

Standard Operating Procedures
for
Ensuring Availability Animal Feeds during the COVID-19
Lockdown

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SOP for ensuring availability of animal feeds during the locking for unlocking

1. Purpose:

To make efficient sourcing, loading, transportation and distribution of livestock feeds throughout the Geogs/Dzongkhag

2. Scope:

This SOP shall be implemented throughout the Geogs/Dzongkhag during the COVID-19 lockdown situation.

3. Objective

- To ensure availability of feeds to livestock during the lockdown thereby contributing towards enhancing livestock production during the crisis

4. Implementing Agencies:

4.1 Key Implementing Agencies

- i. Dzongkhag Livestock Sector
- ii. Geog Livestock Sector
- iii. Feed Agents
- iv. Livestock Farms

4.2 Support Agencies:

- i. Dzongkhag Administration/CTF
- ii. Department of Livestock
- iii. Bhutan Agriculture and Food Regulatory Authority
- iv. Farmers
- v. Road Safety and Transport Authority
- vi. Royal Bhutan Police
- vii. De-Suong
- viii. Feed millers

5. Feed Commodities

- i. Cattle Feeds
- ii. Pig feeds
- iii. Poultry feeds

6. Procedures for forecasting, sourcing, transportation and utilization of animal feeds

6.1 General

- i) The animal feeds to be supplied to the poultry, piggery and dairy farms in the Dzongkhag/Geogs during lockdown situation shall primarily be sourced from Feed Agent

6.2 Role of Geog Livestock Sector

- i) Geog Livestock Extension Officer will compile the demand of Livestock feed from the farmers Chewog wise.
- ii) The Geog Livestock Sector (GLS) will prepare actual requirement of the feeds in the respective Geogs.
- iii) Preference will be given to poultry feeds as poultry feed is crucial for survival.
- iv) Feed requirement will be submitted to Dzongkhag Livestock Sector
- v) Geog Livestock Officer will source the feeds within geog if agents are within the geog and also outside geog but within own Dzongkhag.
- vi) Geog Administration should facilitate movement permit for Geog Livestock Officer and Transportation of Feeds within the geog.

6.3 Role of Dzongkhag Livestock Sector

- i) Compile the feed requisition by geog wise and types of feed wise.
- ii) Workout actual quantity required and feed type required by the geogs.
- iii) Laisse with Feed agents and workout the feed available in stock and requirement.
- iv) Dzongkhag need to Facilitate to issue permit to open the agents shops
- v) Dzongkhag/Dzongkhag TF need to facilitate movement permit of transportation and focal person of Feed distribution from the sector (identify during need).
- vi) Once the feed availability is confirmed, Dzongkhag Livestock sector will seek helpers for loading and unloading from Dzongkhag Administration.
- vii) Dzongkhag will reach the feed till Geog Administration and further Geog administration will distribute to the farmers as per requisition and availability of feed in stock.
- viii) Otherwise if there are commercial farms which need more quantity of feed can be facilitate by Dzongkhag to delivery directly to the farms in consultation with the Geog Administration which will ease reloading and unloading of feed.
- ix) Payment of feed cost has to be recovered directly from the client on cash on delivery or as per the convenient of the agents.

7. Health Advisory during loading, unloading and transportation of animal feeds

During Transportation, Loading and unloading of feeds, will follow strictly **Health protocol of COVID-19**