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with a focus on nomadic
populations that are
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The tremendous biodiversity, staggering natural beauty and rich cultural tradition are all part of what makes the Tibetan Plateau an invaluable resource the world can afford to neither exploit nor ignore.

The Bridge Fund (TBF) exists to literally bridge the necessary preservation resources and the Tibetan communities that need them, especially in remote rural areas.

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The Bridge Fund's mission is to promote sustainable economic development, cultural heritage preservation and environmental conservation on the Tibetan plateau.

*Our priority is to assist
Tibetan communities,
and semi-nomadic
vulnerable to economic*

INSPIRED BY TIBETANS

Overarching Programs

(trainings, scholarships, NGO & CSO activities)
(MAP POINT: CHENGDU)

TBF provides Tibetan entrepreneurs with resources needed to develop and grow businesses. TBF has provided training to over 138 Tibetan enterprises including specialized international management courses for Tibetan entrepreneurs. TBF's Tibetan MBA program established in Chengdu has trained 43 Tibetans.

"When I started my company I only thought about earning money—I didn't consider market demands, providing training for our employees or the importance of learning about business" says Rinchen Tso, the owner of a fast-growing printing services enterprise in Chengdu.



Rinchen Tso and her collection of printed works

Environment

(MAP POINTS: TIBETAN AUTONOMOUS REGION & QINGHAI)

Partnering with the World Wildlife Fund (WWF), TBF helps Tibetan communities to protect their wildlife and lands through environmental education, anti-poaching, human-wildlife conflict mitigation, nature guard training, and a series of programs focused on adaptation to climate change—an issue that has emerged as the greatest long-term threat to the Himalayan region.



Community Development

(MAP POINTS: SICHUAN & QINGHAI)

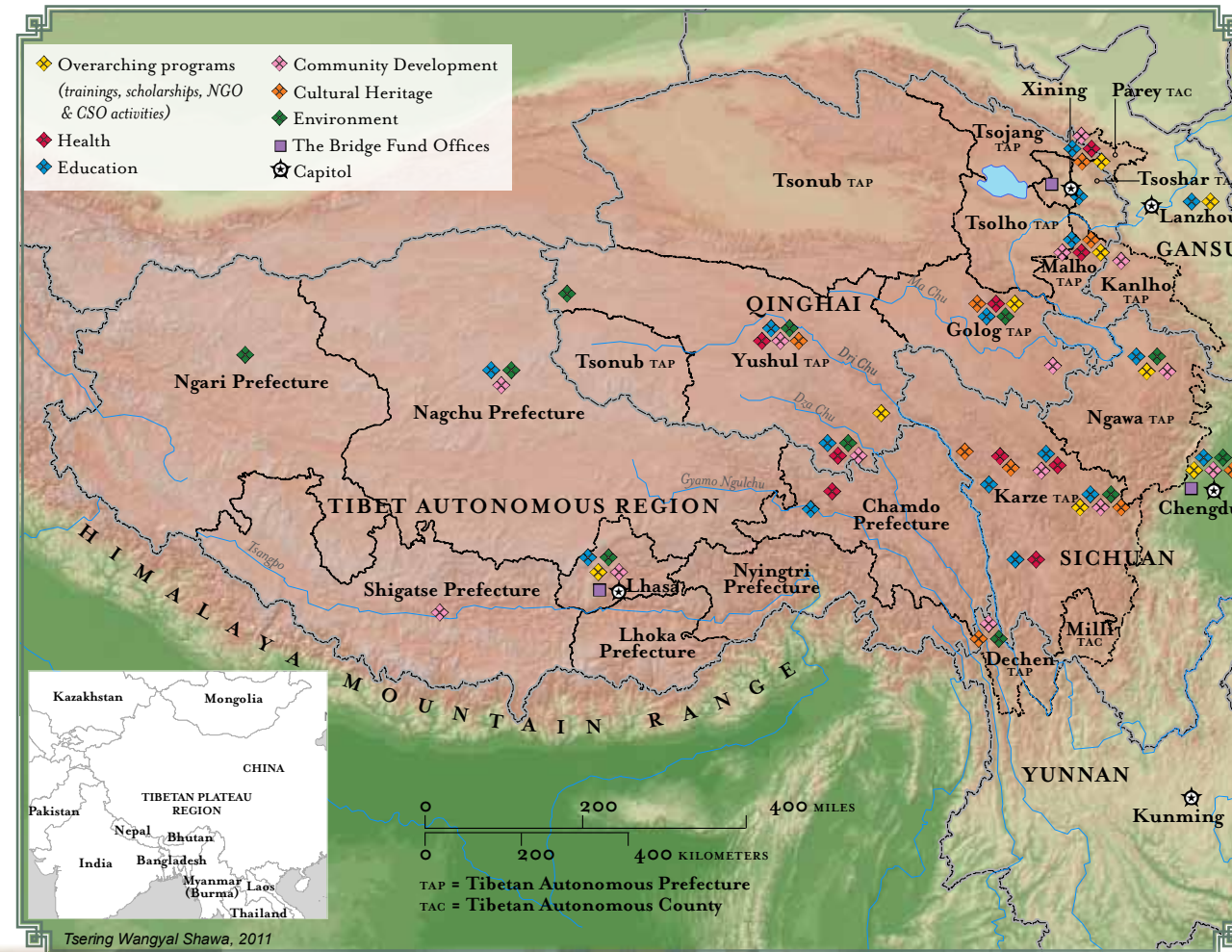
TBF partners with four nomad communities to develop herder cooperatives; a business model that is increasing their incomes. Through cooperatives, members are expanding their skills and marketing to earn more revenue while retaining their traditional herder culture. The Cooperatives also focus on ways to protect the rangeland and rivers, which are vital for successful yak herding. "We are putting our strength together to develop our cooperative, to do things that one person cannot do alone," says Rindzin, member of Sichuan's Thangkor cooperative.



