

# **Standard Operating Procedures**

**for**

**Providing Critical Livestock Services during the locking  
for unlocking**

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## 1 Background

This SOP will serve for critical livestock services during the lockdown and some of the measures need to be adapted to the local context.

## 2 Purpose:

To provide critical livestock services during the lockdown for COVID-containment in geog and Dzongkhag

## 3 Scope:

This SOP shall be implemented geogs/Dzongkhagy during the COVID-19 lockdown situation.

## 4 Objective

- To provide critical livestock services
- To safeguard health and welfare of animals
- To prevent transmission of COVID-19 in the community

## 5 Implementing Agency

### a Implementing Agencies

- i. Dongkhag Veterinary Hospital
- ii. Livestock Extension Centres

### b Support Agencies:

- i. Dzongkhag CTF
- ii. NCAH,
- iii. RLDC,
- iv. BAFRA
- v. Farmers/ Pet Owners

- vi. Road Safety and Transport Authority
- vii. Royal Bhutan Police
- viii. De-Suung

## **6 Essential Livestock services**

### **a. Essential livestock services during complete lockdown**

The following livestock services will be considered as critical and livestock centres should provide the services as and when sought by the clients and farmers.

- Veterinary Clinical services
  - o Dystocia
  - o Milk fever
  - o Accidents/ Trauma/ Fracture
  - o Bloat/ Tympany
  - o Poisoning
  - o Acute illness
- Response to Notifiable disease outbreaks
- Response to emerging and exotic infectious disease outbreaks
- Vaccination against important livestock diseases in the commercial farms
- Artificial insemination

The Dzongkhag Veterinary Hospital and Geog Livestock Centres, will provide all the critical veterinary services listed above.

## **7 The mode of implementation**

- Emergency Veterinary services will be provided on call basis by respective geog staffs as above. If required technical advice may be sought from Veterinary Officer.
- The Dzongkhag Livestock Officer or the Veterinary Officer shall get prior approval from the Dzongkhag COVID-19 Task Force to deliver these services to the public.
- The Veterinary Officer shall supervise the delivery of the critical veterinary services listed above.
- In the event of any suspected outbreak of nationally notifiable livestock diseases, the Veterinary Officer shall report to the Department of Livestock through the National Centre

for Animal Health to obtain further directives to conduct outbreak investigations and containment activities.

- The Dzongkhag Livestock Officer or the Veterinary Officer shall ensure the supply of veterinary therapeutics, vaccines, and other consumables within the Dzongkhag (*i.e.*, in respective gewog). The movement of any person or vehicle for the purpose mentioned above will be sought from Dzongkhag COVID-19 Task Force.
- The Veterinary Officer shall ensure that members of the veterinary team providing the above services use proper personal protective equipment (PPE), especially during farm visits.

## **8 Support required**

- When there is no designated government vehicle for traveling, the team may require approval for using any private vehicle belonging to any member of the team.
- Support for movement permit for staffs and vehicles needed from Dzongkhag Task Force.