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DRUK GYALPO'S RELIEF KIDU



ANNOUNCEMENT ON PHASE II ELIGIBILITY
20 July 2020

The Druk Gyalpo's Relief Kidu for individuals whose livelihoods have been adversely affected by the COVID 19 pandemic shall be continued for another three months from July to September 2020 based on the following criteria:

1. Employees who have been laid off, or placed on unpaid leave or reduced salary from businesses in tourism and tourism-dependent sectors, and businesses mandated to remain closed by Government directives and activities affected to a greater degree by physical distancing measures and have no other means of sustaining their livelihoods;
2. Individuals engaged in self-operated businesses in tourism and tourism-dependent sectors and have no other means of sustaining their livelihoods.
3. Bhutanese who were working abroad and have returned home permanently because of COVID-19 and have no other means of sustaining their livelihoods.

Kidu recipients in the above three categories will be required to actively seek jobs in the various employment programs launched by the government or other private sector job opportunities that arise.

All applicants requiring Kidu support for the months July - September 2020 will be required to submit an application. Those individuals who applied/received Kidu in the first phase (April-June 2020) will also be required to reapply. Desk and field verifications will be conducted to assess eligibility. Applicants may also be required to physically present themselves during the verification process.

Kidu beneficiaries in Phase I covered applicants from the tourism sector as well as from many other sectors that were adversely affected because of the necessary measures to prevent community transmission of the coronavirus. While many people and businesses continue to face economic difficulties, the recent relaxations and extension in business timing are expected to help businesses re-cooperate their earnings. Therefore, certain sectors are now being phased out of the Kidu. An indicative list of these sectors are provided as follows:

1. Private technical and vocational institutes, including driving and tailoring institutes;
2. All businesses now allowed to operate until 9pm;
3. Informal businesses and street vendors;
4. Sports centres - stadiums, gyms, yoga, dance studios, rubber tracks and facilities for traditional games;
5. Taxis and other public transport drivers and employees.
