



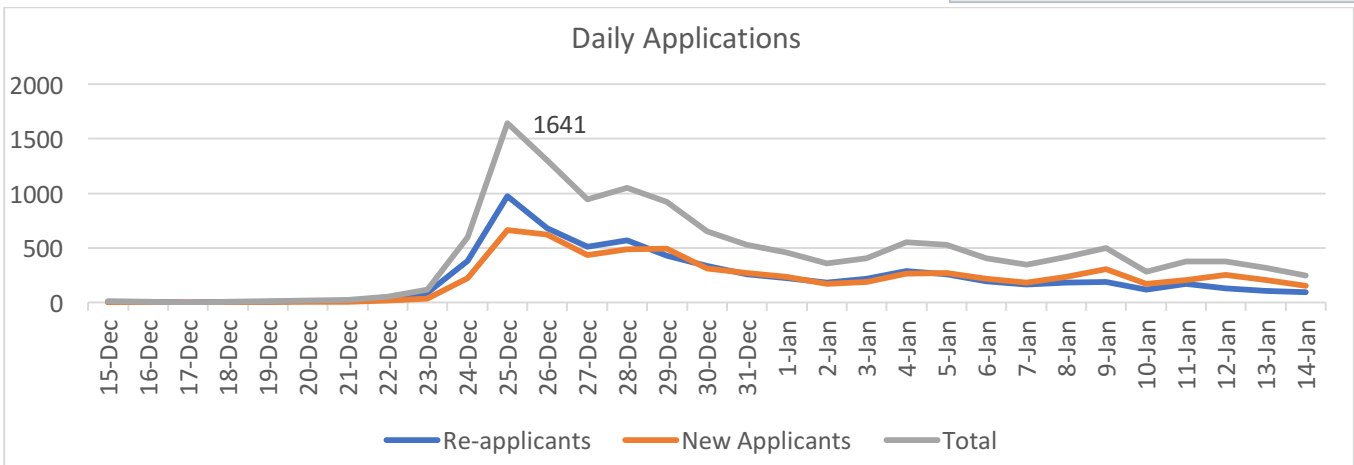
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DRUK GYALPO'S RELIEF KIDU



**Press Release**  
**15 January 2021**

The Druk Gyalpo's Relief Kidu received **13,409 applications** from the start of the lockdown until date i.e. from 20<sup>th</sup> December 2020 until 14<sup>th</sup> January 2021. Applications had drastically reduced from November, averaging 10 per day in early December. There was a surge immediately after the continuation of the Kidu was announced on 24<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

Total Applications (Phase III):	
October	: 22,191
November	: 1,065
December	: 8,044
1-19 Dec	: 197
20-30 Dec	: 7,847
1-14 January	: 5,562



Nu. 302 million has been granted since the lockdown to 96% of the applicants – this includes regular Kidu beneficiaries as well as lockdown support Kidu beneficiaries. The month-wise breakdown is provided below:

Application Month	Number of Applications	Number of Beneficiaries
October 2020	22,191	21,504
November 2020	1,065	1,016
December 2020	8,044	7,708
January 2021 (1-14)	5,562	Under process; Kidu being expedited for distressed individuals

Ration support Kidu has been provided so far to over 1,000 households since the start of the lockdown, with the majority in Thimphu.

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