

Minutes of meeting on issues received during Video Conference with Gups on 18/8/2020 - Lockdown Day 9 (19/08/2020)

1. Desuung related issues

- Additional Desuups for supply of food and essential supplies and logistics
- Logistics arrangement for Desuups deployed for food and essential supplies
- Subsistence and voucher allowance to unemployed Desuups who are on duty during lockdown
- Requirement of PPEs & Hand sanitizers for Desuups
- Provision for additional set of combat dress for Desuups with one set of dress/uniform

Decisions

- If Gewogs require additional Desuups for supply of food and essentials, Gewog Incident Commander should explore possible ways to pool other volunteers within the Gewog.
- Nu. 500 per Desuups will be provided as lump sum allowance to meet refreshment and lunch expenses.
- While Desuups deployed at outposts along with RBP are managed within the RBP expenses, those deployed for other purpose during the lockdown will have to be managed from the approved lump sum amount of Nu. 500 per head.
- Provision of voucher allowance to unemployed Desuups will be consulted by the Dzongkhag taskforce with the Central taskforce and share the decision accordingly.
- The requisition for PPEs and other necessary items have been placed and will be provided to all frontline workers at the earliest.
- Shield distribution will be managed by **Mr. Passang Dorji (Contact no. 17257770)** and record maintained.
- Additional set of combat dress for each Desuups (38th batch and after) has been confirmed and will be distributed at the earliest upon arrival from the centre.

2. LPG supply - Current mode of random supply/distribution of LPG in Gewogs has left many gewogs not getting required LPG supply. The total LPG supplied and The Dzongkhag taskforce in consultation with the LPG outlets and supply team will work out modality on the supply of LPG to Gewogs to ensure gewogs receive desired and uniform supply of LPG.

Decisions

- To ensure uniform distribution of LPG supply to the gewogs, the number of LPG supply will be based on number households in the Gewogs.
- The monthly LPG quota will be 15 percent of the total household in the gewog and will be supplied latest by August 23, 2020.
- The determined number of LPG cylinders will be collected by Gewog Administration from the LPG outlets (**Depot Manager, Contact no. 77101420**) and Gewog Administration will take the responsibility to determine the genuineness of the applicant and distribute within the gewog accordingly.



LPG supply quota for August month

Sl. No.	Gewogs	No. of HHs	LPG quota (15% of HHs)	Supplied	Additional supply latest by August 23, 2020)
1	Athang gewog	198	30	0	30
2	Bjena Gewog	370	56	24	32
3	Daga gewog	152	23	0	23
4	Dangchu gewog (including Nobding Throm)	243	36	23	13
5	Gangtey Gewog	333	50	25	25
6	Kazhi Gewog	246	37	0	37
7	Nahi gewog	125	19	0	19
8	Nyisho Gewog	341	51	23	28
9	Phangyul Gewog	210	32	0	32
10	Phobji gewog	375	56	0	56
11	Rubeysa gewog	309	46	0	46
12	Saephu Gewog	331	50	17	33
13	Thedtsho gewog	457	69	0	69
14	Tshogom gewog	197	30	0	30
15	Tshowogm gewog	106	16	0	16
Total		3393	599	112	487

3. Travel restriction - confusion created by continuous entry and movement of people to the gewogs travelling from other Dzongkhag.

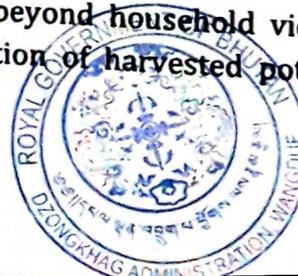
Decisions

- Gewogs to allow entry of people entering the gewogs as they are allowed to enter Dzongkhag after undergoing required checking at the entry gates. However, the gewogs shall take the responsibility of informing and monitoring those people on following strict home quarantine and social distancing in their residence.
- Gewogs will provide details of people with travel history to Phuentsholing from August 1 onwards to Dr. Samten, Contact no. 17964269 for carrying out risk assessment and required testing as per the directives from the health ministry.

4. Potato harvest - most of the households of potato growing gewogs have their field located in far flung places and with lockdown coinciding with potato harvest season, if farmers can be allowed to harvest potato, transport and market accordingly.

Decisions:

- Farmers will not be allowed to work on farms beyond the vicinity of the house and external labours are also not allowed. However, potato harvest on time is critical in highland gewogs, requirement to travel to the fields beyond household vicinity to harvest potato, deployment of tractors for transportation of harvested potato and

marketing of potato will be consulted with the Central Taskforce, Thimphu for further directives.

- 5. Banking services from Financial Institutions (FIs)**- Banking services requirement in the rural areas and exploring possibility of pooling banking services (from different FIs) in the gewogs.

Recommendation:

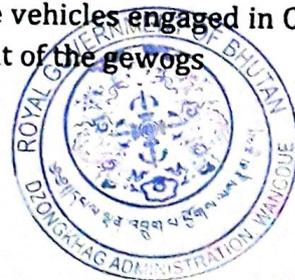
- Financial Institutions will facilitate door to door cash withdrawal services for both urban and rural populace. Two banking personnel with COVID-19 travel card will be allowed to travel for the same.
- Gups will compile list of the individuals requiring cash withdrawal services in Gewogs with CID number, amount required and location of the individuals and coordinate with respective Bank Managers (contact numbers provided) and work out convenient mode of distribution.
 - Mr. Bola Nath, Druk PNB, 17639147
 - Mr. Jigme Chogyel, T-Bank, 77336517
 - Mr. Kelden Dorji, BNB, 17113030
 - Mr. DB Rai, BOB, 17705288
 - Mr. Jigme Norbu, BDBL, 17882708
- Banking personnel with COVID-19 travel card will travel along with the vehicles detailed for food supplies to facilitate the service in Gewogs.
- Banks will facilitate cash withdrawal amounting to maximum of Nu. 10,000/- (Ten thousand) per individual.
- Desuups will accompany and provide security for the banking personnel travelling to Gewogs for the cash withdrawal services.

- 6. Tobacco product distribution/supply** - Tobacco products received from Bhutan Duty Free Ltd. (BDFL) along with written directives to be supplied to the consumers in the Dzongkhag

Decision

- Tobacco distribution will be managed/coordinator by Mr. Passang Dorji (Contact no. 17257770) and record maintained.
- The supply of tobacco products will be as per the directives received from the centre (directives attached).
- The coordinator will collect the list of consumers as per the prescribed form attached and maximum quantity to be supplied will be determined in the subsequent meeting based on the number of consumers.

- 7. Miscellaneous** - Provision of providing fuels to the private vehicles engaged in COVID-19 duty in the gewogs, who are currently restricted to move out of the gewogs



Decisions

- With restrictions on movement of private vehicles out of the gewogs will continued and some private vehicles deployed for COVID-19 duty on voluntary basis, the Gewogs shall arrange to ferry required amount of fuel from the petroleum outlets for those private vehicles deployed and fuel expenses borne by the vehicle owners.



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