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MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT FOR MARCH

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HIGHLIGHT OF THE MONTH

- The final preparations for the launch of the Digi Gyel Project and visit of Mr. Thomas Trub on 31st March, strengthening partnership and support for the initiative.

STAFF MEMBERS

- Total: 5 Members
- Staff Salary

BUDGET EXPLANATION

This report outlines the allocations of the staff cost totaling CHF: 1200 among five members of our team and total of CHF 2000 for the launch event. The allocation of the staff cost is crucial for financial transparency and efficient resource management within the organization.

REPORT HIGHLIGHT

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OVERVIEW

The month of March 2026 was dedicated to intensive preparations for the official launch of DigiGyel: Building AI-Ready Youth and Schools, a three-year national initiative led by the VTOB Foundation. Building on the success of the four-year Digital Literacy Initiative (DLI), DigiGyel represents a strategic shift toward Artificial Intelligence education to ensure Bhutanese students and educators are prepared for the rapidly evolving digital world.

Throughout March, the VTOB Foundation focused on planning, coordination, stakeholder engagement, and preparation of key materials to ensure a successful and impactful launch.

Launch Preparations

During March 2026, the VTOB Foundation carried out extensive planning and coordination for the DigiGyel launch. This included finalizing the launch agenda, preparing presentations and documentation, developing communication materials, and coordinating logistics for the event. The team also worked on preparing awareness materials and organizing technical arrangements to ensure a smooth and professional launch.

Significant effort was also dedicated to developing project documentation and presentation materials, including the DigiGyel project overview, implementation roadmap for 2026–2028, launch presentation, and launch video. These materials highlighted the transition from the successful Digital Literacy Initiative to the new DigiGyel project.

The preparation process also included compiling the impact of the Digital Literacy Initiative (2022–2025), which evolved from an 8-school pilot to reaching 68 schools and empowering 25,478 students across Bhutan. Through the initiative, 770 laptops and 310 Micro:bit devices were distributed, helping schools build foundational digital skills and fostering a culture of innovation and problem-solving. This strong foundation positioned DigiGyel as the next phase in Bhutan's digital education transformation.

Stakeholder Engagement

Throughout March, the VTOB Foundation engaged closely with key stakeholders, including the Ministry of Education and Skills Development (MoESD), partner schools, educators, and supporting organizations. These discussions focused on aligning expectations, strengthening collaboration, and ensuring readiness for the launch and implementation of the DigiGyel project.

The DigiGyel initiative aims to significantly expand impact across Bhutan over the next three years. The project plans to reach 150 schools nationwide, train 300 educators through AI teacher training workshops, and equip approximately 50,000 students with foundational knowledge in artificial intelligence, including machine learning, computer vision, and natural language

processing. Additionally, the project will distribute 810 high-performance laptops, establish 150 student-led AI Clubs, and organize an annual National AI Expo to encourage innovation and youth-driven solutions.

Visit of Mr. Thomas Trub

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During his visit, Mr. Trub reviewed the launch preparations, engaged with the VTOB team on project implementation strategies, and discussed the long-term vision for AI education in Bhutan. His visit further strengthened the partnership between the Dariu Foundation and the VTOB Foundation and reaffirmed continued support for advancing AI education in Bhutan.

Mr. Trub also emphasized the importance of introducing artificial intelligence education at an early stage to prepare young people for the future workforce and to ensure equitable access to technology, particularly for students in rural areas.

Conclusion

March 2026 was a productive and important month dedicated to preparing for the launch of DigiGyel: Building AI-Ready Youth and Schools.

Through careful planning, stakeholder engagement, and the visit of Mr. Thomas Trub on 31st March 2026, the VTOB Foundation successfully laid the groundwork for the launch and implementation of this ambitious initiative.

The DigiGyel project marks a significant step forward in Bhutan's education landscape, aiming to empower students and educators with AI skills and prepare Bhutanese youth to thrive in an AI-driven future.