

The 7 Community Tools

Anthropological
Tools that Make
Community Study
Easy, Effective, and Fun



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Anthropological Tools for Community Study

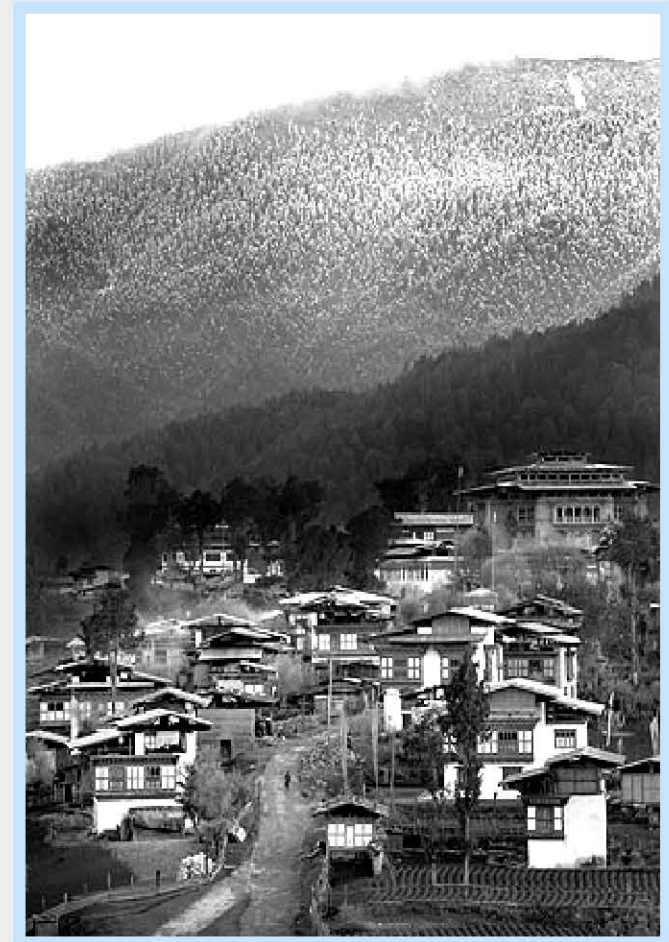


- ◊ Geo-social mapping
- ◊ Genogram
- ◊ Community Organization
- ◊ Local Health systems
- ◊ Community Calendar
- ◊ Local history
- ◊ Biographies: Life stories

1. Geo-social Mapping

Understanding...

- local contexts
- Sense of community
- Identify informants
- Direct observation
- Create relationship