The Bridge Fund (TBF) of The Philanthropic Collaborative/Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors was established as a not-for-profit project in July of 1996 with inspiration and support from Tibetans and Tibetan communities.

◆ Our vision for every Tibetan living in China, down to the most remote nomad, is inclusion in a thriving community grounded in respect for Tibetan culture and values. ◆ We realize this vision by promoting sustainable

economic development, excellent opportunities for education, cultural heritage preservation and environmental conservation on the Tibetan Plateau. ◆ While granting priority to the most disadvantaged and vulnerable communities — particularly nomadic and semi-nomadic populations — The Bridge Fund emphasizes self-reliance and promotes the development of regionally based, Tibetan-run institutions, organizations and businesses.



Health

(MAP POINT: YUSHUL)

Situated at an altitude of 14,763 feet (4500 meters) on the grasslands of Nangchen, the Gebchak Clinic stands as a crucial outpost for primary and emergency healthcare for the region's largest Buddhist nunnery and surrounding nomadic communities. "To have this clinic in such a remote, isolated location is an enormous help" says Gebchak Nunnery's abbot. "The people that live in this area now feel confident and at peace, knowing that if they fall sick they have this clinic to go to." TBF provides healthcare training to nurses, doctors, monks, nuns and nomads who provide critical, frontline care to some of the most remote communities on the Tibetan plateau and builds, improves and equips clinics.



Senior nuns at the site of the future clinic

Education

To date over 188,345 Tibetans have directly benefitted from TBF's education programs. With over 1,200 scholarships provided to Tibetan students each year, TBF is creating opportunities for promising individuals to receive secondary education and tertiary degrees both in China and abroad. Coming from all areas of the plateau TBF has supported over 720 Tibetan students to attend a four-year English degree program, 42 Tibetans have received a one-year MBA degree from Sichuan University, 27 Tibetans have received master degrees in Asia, and five TBF Tibetan staff have attended master degree programs in education, international development, economics and business management. All of the staff scholarship recipients have returned and are still working for TBF.

Cultural Heritage

(MAP POINTS: SICHUAN & QINGHAI)

In partnership with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), TBF has developed seven cultural preservation initiatives that are being implemented across the Tibetan Plateau. From training teams of local conservators in the art of ancient fresco restoration to the recording of oral traditions of storytelling and song, training of artisans and cultural mapping TBF and UNESCO are collaborating with Tibetan communities to revitalize and preserve their unique artistic traditions.

