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DRUK GYALPO'S RELIEF KIDU



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I. Continuation of the Druk Gyalpo's Relief Kidu

The Druk Gyalpo's Relief Kidu will be continued from January to March 2021 and will grant Nu. 10,000 and Nu. 7,000 for the full and partial amounts, respectively.

Individuals who applied between October and December 2020 DO NOT have to re-apply. Applications are open to new applicants. Applications can be lodged at www.royalkidu.bt or by calling the following toll free numbers: 1184 for Phuntsholing/Chhukha and 1186, 1187 or 1188 for all other Dzongkhags. Applicants can also contact the Dzongkhag administration / Dasho Drangpons as well as the following numbers for queries and assistance: 77359783, 77359784, 77359795, 17342162, 17467860, 17517356

II. Summary of Updates

- i) **43,855 applications** were received between 14th April and 30th November 2020, of which **34,384 (78%) received Kidu** at least once while 9,471 were not eligible.

Further, out of the total 34,384 recipients, 22% or 7,731 have received Kidu since April 2020, i.e. they have received Kidu for eight months.

- ii) 54% of the Kidu recipients were male and 46% female.

- iii) The majority of the Kidu recipients:
a. Are in the 20-29 year age group (51% of total recipients);
b. Have a middle/higher secondary education level (46%); and,
c. Are from the tourism sector (34%).

- iv) **Over 25,000 children were also covered under the Child Support Kidu** of Nu.800 per child per month between April and November 2020.

- v) **Nu. 1.4 billion has been granted through the National Resilience Fund**, for 34,384 beneficiaries.



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III. Information on Applications

43,855 applications were received between 14th April and 30th November 2020 as follows:

- a. 33,829 applications were received in Phase I (April - June 2020).
- b. 30,300 applications were received in Phase II (July - September 2020) of which, 22,532 were re-applicants from Phase I and 7,768 were new applicants.
- c. 23,253 applications have been received in Phase III (as of 30 November 2020) of which, 20,995 were re-applicants and 2,258 were new applicants. *An additional 403 applications have been received between 1st and 23rd December.*
- d. Applicants were required to reapply in each Phase. The number of re-applicants have been decreasing as follows:
 - 22,532 applicants i.e. 67% of Phase I applicants reapplied in Phase II, while only 17,831 or 53% of Phase I applicants have re-applied in Phase III as well;
 - 3,164 applicants i.e. 41% of applicants who applied for the first time in Phase II also re-applied in Phase III.
 - The decrease in applications may be reflective of some of the sectors (such as taxi drivers and restaurants) that were excluded from the eligibility criteria in the subsequent phases. However, 1,394 Kidu recipients have also withdrawn their applications between April and October 2020, of which 1,060 have withdrawn and not re-applied.
 - *While daily applications had dropped to less than 100 from 24th October, applications, which had averaged around 10 applicants per day in December, has been increasing from 20th December following the announcement of the lockdown. 119 applications were received on 23rd December 2020.*



IV. Kidu Recipients

A. By Phase

- a. 74% of the Phase I applicants i.e. 25,126 received Kidu in Phase I. Nu. 679.6 million was granted (including Nu.27.1 million child support Kidu of Nu. 800 per child for 13,314 children).
- b. 93% of the Phase II applicants i.e. 28,259 received Kidu. The number of recipients increased in Phase II because of the lockdown support that was provided to applicants during the national lockdown from 11th to 30th August. Nu.501.4 million was granted in Phase II (including Nu. 14.1 million child support Kidu for 6,297 children).
- c. For Phase III, assessments have been completed for applications received between until 22nd December 2020.

Out of 23,253 applications received between October and November 2020, 65% i.e. 15,064 applicants have received Kidu. Nu. 273.8 million has been granted so far (including Nu. 8.8 million child support Kidu for 5,566 children).

B. Overall (April – November 2020)

- d. Out of 43,855 applications received between April and November, 78% or 34,384 applicants received Kidu at least once while 9,471 were not eligible and never received Kidu.

Table 1: By Kidu Status	Number	Percent
Not Received	9,471	21.6
Received	34,384	78.4
Total	43,855	100



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- e. The breakdown of the Kidu recipients by the number of times that they received Kidu is provided in Table 2 below:

Table 2: Recipients by No. of Months Supported			
	Male	Female	Total
One	3,600	2,914	6,514
Two	1,792	1,507	3,299
Three	3,106	2,316	5,422
Four	2,776	1,819	4,595
Five	1,020	1,185	2,205
Six	735	798	1,533
Seven	1,484	1,601	3,085
Eight	3,997	3,734	7,731
Total	18,510	15,874	34,384

C. By Demographics

- f. The majority of the Kidu recipients (51%) were in the 20-29 year age group, followed by 29% in the 30-39 year age group.
- g. In terms of education background, 46% of the Kidu recipients had a middle or higher secondary education level.
- h. 34% of the recipients were from the tourism sector followed by 12% from the transport sector.
- i. 3,086 returnees received Kidu.
- j. In terms of current residence, 39% of the Kidu recipients are in Thimphu, followed by 15% in Paro and 10% in Chhukha.
- k. 50% of the Kidu recipients were married, followed by 32% who were never married. 11% were divorcees.