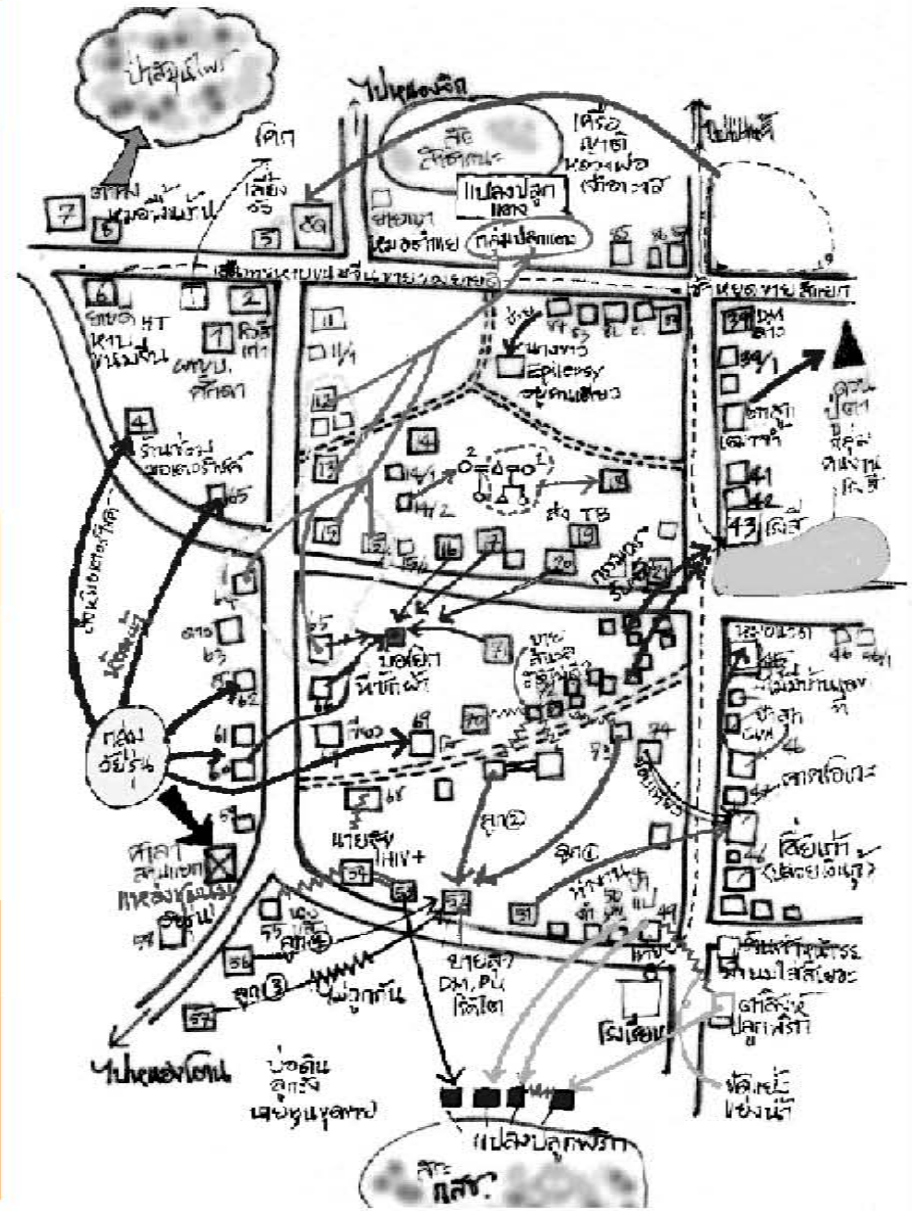
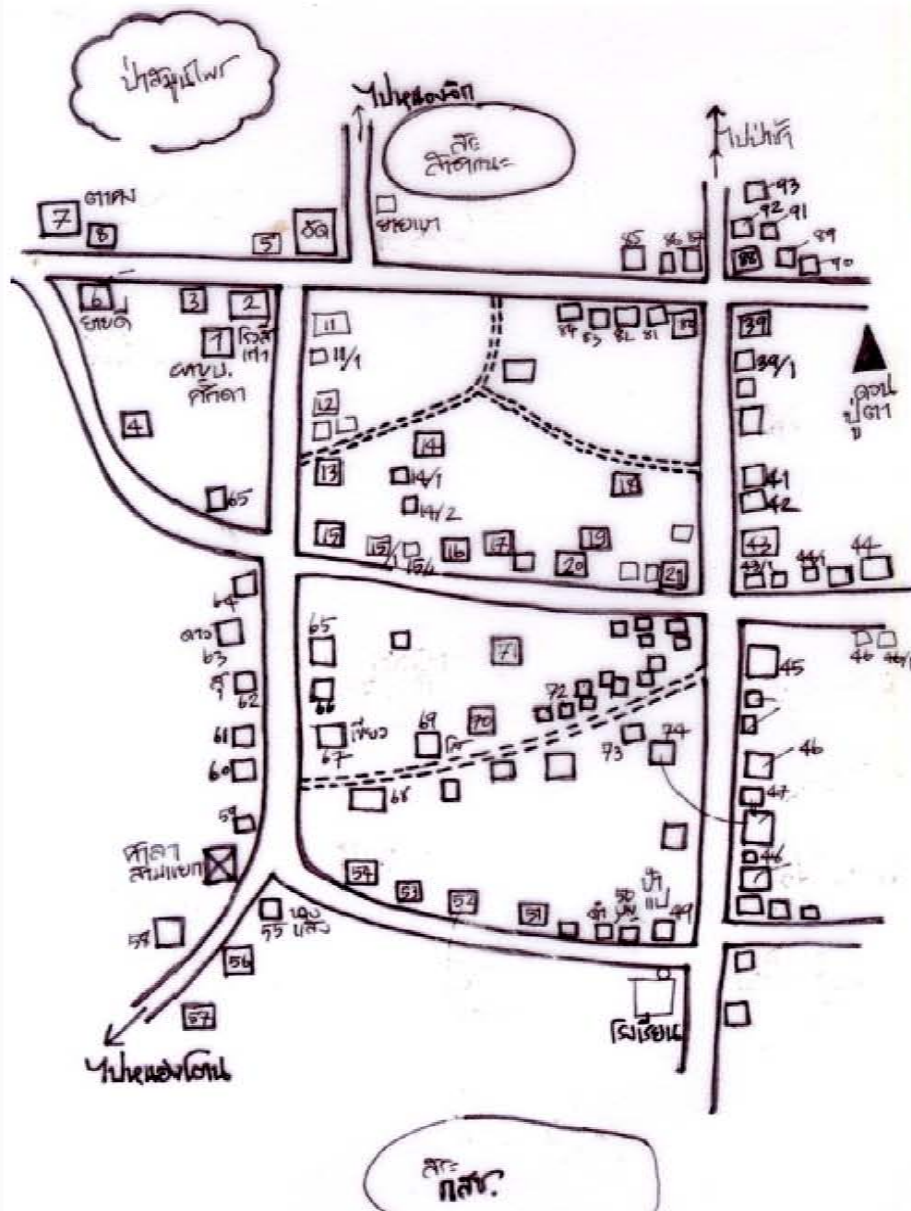


Geographical + Social mapping

- ❖ Transecting & exploring the field.
- ❖ Social functions of places: Social activities, social identities, women's spaces, domestic, public, political, social relation, etc.
- ❖ Social meaning of spaces: Ritual, sacred, taboo, modern, etc.

