Bartsham Incence Producing Unit, Trashigang: In Bartsam, the team visited the Incense Production Unit which is supported by the UNDP Rural Micro Enterprise Project. He supplies incense to Thimphu, Mongar, Trashigang, Samdrupjonkhar, Yangtse and Lhuentse. This business has proven successful and he is able to meet his supply demand mainly due to the support provided by UNDP in procuring the heavy duty machines. His main challenges lie in obtaining the ingredients required to make the incense. Most of the materials are imported from India and what is available in Bhutan, has to be cleared by the Forest Department. In turn he has been able to have a small impact on the economic development if his village as he purchases ingredients and provides employment to the people of his community and neighboring ones. 

**Chaskar Incense Production Unit | Mongar:**

Initiated by 30 year old Tenzin Dorji, the Chaskar Incense Production Unit is a thriving business today. It is also supported by UNDP’s Rural Micro Enterprise project and was established in 2009. Tenzin has been able to support his local community by purchasing available indigenous ingredients and employing young people from other communities as well. With the purchase of machines through the UNDP project, he is able to manufacture more incense and increase his supply to the capital and neighboring towns of

Mongar, Trashigang, Samdrupjonkar, Phuentsholing and Lhuentse. 

**Yayung Chamomile Pilot Plantation | Mongar:**

During the 3 days in Mongar Dzongkhag, the team visited the ongoing UNDP assisted projects.

The first visit was to the pilot chamomile plantation at Yayung. It is a three year pilot project and the only one of its kind.  

48 year old Ugyen Wangchuk is the volunteer farmer who has taken up the proposal from the government. In return for testing chamomile cultivation on his land, he receives a stipend during the cultivation and harvest season. He has dedicated 7 terraces of his fields to this project and 2 years of the pilot have been completed. He has also been provided with one distillation plant to produce oil from the harvested chamomile. However, he says the distillation process is very slow the release of oil is very less