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Applications for the Druk Gyalpo's Relief Kidu (DGRK) opened in April 2021 following the address from the Prime Minister on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2021 conveying the Command of His Majesty The King on the continuation of the Relief Kidu for an additional period of 15 months from April 2021 for people who continue to face difficulties because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Applications are open on a three-monthly cycle to provide flexibility when applying for the Kidu. Economic opportunities and impact vary among different sectors and over time. Since it is difficult to foresee and plan for the next 15 months, a shorter 3-monthly cycle provides a flexible and reasonable timeline in which applicants can assess the situation and accordingly make decisions.

Applications for the ***DGRK – Monthly Income Support*** for individuals whose livelihoods continue to remain affected because of the pandemic opened on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2021. Beneficiaries from the last one year must re-apply if they still require Kidu support. Eligible applicants will receive Kidu from the month in which they apply. **Between 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> April 2021, 19,341 applications have been received, of which, 17,428 are re-applicants and 1,913 are new applicants.**

Loan borrowers who are eligible for the ***DGRK – Interest Payment Support*** and who continue to require the Kidu support must apply. Applications for the 3-month period of April to June 2021 will be open until 10<sup>th</sup> July 2021. Applications opened on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

7,374 borrowers have registered for the DGRK – Interest Payment Support so far. Once a borrower has registered, the borrower must separately apply for the Kidu using the registration credentials. **So far, 2,965 loan accounts have been submitted, out of which 2,938 loan accounts require Kidu and 27 do not require Kidu.**

For more information, please visit the DGRK website at [www.royalkidu.bt](http://www.royalkidu.bt)