Geo-social mapping is not just a map;
it is a way of understanding and organizing
community information.

Mapping vs Geo-social mapping



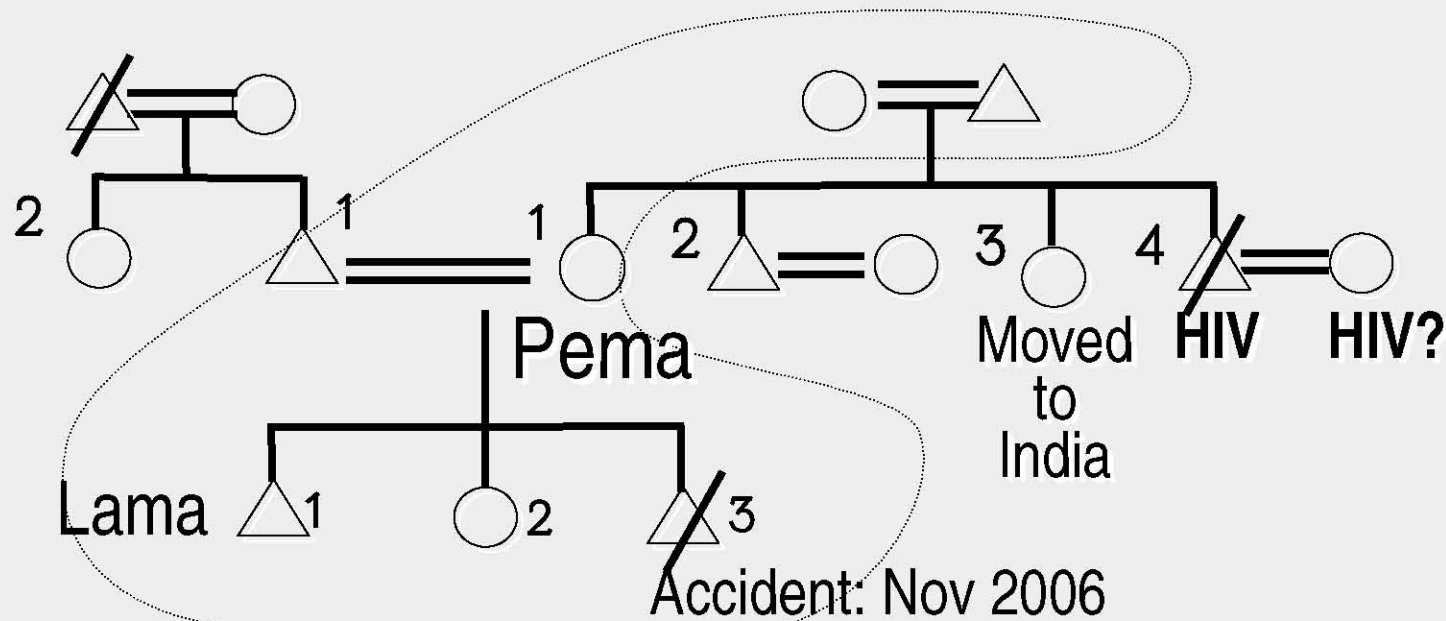
2. Genogram

Family and Kinship Structures



**The most basic social relationship;
The fabric of traditional society**

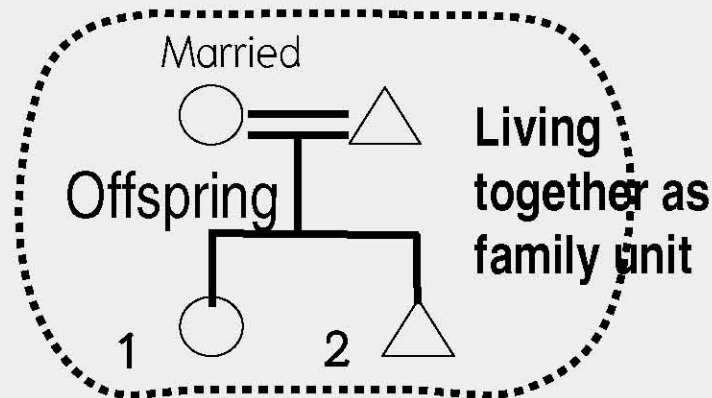
Genogram



○ = Female

△ = Male

○/ △ = Dead



○ ≠ △

Divorced

○ ~ △

Fighting

○
(42)

= Age

△
11

= house no.

