



17 YEARS OF INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERING

BHUTAN

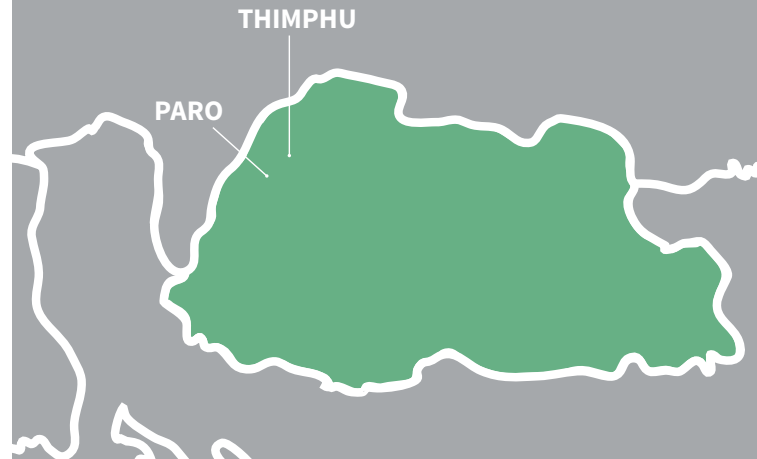


Scope Global has 17 years of expertise in managing volunteer programs to enable positive change through building the capacity of people and organisations in developing countries.

In Bhutan, we have managed the Australian Volunteers for International Development (AVID) program on behalf of the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade for two years from 2015 until 2017.

Scope Global was responsible for all aspects of the program, from program promotion, to recruitment, selection, training, mobilisation, in-country management and alumni engagement.

VOLUNTEER LOCATIONS



AUSTRALIAN VOLUNTEER PROGRAM DATA 2015 - 2017



35
VOLUNTEERS



AID INVESTMENT PRIORITIES (2017)

EDUCATION
HEALTH
AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY



8
MONTHS
AVERAGE ASSIGNMENT DURATION



66% FEMALE
34% MALE

CROSS-CUTTING THEMES*



DISABILITY

31% OF ASSIGNMENTS FOCUSED ON DISABILITY INCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT



YOUTH

9% OF VOLUNTEERS WERE UNDER THE AGE OF 30 YEARS



CHILD PROTECTION

100% OF ORGANISATIONS WERE SUPPORTED TO DEVELOP THEIR OWN CHILD PROTECTION POLICIES AND CHILD SAFE PRACTICES BY 2017

MOST COMMON ASSIGNMENT SECTORS*



60% EDUCATION



14% AGRICULTURE



6% HEALTH



6% WATER AND SANITATION



6% ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



3% INDUSTRY

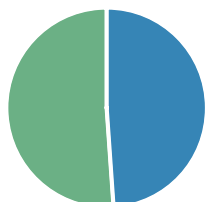


3% MULTI-SECTOR AID



3% EMERGENCY, DISASTER RESPONSE, REHABILITATION

NUMBER OF HOST ORGANISATIONS 20



51%*
NATIONAL GOVERNMENT

49%*
EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION

* AUSTRALIAN VOLUNTEERS FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT DATA ONLY



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DISABILITY ENGAGEMENT

In Bhutan there is no educational support available for deaf children younger than six, so starting school and building family relationships is challenging.

Australian volunteer Rachel Brindal spent a year volunteering with Bhutan's only school for the deaf. With her colleagues from the Wangsel Institute, funding from an AVID Disability Initiative Grant (administered by Scope Global) and a partnership with the Royal Education Council, Rachel developed the video 'Communicating with young deaf children'.

The multilingual video is presented in Bhutanese Sign Language with Dzongkha voiceover and English subtitles and helps young deaf children and their families to learn more than 300 signs of Bhutanese Sign Language.

The video was launched by Her Majesty the Queen of Bhutan on the International Day of Persons with Disabilities in 2016. With the endorsement of Bhutan's Ministry of Education, the video was uploaded to YouTube and shared with the national broadcaster, the Bhutan Broadcasting Service.

Rachel returned to Bhutan in 2017 to continue her disability inclusion work as a volunteer Early Intervention Advisor for Special Education with the Ministry of Education.

SELECTED HOST ORGANISATIONS

- Department of Livestock, Ministry of Agriculture and Forests
- Changangkha Middle Secondary School
- Royal Institute of Management
- Early Childhood Care, Development and Special Needs Division, Ministry of Education
- Jigme Dorji Wangchuck National Referral Hospital
- National Mushroom Centre

CROSS COUNTRY COLLABORATION

An Australian volunteer in Bhutan, Rieks Van Klinken, began a remote collaboration with an Australian volunteer in Nepal, Joseph Kobier, to establish a website documenting the agricultural pests of Bhutan.

Joseph is an IT specialist, and Rieks is a Plant Protection Research Officer with the National Plant Protection Centre where he worked with his counterparts to develop the country's first pest database, launched by Bhutan's Minister of Agriculture and Forestry.

This cross-country collaboration of volunteers supported by Scope Global will enable farmers in Bhutan to better understand and control the pests that might damage their crops.

VOLUNTEER PROFILE DONALD GILMOUR

Donald Gilmour volunteered for two years as a Watershed Management Advisor with Bhutan's Ministry of Agriculture and Forests, in the Department of Forests and Park Services.

Donald supported the Watershed Management Division to improve watershed classification guidelines and raise awareness of the importance of watershed management in communities. His work helped develop and implement high quality watershed management plans throughout Bhutan.

Donald has a PhD in Forest Hydrology and Watershed Management and over fifty years' experience in the sector.

