My name is Lobsang Sherab. I reached Tibetan Reception Centre, in Nepal on December 2008 and I arrived in Dharamsala in March (2009). I am from Kham. There is not much grass left for our livestock. My family was once nomads and have now been forced to become farmers. In my family we now have both nomads and farmers. The farmers are asked to live together in newly-built houses where on the rooftop the Chinese flags are displayed. Areas where the soil has been dug has no more grasses growing.

There is a new fencing policy as well, which the Chinese claim is to conserve winter pastures while others say it is for environmental conservation. But in reality it has resulted in wildlife and livestock death. The wildlife that have died are the blue sheep, and the Tibetan gazelle. When these animals enter the fenced area, they injure themselves through getting caught in the fenced wires.

There is a lake where an explosion occurred and now the water in the lake stays still. Fish that used to previously be abundant are now scarce in the lake.

If there is grass in summer for livestock, then there is usually no grass for them in winter. Last year in 13 June there was heavy snowfall. Similarly when snow falls in March on the hill nomads have a difficult time saving their livestock. For example, some sheep are taken on the backs of people to bring them back to the low land. There has been no aid to these nomads from the government.