

Standard Operating Procedures for Funeral Rites during Lockdown Dagana Dzongkhag

Objective

Ensure conduct of funeral rites in consonance with Health Protocols in the Dzongkhag during the Lockdown period

Scope

The SOP shall apply to the conduct of funeral rites at the Crematorium and Lhakhang.

1. Movement by People

- a. Up to 12 Monks, including the Lam and the required Pundits shall perform the funeral rites.
- b. Up to 20 people, including family members and relatives of the deceased shall attend the funeral rites.
- c. Approval for movement of monks and family member/relatives from different zones for the funeral rituals shall be sought of the Incident Commander/Gewog Incident Commander/Head of SCZ and RBP concerned.
- d. Health protocol shall be strictly observed.

2. Movement of Vehicle

- a. Movement of vehicle for funeral rites shall be allowed with prior approval of the Incident Commander/Gewog Incident Commander/Head of SCZ and RBP concerned.
- b. Minimum required number of vehicles shall be approved in view of Lockdown situation.

3. Responsibility of Bhutan Red Cross Society

The Gewog Incident Commander/Head of SCZ shall inform the BRCS Coordinator on the requirement of BRCS volunteers (maximum 5 Members) from the respective Gewog at the Crematorium. The movement of the BRCS Volunteers shall be allowed with prior approval of RBP upon verification from the BRCS Coordinator and Gewog Incident Commander.

The Bhutan Red Cross Society shall strictly monitor and supervise the compliance of the following at the Crematorium:

- a. Ensure use of Druk Trace App/visitor Log book at the entrance
- b. Ensure health screening of people at the crematorium gate
- c. Ensure mandatory use of face mask/cloth covering nose and mouth by all the people
- d. Maintain physical distancing (minimum of 1 metre)
- e. Ensure availability of hand washing stations at the Crematorium
- f. Ensure washing of hands by the people
- g. Maintain cleanliness and waste management in and around the Crematorium