



A promising future

Dear Friends,

After all the challenges we faced in 2017, the year 2018 looks promising. A pilot project was launched in Qinghai and Sichuan provinces in September and the Belgian team came back with really good news from its field evaluation realized last December.



Growing vegetable at 4,500 meters high by -10°C

A batch of 15 greenhouses were constructed during the pilot phase of the project. Based on what KBDF Fund used to build in T.A.R but with small improvements, greenhouses work very well. Green leafs vegetables are growing at 4,500 meters high by -10°C (thank you Mr. Sun)! It was also the first opportunity for villagers to prepare Losar (Tibetan New Year – February 16th) meals with vegetable from their own production. An unforgettable experience for them!

Understanding basic hygiene habits

Taking into account the sanitary situation of the population, KBDF Fund chose to focus one part of its pilot project on primary healthcare and hygiene promotion. Several training sessions were organized. In addition, necessary hygiene articles (soap, shampoo, etc.) were distributed and medical consultations took place. The team met some of the participants and their feedback was very positive. They were enthusiastic about the activities and required strongly to continue to be part of the project.





What's next?

Following this positive assessment, KBD Fund will continue to implement same activities on a bigger scale. Original teaching material (video, game, etc.) will also be edited to make training sessions more attractive and to ease the memorizing of the message. Given the very poor living conditions of some villages, KBD Fund decided also to setup punctual activities such as digging water reservoirs where there is no running water. These actions will be directly or indirectly linked with the project as, for example, it doesn't make sense to build greenhouses in villages where it is impossible to water vegetable regularly.

Rare Disease Day

Even if KBD Fund work is not anymore mainly focused on KBD prevention, we don't forget that remote villages still suffer from this disease! We hope, in the future, to be able to identify and reach these places in order to protect next generations from this disabling disease for which no treatment exists! Meanwhile, it is important to continue to raise awareness about rare diseases and not to forget those children suffering from KBD!



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