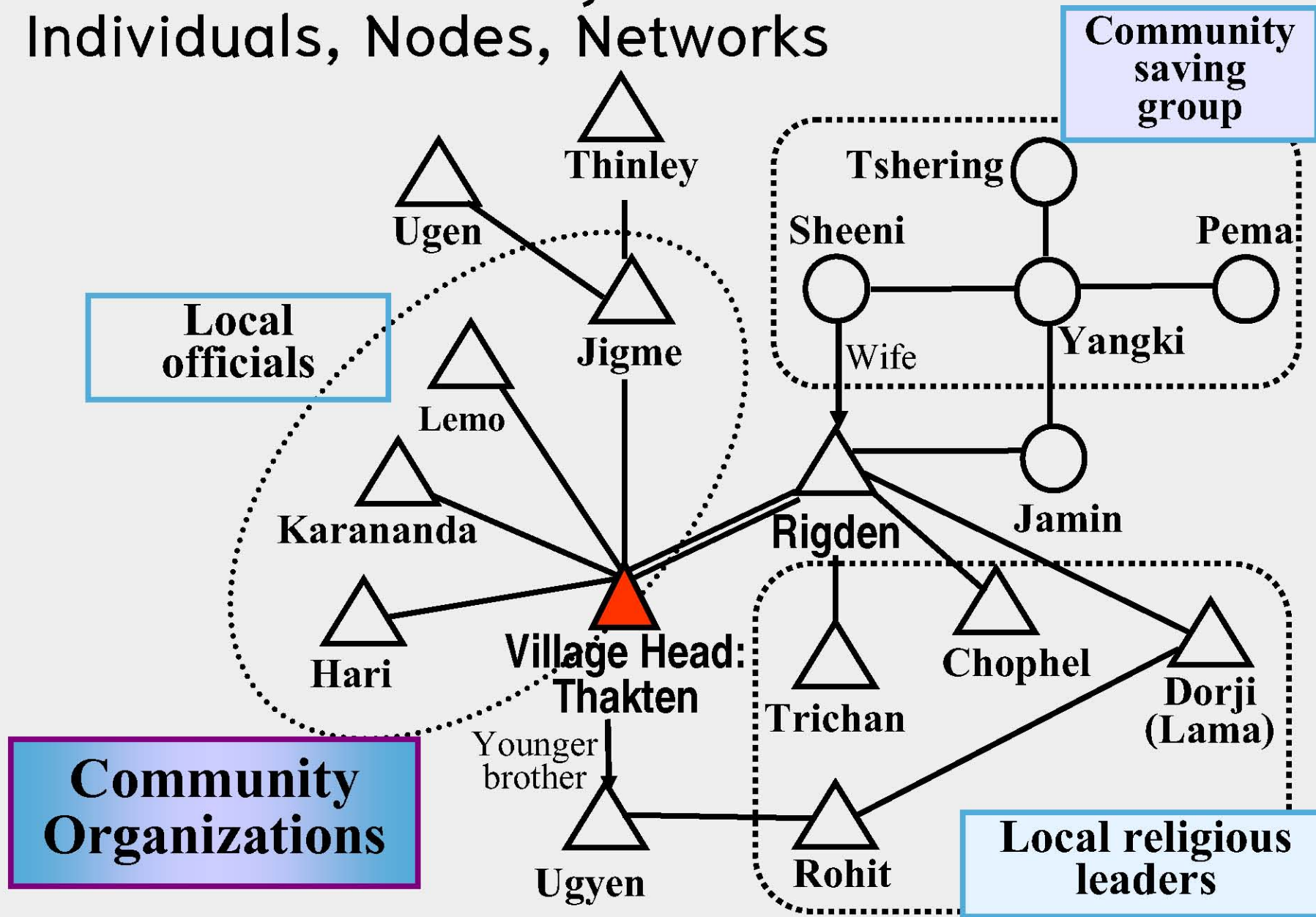
3. Community Organizations

Mapping Social Structures and Social Relations

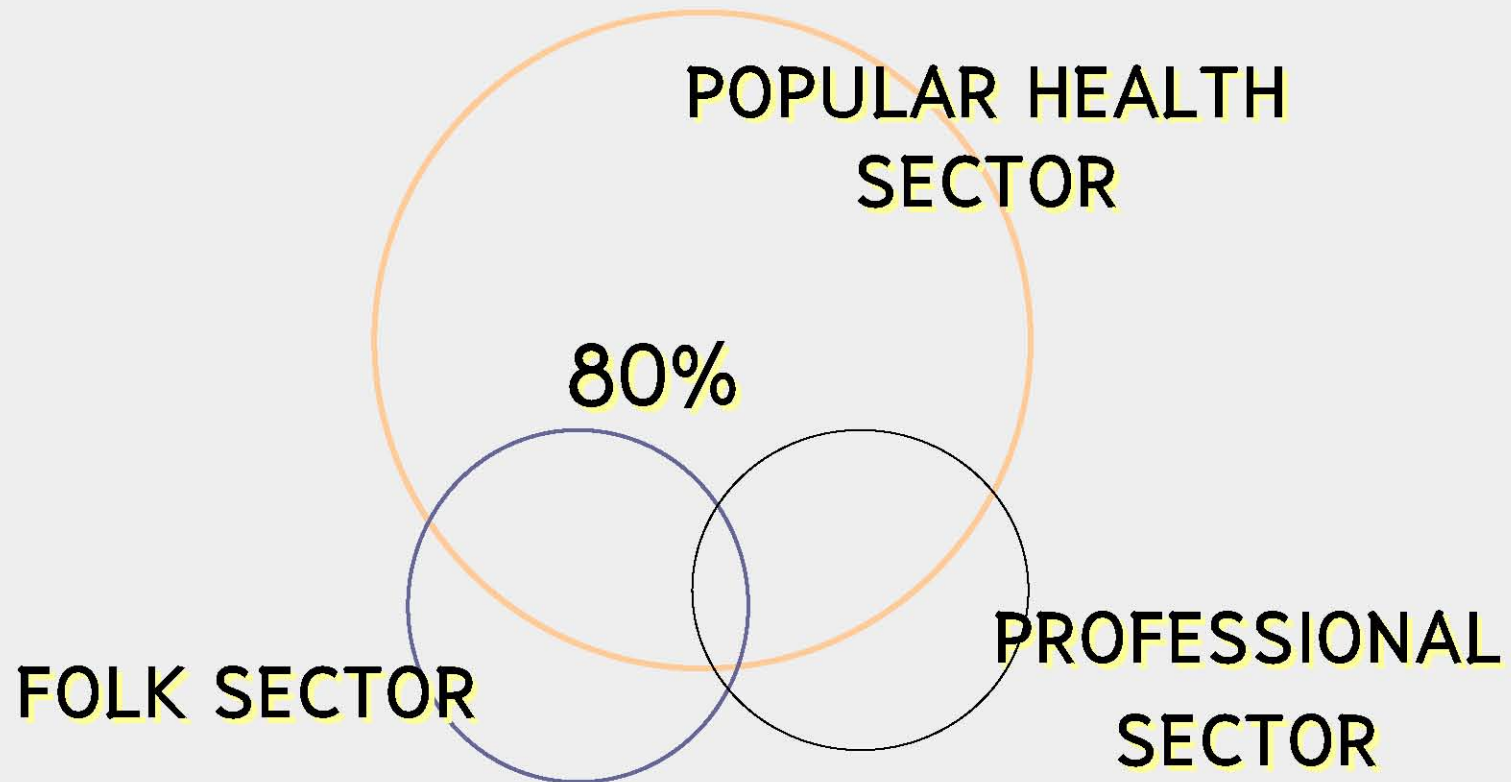


