



GRASSROOTS FOOTBALL VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR

Key Note

Paro FC Grassroots programe today stands on its glory because of the effort made by these 16 volunteer coaches.

One of the main reasons that they took up volunteering was to give something back to the local community. Volunteering has made a huge difference by providing opportunities that may not otherwise exist.

Pema one of the volunteer coaches said, 'The power that football has is great. You might have a coach from when you played Grassroots football who you look back on fondly 20 years later, tying her into great memories from your Grassroots. You could be that coach that kids of today are still talking about in two decades time'.

Name of the nominees: Yeshey Bidha, Tshering Yangdon, Kelden Lhamo, Deki Yangzom, Pema Yangzom, Tshering Lhaden, Sangay Dema, Rinzin Wangmo, Sonam Lhamo, Karma Yuden, Sonam Tshomo, Tshering Yangzom, Choney Wangmo, Pema Choki Lhamo, Karma Zangmo and Neelu Maya Rai

Category: Club & Academies

Award: Grassroots football cVolunteer of the year

Year : 2022

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Justification to entry

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They said that their life has no certainty as a player alone. They said they want to pave a career pathway as a football coach. When asked if they love this volunteer job, they said 'As long as they get to be with children and impart what they know they were happy'.



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Paro Football Academy as an expanding institution seeks similar volunteers to come forward in supporting the club initiatives. As an institution sustainability is almost always challenging. The switch of roles from a player to a coach is always challenging but their devotion to volunteer clearly indicates their motivation to work for the development of football and signifies their innate love for children.

These girls possess all the traits to be a great Foundation Coach. Their involvement as a volunteer coach and their choice to be attached to children below the age of 12 is their choice in which they honestly deliver. These girls also volunteer and assist the club cafeteria whenever they find that the other staff are engaged and busy. Their enthusiasm, dedication and commitment to work for the love of the game and children will definitely take them very far. The engagement of such a huge number of girls in Grassroots Coaching is the first of its type. We have to support and create a base for more women coaches to step up and pave a career of hope for our future.



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Key footprints as Volunteer

**Conducted 144 Hours of
volunteer coaching**

**Formed the welfare group for
support of women players**

**Initiated the Grassroots
Support Group for Sr. team**

**Completed 22 hrs. of arena
beautification**

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PARO FOOTBALL ACADEMY NOMINATIONS, 2022



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