submit your final report to jane@rufford.org.

Thank you for your help.

Josh Cole, Grants Director

Grant Recipient Details	
Your name	Jigmet Dadul
Project title	Conservation of Snow Leopards through “Predator-Friendly Wool”- India
RSG reference	
Reporting period	1 year
Amount of grant	£5998
Your email address	tongspon@rediffmail.com
Date of this report	11 th August 2011

1. Please indicate the level of achievement of the project's original objectives and include any relevant comments on factors affecting this.

Objective	Not achieved	Partially achieved	Fully achieved	Comments
To develop a local enterprise that will promote traditional woollen handicrafts in Tangyar		The community was unable to fulfil the demand in number. The monitoring work with continue with Snow Leopard Conservancy India Trust	Achieved all the activities according to the Predator Friendly Handicraft Woollen proposal	

2. Please explain any unforeseen difficulties that arose during the project and how these were tackled (if relevant).

Difficulties:-

- In August, 2010 summer cloud burst more than 75 villages got effected both Leh and Kargil district in Ladakh. All the roads, bridges, telephone office damage and project got delayed for one month.
- Later, due to unseasonal snowfall, the crossing the world's highest motorable road (18380 feet) in -20 to -30 degree Celsius to the project site was extremely difficult.
- The short summer season the villagers were busy in agricultures activities.
- Accessibility and unpredictable natural events delayed the project.

3. Briefly describe the three most important outcomes of your project.

- 15 women are now trained in making traditional handicrafts of yak and sheep wool.
- There is an alternative income activity in the village
- All the women have now signed the Community Conservation agreement, which implies no-retaliatory killings of the snow leopards and 5 % conservation fund.

4. Briefly describe the involvement of local communities and how they have benefitted from the project (if relevant).

The local community has been a major part of the programme. The training and skill development programmes were all targeted to the local women's group. There is an alternative income activity for the local community. Earlier, there some who were involved in parachute cafes, now remaining women are involved in handicrafts enterprise.

Though the number of products is still less to sell in more areas, the women are constantly working towards up scaling their numbers and by this winter they would have enough to sale to other parts of the state.

5. Are there any plans to continue this work?

The community has two alternative income activities that presently in the village. With the conservation fund that is being collected, in a couple of years, we will be able to start with a community based livestock insurance programme. This programme will help to compensate livestock losses to snow leopards and wolves.

With the experience gained from this program, we will also be able to upscale it the village of Tangyar and replicated to surrounding areas where there is high human-wildlife conflicts.

6. How do you plan to share the results of your work with others?

With Snow Leopard Conservancy, we will be conducting community consultations in surrounding areas for replication of the project also, the idea of 'Predator Friendly Handicrafts' is popular with buyers and other stakeholders. With the common purpose of conservation and local community benefits we promoting the products to as many places as possible to share the results of such initiatives

7. Timescale: Over what period was the RSG used? How does this compare to the anticipated or actual length of the project?

The RSG funds over a period of 1 year, as anticipated in the planning stage.

8. Budget: Please provide a breakdown of budgeted versus actual expenditure and the reasons for any differences. All figures should be in £ sterling, indicating the local exchange rate used.

Item	Budgeted Amount	Actual Amount	Difference	Comments
Partial salaries and consultancies	3013	3013	0	
Road transportation between Leh, Tangyar, sales locations	1812	1857	(-) 45	Due to road blocks and unseasonal snow falls, we had to increase our visits to the project site. <i>(Minus Sterling 45, adjusted from field logistics)</i>
Printing of labels, fliers, information sheets	146	199	(-) 53	Printed more additional tags that the actual number asked for. <i>(Minus Sterling 13; adjusted from resource person room and board)</i>
Supplies and materials for production quality enhancement (e.g. natural soap, knitting needles, sewing needles, natural dyes)	260	265	(-) 5	
Field logistics (e.g. food,	481	436	45	This excess amount was adjusted with the

village home stays)				transportation costs
Resource person room and board in Leh	78	65	13	Length of stay was decreased. The excess amount with adjusted in supplies and printing
Air travel for consultants	208	234	(-) 26	Due to price fluctuations the costs increased.
TOTAL	5998	6069	(-) 71	The actual cost difference after adjustments that was borne by Snow Leopard Conservancy India Trust

9. Looking ahead, what do you feel are the important next steps?

- It is extremely important to monitor the project over the next few years, also to constantly mobilise the community to increase their production.
- Also, to check if the conservation is being collected regularly, that will help to initiate a community based livestock insurance programme.

10. Did you use the RSGF logo in any materials produced in relation to this project? Did the RSGF receive any publicity during the course of your work?

Yes the RSGF logo was used in tags and fliers that have developed for promoting the products. The tags are attached to all products briefly explaining the concept of project and the fliers for publicity activities.