Organization by action and operation
Formal and informal organizations

Social Network Analysis: Individuals, Nodes, Networks

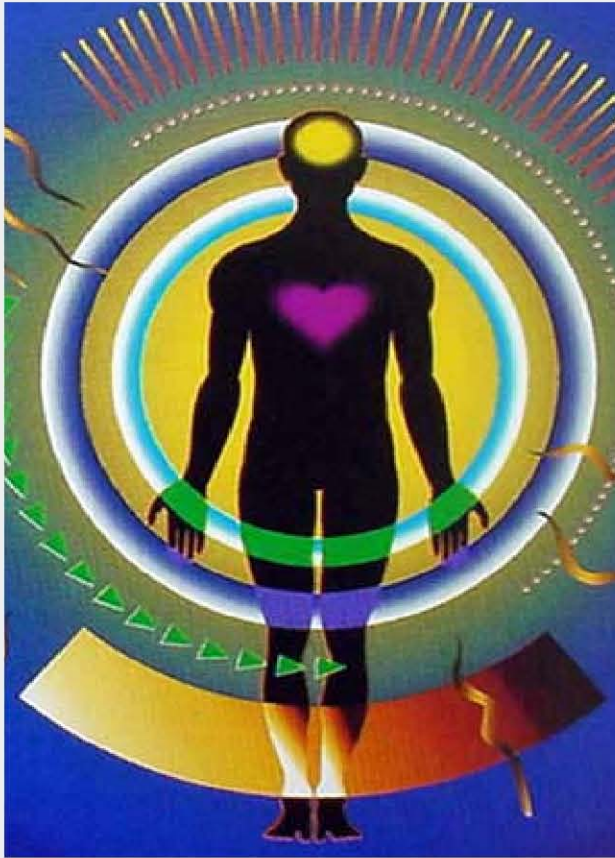


4. Local health systems



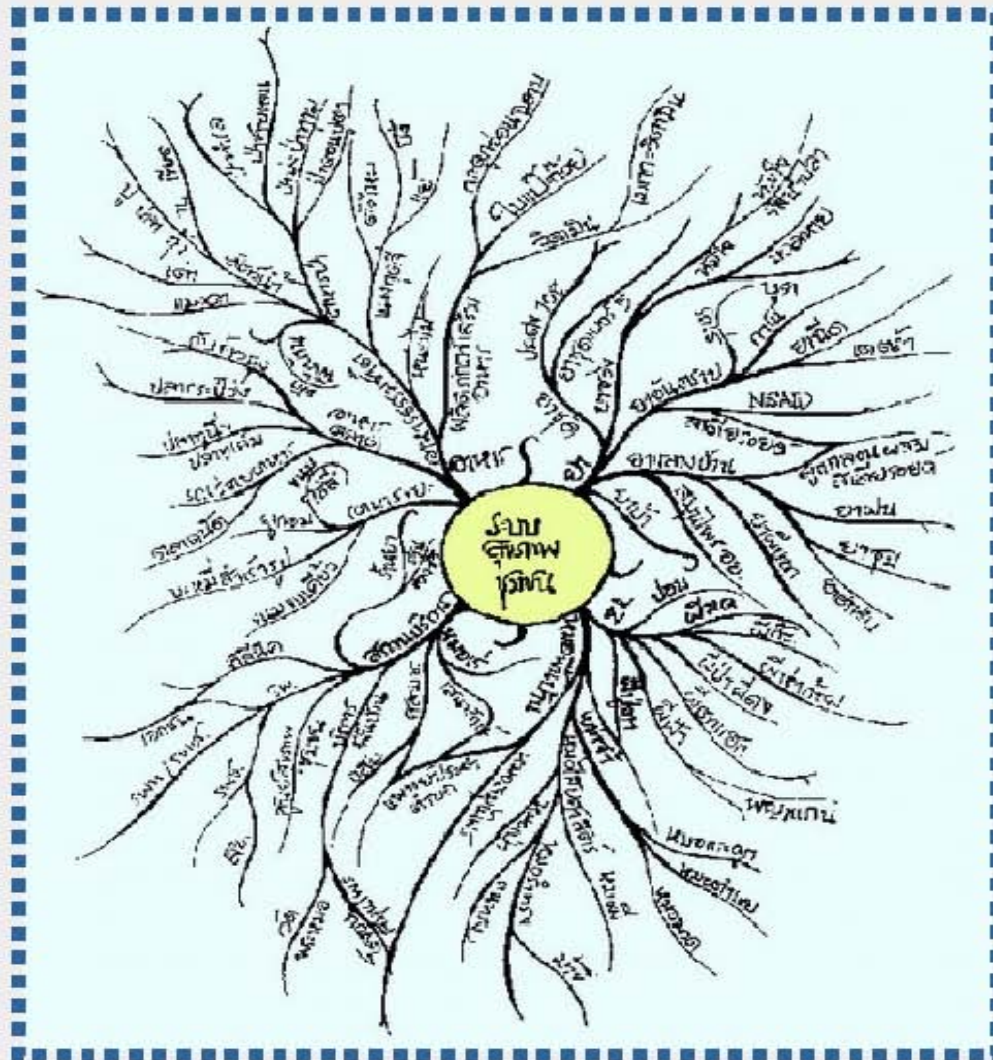
Pluralism of medical systems
Cultural diversity

