

## Zhouqu (Drukchu) Flood Appeal

August 2010



**Torrential rains, landslides and flooding have struck Zhouqu (Drukchu) County in Gannan Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture, leaving over 1,200 dead and 490 missing.**

Catastrophic landslides, flooding and large scale loss of human life and destruction to property in Zhouqu (Drukchu) County of Gannan Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture that struck the weekend of August 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> have left over 1,200 people dead and almost 500 still missing. So far 45,000 people have been evacuated 7,000 soldiers, fire-fighters and medical staff have been deployed in the relief and epidemic control efforts 300 buildings are buried in mud and over 1,000 homes have been destroyed with approximately 3,000 severely flooded.



Hearing of the disaster on the morning of the 8<sup>th</sup> August during a visit to Yushu, Phuntsog Wangyal immediately contacted the authorities in Beijing and conveyed our deepest condolences and sympathy to the people of Zhouqu on behalf of Tibet Foundation. Phuntsog has now returned to London and will host an illustrated talk about his visit to Yushu on **Thursday September 9<sup>th</sup> from 7-9pm at The Conference Room, St James Church, 197 Piccadilly, W1V-0LL**. All those interested in the work of the Foundation and in particular the Foundation's Aid to Tibet programme are warmly welcome. Entrance is free.

**Following discussions with the authorities, the Board of Trustees has committed £20,000 for immediate flood relief aid and has set up the Drukchu Flood Relief Fund. The people of Drukchu need your support. Would you please help them by sending your donation to the Foundation?**

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