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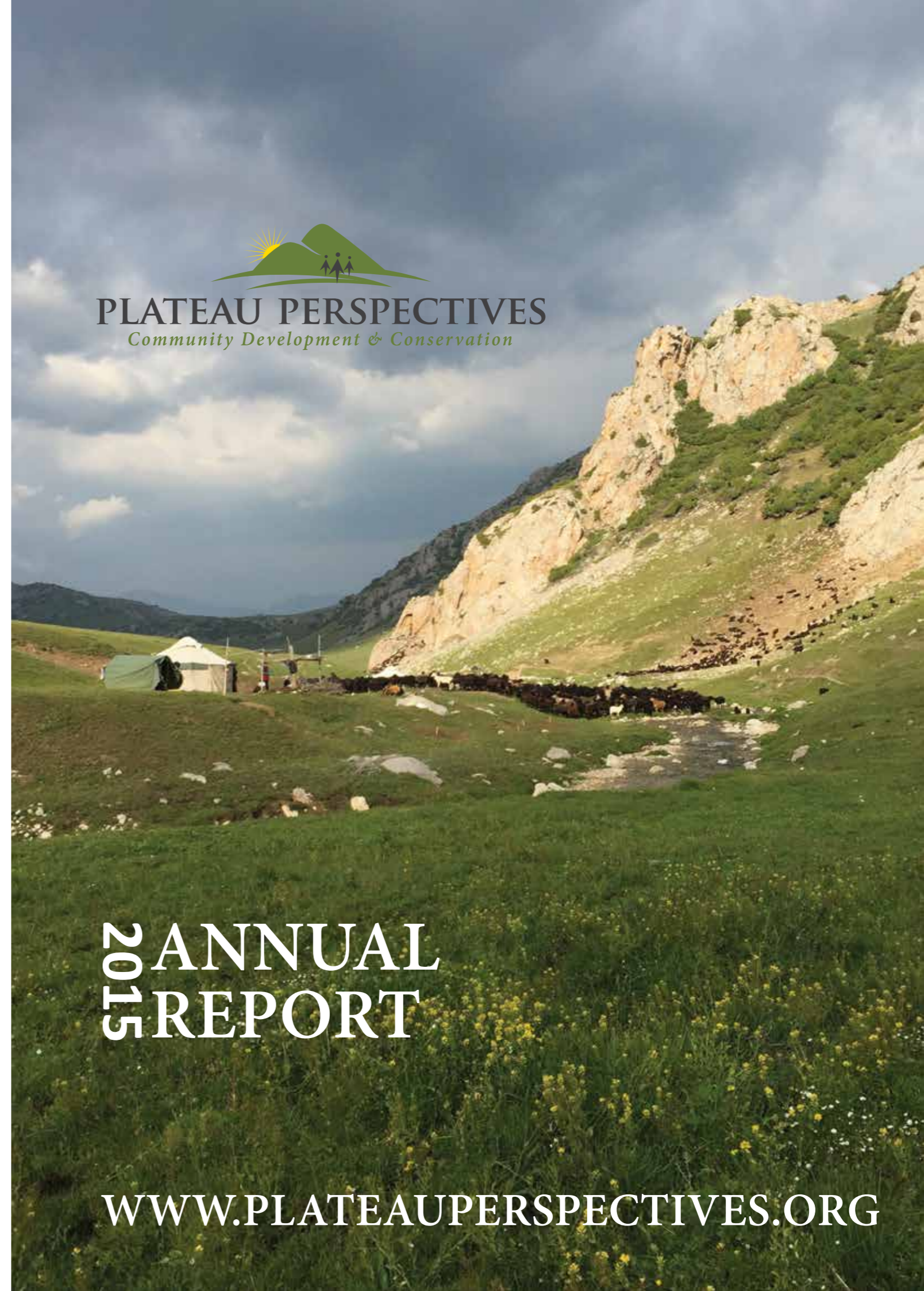
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Plateau Perspectives is an international non-profit organization dedicated to supporting local mountain communities and organizations in the Tibetan Plateau region, the Himalayas and Central Asia, to find and develop long-term solutions that improve people's quality of life and protect their environment.



Community Revolving Fund

A model 'community development revolving fund' initially developed in Lari village has been replicated in Dangqu village, in the Yangtze River headwaters. This approach to development, based on close collaboration with local herding communities, focuses on social and natural resources and on building management capacities that promote greater participation in decision-making.



