



STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES (SOP)

FOR

CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY

Standard Operating Procedures for Construction Activity

1. Objectives:

- 1.1. To guide the implementation of construction activities in the Dzongkhag during the COVID-19 Lockdown period.
- 1.2. To prevent and contain transmission of COVID-19 at the construction sites.

2. Scope: The SOP shall apply to initiation and resumption of construction activities in the Dzongkhag during the COVID-19 Lockdown period.

3. Pre-requisites for Construction Approval

- 3.1. All required HR and materials for the construction shall be available at the site or easily sourced from the respective zone.
- 3.2. Work spaces and accommodation shall be adequately spaced to ensure physical distancing (minimum of 1meter) for people at the site.

Only upon fulfilment of the above two pre-requisites, the Contractor shall apply in writing to the Dzongkhag Task Force for approval of the construction activity.

4. Implementation Modality

- 4.1. Contractor shall ensure that all the required HR are screened for COVID-19 symptoms before entering the construction site. The Site Supervisor shall immediately report to the nearest Health Centre in case of any signs and symptoms of COVID -19 shown by the HR at the site.
- 4.2. Transportation of resources shall follow the SOPs for Unlocking of the respective Zone where the construction site is situated.
- 4.3. The HR at site shall strictly follow the Health Protocols for COVID-19:
 - a) Wearing masks/cloth over nose and mouth.
 - b) Wearing helmet, gloves, goggles and safety shoes.
 - c) Maintaining physical distancing as far as possible.
 - d) Washing hands frequently.

4.4 Visitor/Site Management

- 4.4.1 Proper boundary (green net, sheets, etc.) around the work site shall be maintained and Druk Trace QR Code/Log Book shall be available at the entry point.
- 4.4.2 No visitors, except those related to the construction activity, shall be allowed at the construction site.

4.5 Resources Management at Site;

- 4.5.1 Hand washing station at the point of entry and adequate number of stations shall be made available within the construction site.
- 4.5.2 Up to 15 people (Manager, Engineer, Driver, workers etc.) at one time shall be engaged at the site to reduce congestion and contact.
- 4.5.3 Sharing of tools and equipment shall be discouraged to avoid transmission of virus at all times.
- 4.5.4 Engagement of HR above 60 years and below 18 years of age shall not be allowed at the construction site.
- 4.5.5 Contractor shall ensure availability of essential services required at the site: Water Supply, Electricity, Internet Connectivity, First Aid Kits, Waste Disposal and Management.

- 5. Contractors shall monitor the compliance to Health Protocols, SOPs and other mandated actions by all HR at the site. He/She shall be fully responsible and accountable for safety and security at the site.
- 6. Contractor shall seek the support of the nearest Health Centre/staff to raise awareness and advice on Health Protocols for the people at the site from time to time.
- 7. Non-adherence to the SOP for Construction Activity shall lead to suspension of construction work at the site.