

## Tour Report

Event Title : 2<sup>nd</sup> Royal Highland Festival – Laya, Gasa.

Tour Date : 20<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> October 2017

### 1. Background

As a part of Queen's Project, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Royal Highlander Festival was held in Laya on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> October 2017 to promote the sustainable livelihood of highlanders, showcase highlanders' innovation and exhibit the Highlands as a pride of Bhutan.

The Bhutan Kidney Foundation's participation for the festival with its 11 volunteers of 2017 FoNPH graduates was a continuity to its presence and contribution to the previous year to create awareness, reach out to highlanders at grassroots level, to identify target groups for possible future projects and collaborations and contribute through volunteerism for the Gasa Dzongkhag's mission of 'Good to Great Gasa'

The 11 volunteers in BKF's team were given an opportunity to explore the festival as an incentive to their volunteerism and contribution made to the Foundation carrying out 6 successful advocacy programmes in 2017.



*Figure 1: Volunteers and staffs of BKF with the Foundation's Chairperson, Dr. Lotay Tshering and CSOA Chairperson, Mr. Sonam Dorji.*

### 2. BKF's Activity & Outcome

The BKF organized awareness programme through the screening of documentary film titled "Kidney Health in Bhutan". The programme was further augmented with talk by the Foundation's Chairperson, Dr. Lotay Tshering.



Figure 2: The Foundation's Chairperson talking to audience during the programme.

The BKF's founder trekking for the festival as a kidney transplant recipient promoted physical activity and objectified possibility of leading normal life after kidney transplantation.

✓ An approximate of 120 people were sensitized on kidney health, disease and its issue in the country;

✓ Strengthened networking amongst the CSO participants and representatives from UN through contribution of man-power from the Foundation;

✓ Through its presence and networking, 'Wind Horse', the tour operating firm in

Thimphu committed a donation of Nu. 100,000 to the Bhutan Kidney Foundation in appreciation of its existence and work.



Figure 3: Audience watches the documentary film in wrap attention.

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