

# TSECHU DOLMA

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## Mountain Resiliency Project

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2015 Climate Fellow



### BIG BOLD IDEA

Diminish negative impacts of climate change on Himalayan communities by developing strategies for food, energy, and talent security.

### ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW

Mountain Resiliency Project fortifies schools, expands local ownership, and enhances adaptive capacity to minimize climate disaster. MRP sets itself apart by working with existing schools and monasteries with a triple-bottom food, energy and talent security approach. MRP's unique program provides self-generated revenues for the schools with crop yields, while reducing their reliance on biomass for cooking and training students with twenty-first century skills. MRP disrupts institutional negligence and levels the patchy development. MRP's model strengthens mountain communities with a holistic approach to innovating food, energy and talent security as a key step in an ongoing struggle to build climate change resilience.

### PERSONAL BIO

Hailing from Tibet and Nepal, Tsechu is director of the Mountain Resiliency Project (MRP), a Himalayan nonprofit she co-founded. MRP is bringing innovation to food, energy, and talent security as a key step in an ongoing struggle to build climate change resilience. Prior to that, Tsechu co-founded and developed women and girls economic and social empowerment for ACHA Himalayan Sisterhood in New York. She has also advised UNDP in Colombia on natural resource management and impact on indigenous and Afro-Colombian communities. She is a 2014 Brower Youth Award Winner, a 2013 Udall Scholar for Environmental Policy, 2012 New York Needs You Fellow and a 2009 ELLA Baker Fellow. She was named one of the 2015 NBC News International Women's Day: the Legends and Leaders to Know. An environmental scientist and anthropologist by training, Tsechu received her MPA from Columbia School of International and Public Affairs and a BS from Barnard College, where she led an alternative service break trip to Nepal.

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#### Issue area

Poverty Alleviation Economic Development

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#### Organization/Fellow Location

Woodside, United States

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#### Impact Location

Asia

India

Nepal

China

Bhutan

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#### Organization Structure

Nonprofit

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