Medical Pluralism



- Humoral medicine
- Faith healing
- Astronomy
- Practical experience

Mind Mapping of Local Health System



5. Community Calendar

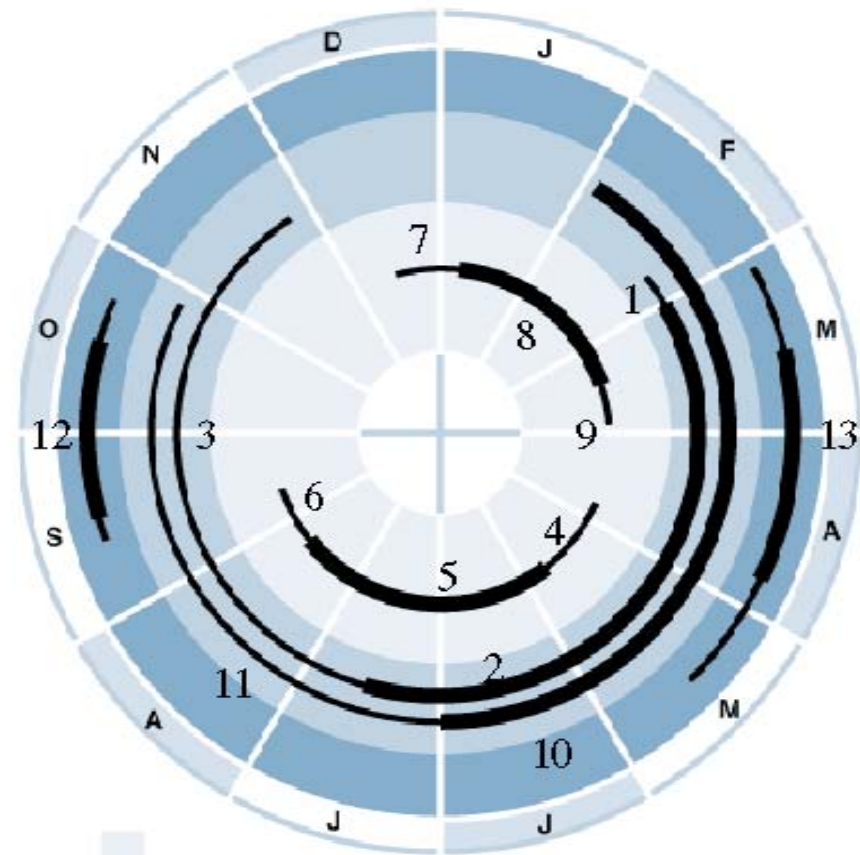
Understanding local ways of life



Economic calendar: Occupational cycles
Cultural calendar: Religious & social events

Community calendar: Economic & Cultural

	Month	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
	Economic												
1	Prepare rice field		■										
2	Attend rice field		■	■	■	■	■						
3	Harvesting season							■	■	■	■		
4	Prepare cotton field				■	■							
5	Attending cotton field					■	■	■					
6	Harvesting cotton								■	■			
7	Prepare vegetable field	■											■
8	Growing vegetable	■	■	■									
9	Making vegetable preservation			■									
10	Attending silk worm				■	■	■						
11	Weaving silk						■	■	■	■			
	Cultural												
12	October festival									■	■		
13	Spring ceremony ritual			■	■								



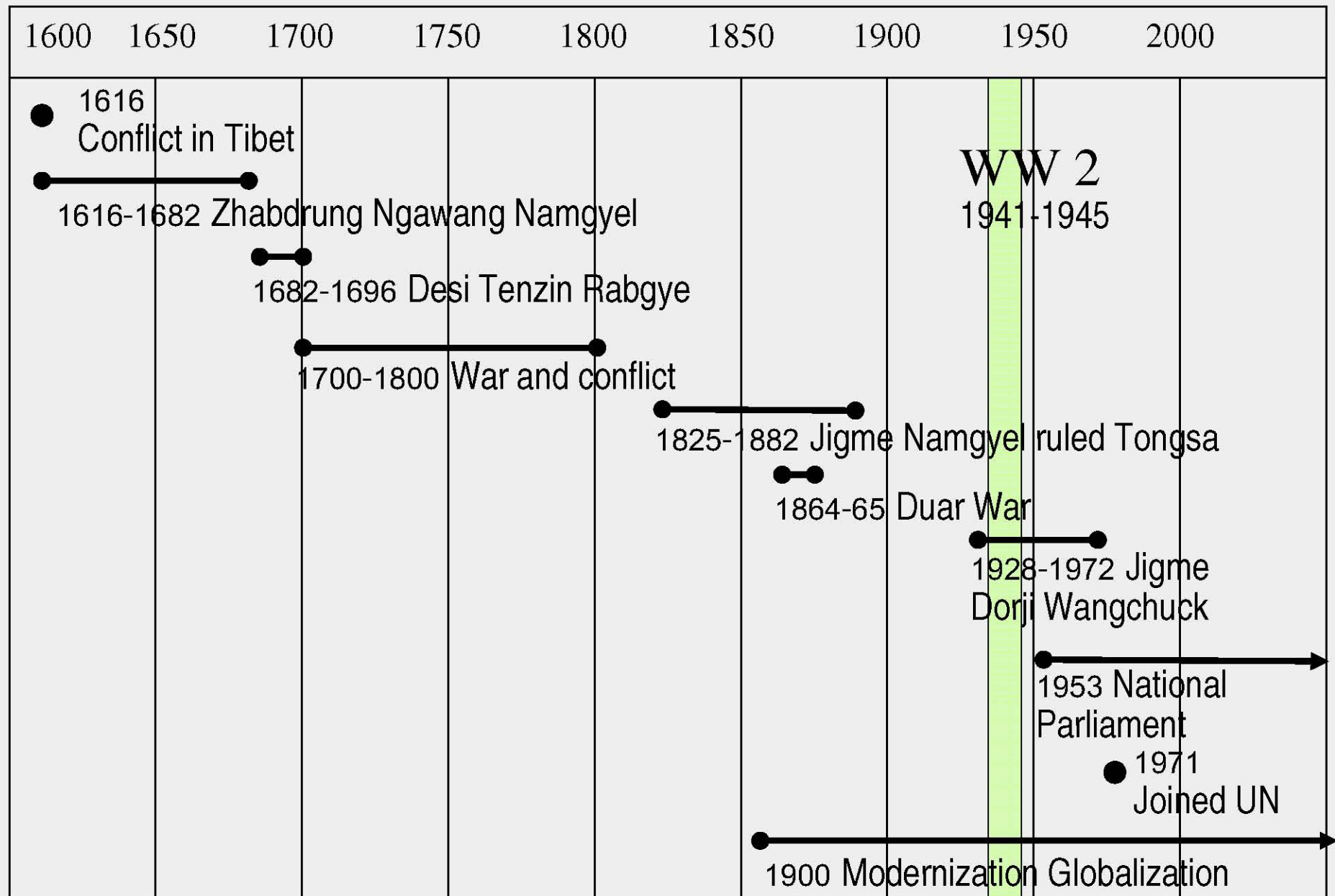
Mapping economic and cultural events around the year

