Announcement on Phase III Eligibility Criteria
5 October 2020
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The Druk Gyalpo's Relief Kidu will be continued for another three months, from October to December 2020, for people whose livelihoods continue to be affected by the COVID-19 pandemic 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 that have no earnings;
2. Employees of businesses that are mandated to remain closed;
3. Individuals engaged in self-operated businesses in tourism and tourism-dependent sectors that have no earnings;
4. Bhutanese who were working abroad and have returned home because of loss of employment caused by COVID-19.

Applicants from all the above sectors must have no other means of sustaining their livelihoods and must actively look for jobs and other engagement programs of the government and the private sector. Desk and field verifications will be conducted to assess eligibility.

The Kidu amount will be Nu. 10,000 for the full amount and Nu. 7,000 for the partial amount. TCB certified hotels and established tour agencies must continue to provide employee information through the Relief Kidu Employee Management System.

Individuals requiring Kidu support must submit an application. Applicants from the last six months (April – September 2020) must **re-apply** and provide additional information. Applications are also open to new applicants.

Please visit www.royalkidu.bt or contact the Dzongkhag administration/Dasho Drangpoens to re-apply/apply for the Kidu. For information or assistance, please call the toll free number 1184 if you are living or working in Phuentsholing/Chukha. For all other places, please call 1185, 1186, 1187 and 1188.

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