

Report on Establishment of Network in Mongar

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1. Background

Touched and inspired by the programme conducted in Mongar town on 26th February 2015 during its Nationwide Awareness Campaign, Captain **Sonam Tobgay** (Officer Commanding of Royal Bhutan Police in Mongar) sought suggestion as to how he could support the Foundation and likewise offered his dedication to combat the issue of kidney disease in the country.

Having understood about Captain's interest and commitment, the Foundation briefly shared about kidney disease and its issues in the country. Likewise, the Foundation also briefed on the dialysis treatment facility in Mongar Regional Referral Hospital (MRRH) and problem faced by the patients residing in the welfare house.

2. Objective

The BKF is working closely with potential and committed partners for collaborative effort to combat the growing issues of kidney disease through maximization of its members and supporters.

Establishment of BKF's network in Mongar for;

- ✓ *Support and supply of basic necessities for the dialysis patients residing at the Mongar Patient Guest House.*
- ✓ *Support BKF in its programme in Mongar and nearby Dzongkhags.*

3. Signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

Naming the network as "**Bhutan Kidney Foundation-Mongar**" or **BKF-Mongar**, the BKF formally established the network by signing of MoU between the two parties on 13th January 2016 at Natsho Enterprise in Mongar.

4. Network Functionality and Approach

The BKF-Mongar will function as a network of the Foundation to supplement the Foundation's objective primarily by supporting the dialysis patients of MRRH by supplying basic need while undergoing the dialysis treatment.

However, the network will operate with proper planning, scheduling, executing and reporting the support programmes in accordance to the Terms of Reference (ToR) defined, agreed and signed by both the parties.



Figure 1: BKF representative Karma Tobgay (Programme Officer) and the BKF-Mongar coordinator Mr. Dorji Leki signing the MoU

5. Expected Outcome

While the network is very first of its kind, we are hopeful and optimistic that such chains will create a colossal impact in curbing the increasing trend of kidney failure cases. Through this network establishment, the move expects youth engagement

for the support and joint combat of issues pertaining to kidney disease.