

*We appreciate the generous contributions from all our benefactors. It is a miracle that during this difficult time we still receive many generous, unexpected donations. We have written letters to announce the amounts that Eyes of Compassion Relief Org. offers to 5 Tibetan monasteries. The abbots expressed their appreciation and thanks to the Vietnamese Buddhist communities who are always supporting the Tibetan Buddhists.*

*Unfortunately, the abbot of Dzungkar Choede monastery, Khen Rinpoche Jampa Sopa, said the working people in poor Indian villages during this pandemic season are facing a famine. He has taught the less fortunate Indians who have not died from the COVID-19 pandemic, but many are still starving to death. Khen Rinpoche has proposed to deduct 1 part of our contribution to buy food for the starving Indians. Feeling the compassion of the abbot, we have listened to the advice and donated a sum of money from the Tibetan and the Urgent Need funds to contribute to the COVID-19 victims.*

*When talking about the relief trips that Khen Rinpoche had made to India, we learned that in India due to a nationwide lockdown, he had to ask the Indian army to bring food to remote villages. We have spoken to the abbot and clarified that in our tradition we would like to do all charity work directly with the recipient without involving another group. Understanding our wishes, the Abbot said there are currently a number of young monks studying at Dzungka Choede monastery going back to Nepal to visit family in Thala village: 7. Dandabas, Makawanpur, Nepal. These monks are stuck in Nepal during the pandemic and the village of Thala: 7 is a poor village deep in the mountains so the lockdown and social distancing are not as strict so we can distribute gifts to the less fortunate.*

*As a result, we have donated 150 portions of dry food, each worth CAD 15.00 (USD 12.00), with villagers coming to receive the gifts in person and a small number of elderly and sick patients received their food from the monks delivering the gifts to their houses. In addition, there are about 10 special cases of villagers receiving a small amount of money.*