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Final Report for **Captivating Gangtsa Solar Panel Project** Xunwa County, Qinghai Province

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Captivating Project Manager:



Bason Lhamo, as the Western China project manager of Captivating International, has implemented and managed projects engaging in education, healthcare, capacity building and income generation since 2006. Bason Lhamo is experienced at going to remote areas and seeking desperate needs of local people and is passionate about serving women and children's development.

The project: To provide 59 solar panels to 59 poor families benefitting over 130 children.

Where: Gangsta Village, Gangsta Township, Xunwa County, Qinghai Province.

Project outcomes:

1. 59 selected families received 59 solar panels
2. Lightened the burden of collecting bushes to burn and collecting dung for fuel
3. Reduced the health hazard of smoke and carbon dioxide inhalation from the fires inside the houses
4. Helped to reduce the damage on eyesight created by the poor lighting of candles for long periods of time
5. Helped to preserve the remaining forests from destruction as less bushes are needed to be collected to burn
6. Families have saved money by not needing to purchase candles or cores
7. Children are able to attend school as parents now have extra money to help with school fees and transport

Delays and difficulties:

No delays or difficulties were experienced thanks to great local coordination.

Project Implementation:

1. Funds were received and Solar Panel Company was contacted.
2. Solar Panels were delivered to the project site and selected families arrived.
3. Solar panels were distributed and the coordinators thanked for the project.



Project Pictures :



The solar panels were delivered to the Gangtsa Township where 59 selected families gathered from the three nomadic villages of the township. Some of the villagers helped the driver and the project manager to unload the solar panels.

The young members took the solar panels into the coordinators yard while older members opened the panel boxes ready to distribute.



One of the coordinators, in the white trousers, is counting and putting the batteries together so to provide them to the name list accordingly.



The project manager, in the white coat, is asking the villagers to put the panels behind the batteries so to make sure the villagers can take them as a set.

The panels and the batteries are put in place to provide to the families.



The families are taking their panels and batteries out of the pile according to the list and getting ready for taking pictures together.



The project manager is offered Hangda (long silk) by the families for supporting them. This stands for appreciation and blessing.



The families are getting ready to take group pictures after receiving the solar panels and batteries.



The families are taking their own solar panels back home.





Project Follow Up:

Real Life No 1:

Lhajyid, a 38 year old lady, has been taking care of her two little children and her Aunt (the woman pictured on the ground below - she has been crippled since she was born). She as 6 year old girl who should to be at school. However, her husand is away working at a restaurant and she has to take care of the rest of the family at home. She could not manage to send the children to school since the school is around 14km away, so the children are at home. *"I have been taking care of my father's younger sister since I could remember. My parents passed away one after another before I turned to 33.*



This is where we live in the winter and we have to move to summer pasture to herd, where we feed our 20 animals there. We did not have power either at this winter pasture or summer pasture. It is very difficult and inconvenient without lighting system in the past. Sometimes I can get candles when my husband gets home, but most of the time I have to do the milking and cooking without light. I could handle it most of the time but my aunt finds it very difficult. We have hoped to afford a solar panel in the past but never got enough money. I've always dreams that if I got a solar panel I don't have to collect bushes for cooking all the time and my children and aunt will find life easier as well. This solar panel has lightened my life indeed and I do not have to collect bush for boiling water all the time and we also do not have to burn candles and goat fat for lighting. Thank you very much for helping us!" said with tears.



Real Life No 2:



This is how most of the children from Gangtsa Township do their homework at their winter pasture. Before the solar panel project they used candles most of the time even at daytime when it got cloudy. This was bad for their eyes and health.

These two children are doing their homework at night from light supplied from the solar panel that Captivating has provided. They are more than willing to learn and do homework even though it is cold in their shabby house.