6 Local History



- Economic
- Political
- Social
- Health

Bhutan Historical Chart (Example)



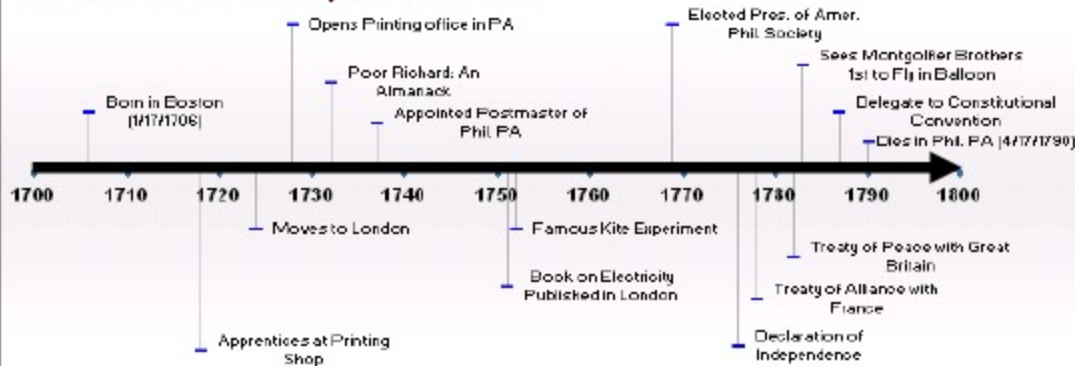
7. Life Stories

- Elder persons
- Religious Leaders
- Community Leaders
- Healers
- The Poor
- Ethnic Minorities



Biographical accounts: Personal stories reflect social changes, values and cultural practices.

Events in the Life of Benjamin Franklin



Married to Feroz Gandhi
Gave birth to two sons
1944: Rajiv Gandhi
1940: Sanjay Gandhi

Indira separates from her husband to assist her father in politics and through illness.
Feroz has a heart attack in 1958
- which brings Indira and him back together

Indira attends The United Nations Conference of Human Environment
She was the only voice from the South, and her speech and statement "Poverty is the biggest polluter" sparked off a global debate on poverty and environment in the South

High Court of Allahabad found Gandhi guilty of employing a government servant in her election campaign

26th of June
President Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed, influenced by Indira - declared India "State of Emergency"

Indira launches the 20 point programme - the hallmark of the Indira Gandhi regime

19th of November
Indira Gandhi is born - only daughter of Mr Jawarhal Nehru and Mrs Kamala Nehru

India's independence
Nerhu becomes Prime Minister

8th of September
Indira's husband Feroz dies

27th of May
Nerhu dies

The Wildlife Act, 'Project Tiger'

The Green Revolution
India manages to achieve total food sufficiency and can stop all import

Smiling Buddha
India's underground nuclear test. India becomes the youngest nuclear power

Indira becomes re-elected as Prime Minister

31st of October
Indira gets assassinated by her own two Sikh guards

