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Dagana Tshechu, Trongsa Tshechu, and Lhuntshe Tshechu

A total of 12 De-suups (7 females and 5 males) were deployed for the five-day-long Dagana Tshechu, which started on January 2, 2023. Three more De-suups were deployed due to the overwhelming increase in crowds that came to attend the festival.



Similarly, 12 De-suups (7 females and 5 males) were also deployed for the Trongsa Tshechu, which started on December 30, 2022, and ended on January 3, 2023.



Lhuntshe Tshechu started on December 31, 2022, and ended on January 4, 2023. A total of 35 De-suups (20 females and 15 males) were deployed for the festival.



DID YOU KNOW?

Closing of DSP in Driving Training

The De-suung Skilling Programme (DSP) on Driving Training concluded on January 5, 2023 in Haa. The training comprised of 19 De-suups trainees. The occasion was graced by the Dasho Dzongdag of Haa along with other guests from Road Safety and Transport Authority (RSTA), Royal Bhutan Police, and Haa De-suung Clubhouse.



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ABOUT THE GUARDIANS

On February 14, 2011, the De-suung Integrated Training Programme began in Tencholing, Wangdue Phodrang. De-suung, which means "Guardians of Peace," is a Royal Initiative of His Majesty The King.

His Majesty The King Commanded the establishment of De-suung in response to an overwhelming supplication from the youth for an opportunity to offer their voluntary service to the nation. Thus, De-suung was created as an avenue enabling those who wanted to volunteer their time and energy in service of the nation and people.

The Training Programme's foundation is based on the spirit of volunteerism and the positive influence of community service, integrity, and civic duty ethics and values.

De-suungs actively volunteer during disasters, participate in social service activities, and offer service to others throughout their lives. In other words, as lifelong members of the De-suung Organization, trainees progressively improve their ability to bear their daily duties and responsibilities.

• Batches Trained

53

• Female Trained

12,844

• Male Trained

19,835

• Total Trained

32,679

DOG SHELTER CONSTRUCTED IN NAKULA, THIMPHU



On January 4, 2022, an incredible three-week effort to build a dog shelter at Nakula in Thimphu came to a close. Zimpoen Wom Dashi Sonam Thinley attended the event and thanked everyone who helped with the project. The gathering was also attended by local leaders and authorities representing program stakeholders. Zimpoen Wom honored De-suungs with NADPM and RCP NS pins in recognition of their outstanding contributions.

- The tokha soelra, which began with the offering of Gyalpoi Zhabten for His Majesty The King's well-being, added a particular touch to the occasion. The dog shelters are intended to provide relief to residents who are concerned about dog attacks as well as a safe refuge for the dogs to live without fear.
- Since December 8, 2022, a total of 30 De-suungs have been hired to clear the land and build the dog shelter.

PARO DZONGKHAG NANGCHOE LAYRIM



A total of 13 De-suungs were involved in Nangchoe duty for children in Drugyel, Lango, Doteng, Shari, and Woochu, which began on December 27, 2022, and would end on January 21, 2023. De-suungs are present to assist the children taking part in the Nang Choe Layrim.

NADPM IN TRASHIYANGTSE



✓ On December 31, 2022, Trashi Yangtse Dzongkhag achieved 100% sterilization of free-roaming, unowned dogs within their jurisdictions in fulfillment of the conditions and field validation process completed on December 25, 2022.

• A total of 1141 free-roaming, unowned dogs were sterilized during the entire campaign.

• **Total free-roaming dogs sterilized: 1141**

Pet dogs sterilized: 20

Total dogs sterilized: 1161

Total Desuup deployed: 148

Male: 97

Female: 51

The Nationwide Dog Population Management and Rabies Control Program (NADPM and RCP) conveys our tashi delek to the entire team.

PUNAKHA MOENLAM CHEMO



- ✓ Gyalse Trulku Jigme Tenzin Wangpo is presiding over a five-day annual Gyelwa Jamgoen Moenlam Chhenmo at Chorten Nyingpo Goenzin Dratshang in Punakha. The ceremony, which started on January 4, 2023, will end on January 14, 2023.

A total of 51 De-suups (26 females and 25 males) are deployed at the Dratshang to serve, control the crowd, and provide security.



NYAMRO CHRONICLES



*"VOLUNTEERS DO NOT ALWAYS HAVE
THE TIME; THEY SIMPLY HAVE THE HEART."*

I am De-suup Kelzang Sonam from Ngatshang, Mongar. I'm currently residing in Wangduephodrang. Despite the fact that I had recently returned from living abroad, I was able to train as a De-suup in the 42nd batch at the commando wing in Shaba, Paro.

As soon as the training was through, I headed for border duties. I got the opportunity to coordinate, serve as the fifth and sixth SBD Coordinators, and spend 128 days (4 months) at the southern border. I also applied for a position at the De-suung office in Wangduephodrang after returning from the south. I was appointed the Treasurer on September 5, 2021, after an interview with the CPO and a team from Headquarters, and I am still one as of this writing.

During my term in office, in addition to my roles during the outbreak and other times, I was assigned additional responsibilities. I have carried out my obligations with the utmost dedication and integrity for the benefit of the citizens of Wangduephodrang Dzongkhag.

Listed below are some of my previous roles.

1. The isolation team's organizer
2. Team leader of the quarantine team for the red building and the red cluster
3. Coordinator of the delivery team, essential
4. Wangduephodrang Dzongkhag's first De-suup Skilling Program (DSP) Coordinator
5. Nationally responsible for dog population management (NADPM national program)

If you have a heart, we can achieve what you strive for. Becoming a member of the De-suup and the Orange family has brought me a step closer to becoming a "SON OF THE NATION" than an average man.

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COORDINATION MEETING



- ✓ The coordination meeting of the locally deployed Gojays in Thimphu was held on January 5, 2023, at the De-suung Clubhouse in Thimphu.

The present state of duties and issues at the JDWNRH Hospital, Centenary Farmers Market (CFM), Kaja Throm, Royal Takin Preserve, Base, Welcome Gate, Flyover Bridge, Trans Bhutan Trail and other locations were addressed and updated.

The challenges faced by the fire trainees were also discussed.

The status is updated as follows:

1. JDWNRH

De-suups deployed: 40
Male: 10
Female: 30

2. CFM

226 De-suups were deployed in total for four months and 23 days. Currently, 125 De-suups are deployed.
Male : 62
Female: 63

3. Kaja Throm

De-suups deployed: 42
Male: 14
Female: 28

4. Hub

De-suups deployed: 20
Male: 12
Female: 8

5. Royal Takin Preserve

De-suups deployed: 32
Male: 21
Female: 11

6. Welcome gate

De-suups deployed: 2
Male: 0
Female: 2

7. Flyover Bridge

De-suups deployed: 12
Male: 6 (night shift)
Female: 6 (day shift)

8. Base

De-suups deployed: 3
Male: 2
Female: 1

9. Zhabtog

De-suups deployed: 5
Male: 1
Female: 4

10. Fire Trainees

16 Desuups (66th batch): Deployed at the fire station
Night duty: 6 De-suups
Morning duty: 5 De-suups
Afternoon duty: 5 De-suups