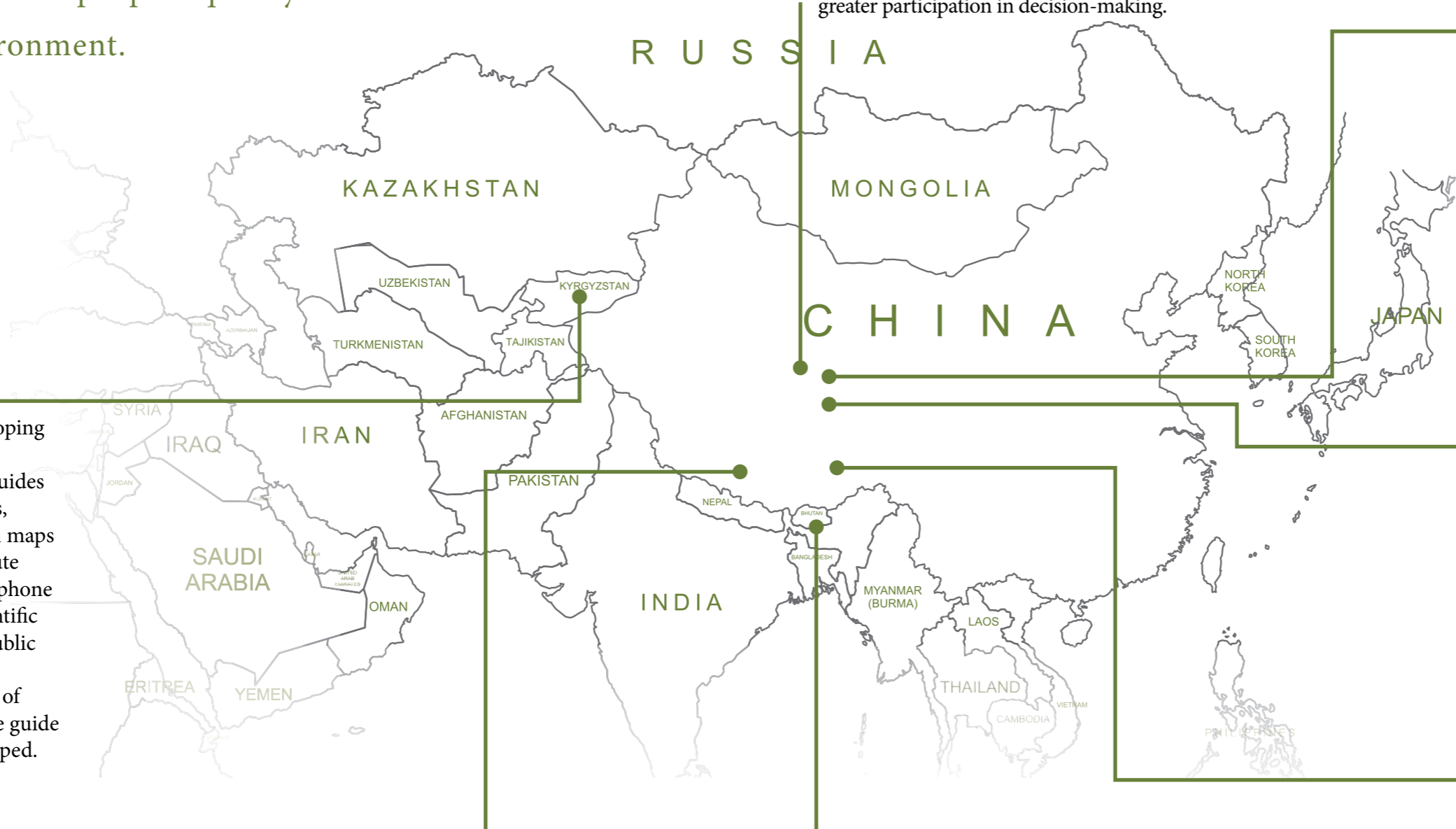
Herders Associations

By encouraging communities of yak herders to strengthen their capacities and options through the development of local associations, Plateau Perspectives seeks to encourage innovative thinking and promote or strengthen a range of socio-economic opportunities. For example, the Kegawa Herders Cooperative now sells fine yak wool to Kora, a high-end outdoor clothing company - benefiting more than 80 Tibetan families.



Citizen Science

Plateau Perspectives is developing a series of nature guides for smartphones. These digital guides contain original photographs, descriptions and distribution maps - to which users can contribute their own observations. The phone apps will serve both the scientific community and a broader public including students, teachers and tourists. The "Butterflies of Kyrgyzstan" is the first nature guide app in the series to be developed.



Community-based Ecotourism

Plateau Perspectives has worked closely with several communities in the beautiful Sanjiangyuan region to promote community-beneficial tourism. Nature conservation and sustainable development may be promoted simultaneously through ecotourism. Guide training in river rafting and homestay services is being provided through partner organizations.



Quinoa Agriculture in Tibet

Quinoa is a nutritious grain originally from South America. It is well adapted to high altitudes and climatically harsh and dry conditions. Plateau Perspectives is advancing quinoa agriculture in Tibet in order to enhance food security together with poverty alleviation in rural farming communities.



Bee-keeping in Bhutan

Plateau Perspectives is developing an apiculture project in partnership with the Royal Thimpu College in Bhutan. This project aims to provide field-based learning opportunities for students in environmental management, to improve local crop yields, and to strengthen linkages with rural Himalayan communities for sustainable development.



Village Clinic in Eastern Himalayas

Situated at the foot of Namche Barwa Mountain (7,795 m), the Tibet Langduo Village clinic was built to serve the many ethnic groups from this remote rural district. The clinic was built in memory of Jane M Torrance, who supported the Tibetan people for many years through her faithful service as Administrator of Plateau Perspectives Scotland.