

## **Minutes of Meeting – Lockdown Day 12 (22/08/2020)**

### **1. Relaxation of lockdown in the gewogs as per the directives of HPM**

- With effect from 22/08/2020, as per the directives of HPM on August 22, 2020, movement of individuals within the gewog will be allowed especially to attend their farms and livestock and to ensure accessibility to essential services.
- Movement of vehicles will be allowed within the gewog boundary to avail essential services and gewog administration shall issue permit for movement of vehicles.
- No movement of vehicles will be allowed to travel on Highways.
- However, individuals will be discouraged to visit other gewogs and Bajo town area unless permitted for specific reasons and time.
- For gewogs without shops, Gewog Administration shall arrange to supply essential services in consultation with the Food and Essential Supply team.
- With shops allowed to remain open, the gewog administrations shall take full responsibility in ensuring that these shops and customers follow the following mandatory COVID-19 protocols while opening and availing services and shops without such protocols in place shall not be allowed to open.
- **Mandatory requirements under SOPs for opening shops are:**
  - 1. Hand washing facilities or hand sanitizer outside shop**
  - 2. Face masks/cloth to be put on while shopping and in shop**
  - 3. Social distancing inside the shops (queue outside shop)**
  - 4. Payment queue with distinct markings indicating required distance**
  - 5. Daily sanitizing of shops**
- Addition measures required as per the SOP and not limited to are:
  - a) Price board for essential items
  - b) Marked price for all other goods
  - c) Pre-packaging of essential goods to reduce contact
  - d) Druk Trace, if functioning
  - e) Internet banking facility
  - f) Provide refreshment for helpers on duty
  - g) Daily replenishment of stock
- All shops along the Highway except those within the identified zones (Bajo town, Bajo extended town, Bajo Lower town, Bajo Drupchu area, Gangthangkha area, Dangchu River area, Samthang, Wangdue bridge, Petakarp and Bjimithangkha will be allowed to remain open upon fulfilling the above required protocols.
- PHPA-I&II shall take the responsibility to prepare similar management plan following the zoning protocol for opening and management of shops within the project area.
- Dangchu Gewog Administration shall take the responsibility in preparing similar management plan following the zoning protocol for opening and management of shops within Nobding Yenlag Throm.
- Patrolling team shall strictly monitor
- Schools and institutes shall remain closed until further notice.

- Gewog administrations or any other agencies shall contact Dy. Incident Commander at 17122402 for clarification and guidance on the matter.

## **2. Quota and supply of LPG quota for religious institutions**

### **Decision**

- In addition to the LPG quota allotted to the gewogs and other prominent areas, the religious institutions shall be provided with LPG replacement and will be catered by the team responsible for catering food and essential services for these institutions

## **3. Construction within Samthang TTI and operation of NRDCL activities**

- With overall stop order on all construction activities in place, considering opening of any construction activities will not be allowed until specific directives are received.

## **4. Review on travel permits issued to private vehicles engaged in Covid-19 duty with increased incidences received on misusing such permits for unintended purposes**

- With several incidences reported on misusing of private vehicles issued with travel permit cards, all the permit cards issued till now to the private vehicles shall remain cancelled with effect from August 22, 2020.
- Security personnel and Desuups on duty shall inform all the drivers of private vehicles with travel permit stickers to report to the Incident Command Center for validation and issuance of new stickers upon review and decision by the taskforce on genuineness of the travel permit stickers for private vehicles engaged on Covid-19 duty.