Real Life No 3:



Mother Gardron, an old women in her late 60s, is one of the solar panel beneficiaries. She said, *"I told my grandkids to look after this solar panel and this little one (the little boy in front of her) always wants to touch it and I have to watch him carefully so he does not step on the panel. We usually used candles before we got the solar panel and always have to prepare money for buying candles. We cannot get candles easily since we are living far from the township, from where we can get daily needed materials closest. I am begging my son to buy a little television if he got some money so I can watch TV with the grand kids when they get home from the boarding school at the neighbouring township."*



Detailed Finance:

Original Budget				Actual Cost			Difference
Item	Unit Price	Quantity	Total	Unit Price	Quantity	Total	
Solar Panel	1200	59	70800	1150	59	67850	-2950
Delivery Cost				1000	1	1000	+1000
Management Cost:							
Transportation	500/trip	4	2000	540/trip	1	540	-1460
Food	80/day	8	640	60/day	1	60	-580
Accommodation	210/day	10	2100	0	0	0	-2100
Grant Total			75540			69450	-6090

Project Receipts:



Above receipt is for purchasing solar panel and the battery set for 59 families and the total amount is RMB 67,850.



The receipt for the delivery cost for transporting solar panels from Xining City to Gangtsa Township of Xunwa County. The total amount is RMB 1,000.

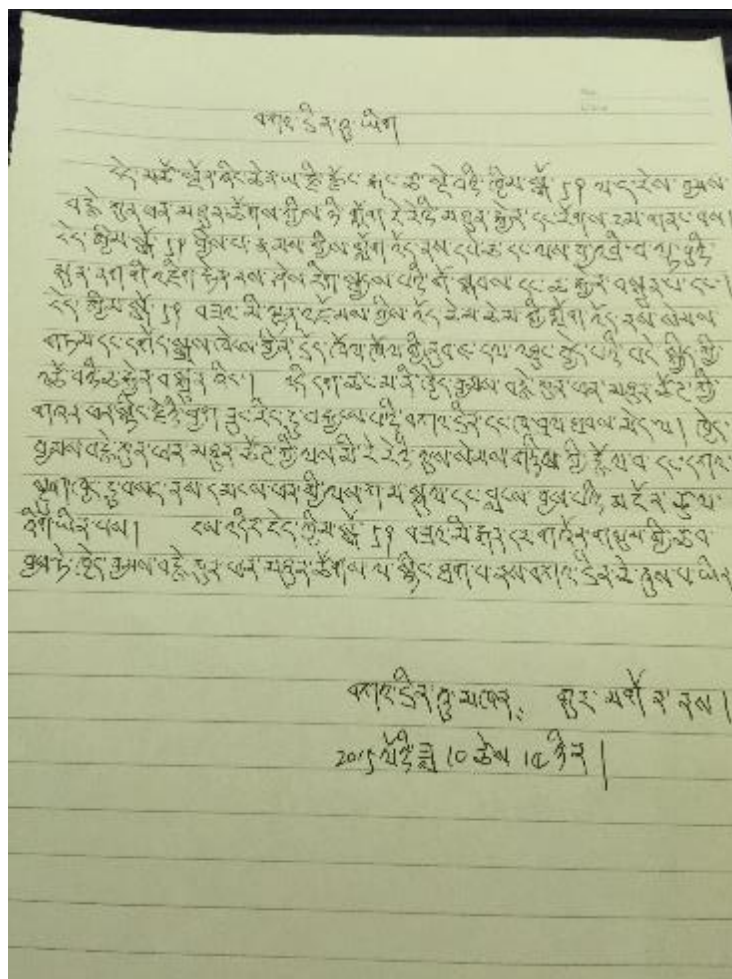
The receipt for management transportation from Xining City to Gangtsa Township and the tax cost for going to purchase solar panels RMB 540.



The receipt for lunch cost when purchasing the solar panels RMB 60.



Thank You Letter:



Thank You Letter Translation;

14th Oct 2015

Dear Donor,

Thanks very much for providing 59 solar panels to 59 impoverished families in Gangtsa Administrative Village. With your support and kindness, the kids from the 59 families are able to read and write under light even at night. You also provided a bright atmosphere for the above families to have better living conditions for family gatherings and talking. Here I, as one of the project coordinators, am showing my great appreciation for providing the solar panels and bringing light to the families on behalf of the receivers.

Thank you again!

Yours,
Gengor