



# DE-SUUNG ZHABTOG

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## BMT



His Majesty The King granted an Audience to participants of the 56th Batch DeSuung Training Programme, ongoing at Pelrithang, in Gelephu on 8th March, 2023

The 56th DeSuung Training Programme is special, as it is a three-and-half-months long programme which pilots a part of the training designed for Gyalsung, when it begins in 2024. The training, held at RBA Wing IX in Pelrithang, close to one of the Gyalsung Academies, is also being held around the same time of year as it will feature at Gyalsung. The 500 participants selected for this batch, half men and half women, are youths between the ages 18-21.

The training programme, which includes Basic Military Training, National Education, and Life Skills Development, will be the part of the Gyalsung Training programme common to all five Gyalsung Academies.

His Majesty The King thanked the young women and men for volunteering for the special De-Suung training programme, and said that their participation and the lessons learnt from this programme will be of immense benefit to Gyalsung, and therefore generations of Bhutanese who will be part of Bhutan's National Service.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Japanese language course is starting on 10 April, 2023 in Punakha. This course is designed for beginners who have no prior knowledge of the language, as well as for intermediate learners who want to further enhance their skills.

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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

55

• Female Trained

14,625

• Male Trained

21,509

• Total Trained

36,134

## PARO FIRE REPORT



- ✔ A bungalow at Shari Gewog in Paro was engulfed by fire on 3rd March, 2023. 15 de-suup volunteers along with firefighters effortlessly fought the battle and prevented the fire from spreading to huts located nearby.

Similarly, a semi-permanent house was razed to the ground on 5th March 2023 at Juka village under Dop-Shari Gewog where 15 desuup volunteers helped in containing the fire.

There were no casualties in both the incidents but belongings couldn't be salvaged.

## Desuung Coordination Hub



- ✔ Mega zone South hub construction started on 23rd January, 2023. 15 desuups, 3 female and 12 male are deployed.

Deployment of desuups will be carried out megazone wise in future. Therefore we have 4 megazone and mega hubs to cater the service for our community with better coordination mechanism with desuups. The coordination hub will also serve as search and rescue center for the mega zone. In future any activities needs to be catered by desuups shall be reporting & briefing from the mega hub. The mega hub will also, create the opportunities for the desuups volunteers to walk in and work from the hub.

## Data collection



- ✓ 192 De-suups have been stationed in 8 Dzongkhags ( Dagana, Samtse, Samdrupjonkar, Pemagatsel, Mongar, Zhemgang, Chhukha and Trashigang) as enumerator from 1st week of March, 2023.

The Ministry of Infrastructure and Transportation Department, the Specialised Engineering and Inno Tech division (SEID) (Erstwhile engineering Adaptation and Risk Reduction Division) under the Department of Infrastructure Development (DOID) are in the process of developing a GIS-based building inventory for all 20 Dzongkhags. However, the data collection survey for 20 Dzongkhags have been

completed with the help of De-suups hired as enumerator in previous surveys, in continuation 192 De-suups have been trained on methodology and usage of data collection app from 2nd to 3rd March, 2023 before carrying out the survey.

The aforementioned task has begun on 6th March and will end on 6th April, 2023 for the remaining 8 Dzongkhags.



## NYAMRO CHRONICLES



As a member of the operation and deployment department, I have been fortunate to witness firsthand the dedication and passion of Desuups towards our king and country. Serving alongside these selfless individuals has been my greatest accomplishment as a Desuup.

Integrity is a core value that every Desuup upholds, and I have seen this in action through their unwavering commitment to their duties. Whether it is responding to emergencies or performing routine tasks, Desuups always prioritize their responsibility to serve the nation. Their tireless efforts despite extreme weather conditions have taught me the true meaning of diligence.

I remember vividly watching Desuups in action from the comfort of my office chair. It was during these moments that I realized the importance of their work in ensuring the well-being of our nation. His Majesty once said, "if our people stay diligent and committed, united in purpose and spirit, all will be well," and the dedication of Desuups embodies this spirit.

As I embark on another journey in my life, I carry with me the lessons I have learned as a Desuup. I vow to continue loving our country intelligently and always hold dear to my heart the spirit of Desuups. It has been an honor and privilege to serve alongside such an amazing group of individuals, and I will always cherish this experience as my greatest accomplishment as a Desuup.

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## COMPLETED PROJECTS

sl#	Project site	Scheme	launch Date	Date of completion	Benefecaries Households	Trenching Distance	Distribution Distance	De-suups engaged		
								Male	Female	Total
1	Kamji, Chukha	Drinking water	2nd Feb 2021	24th April 2021	11HH, 89 people	9.05km	2Km	35	13	48
2	Kalapang, Mongar	Drinking+Irrigation	17th Dec 2020	10th May 2021	1 BHU, 22HH, 135 people, 42 Acres	4.5km	10km	45	20	65
3	Dhangdung Tongsa	Drinking water	2nd Jan 2021	28th April 2021	57HH, 285 people	6.1kms	3.3Km	30	13	43
4	Kana Dagana	Drinking water	13th Mar 2021	28th May 2021	86HH, 895 people	9.85km	3.86km	54	25	79
5	Naja, Paro	Drinking water	21st Feb 2021	21st June 2021	87HH, 728 people	4.341 Km	16.72km	28	19	47
	Bemphu, Naja Paro (continuation of Naja Project)	Drinking water	6th Oct 2021	15th december 2021	14HH, 115 people	1.4km	3.86km	20	10	30
6	Samtengang Wangdi	Drinking water	18th Mar 2021	10th June 2021	2 schools, 970 people	7.09km	400mtr	20	11	31
7	Telung Pemagsthel	Drinking water	18th Mar 2021	2nd July 2021	85HH, 340 people	7.77km	20.55km	50	25	75
8	Gomdhar, S/jongkhar	Drinking water	26th April 2021	23rd July 2021	36HH, 240 people	4.2 km	8.12km	30	22	52
9	Khar P/gatshel	Drinking water	26th April 2021	25th July 2021	66HH, 219 people	6.6km	4.1km	38	25	63
10	Tshaphel, Haa	Drinking water	15th June 2021	8th September 2021	17HH, 1 school, 510 people	2.61km	4.08km	35	25	60
11	S/jongkhar Throm, LAP 4	Drinking water	7th June 2021	8th September 2021	61 HH, 1 school, 1500 People	1.2 Km		37	21	58
12	Guma Punakha	Drinking water	11th Nov 2020	25th September 21	225HH, 1945 people	13Km	25.1km	35	13	48
13	Ramina, Gasa	Drinking water	27th June 21	30th September 21	192 HH (960 people)	1.86km		13	17	30
14	Tareythang, Sarpang	Irrigation	28th Mar. 2021	29th September 21	8 HH/ 7.71 acres	1.7km		20	10	30
15	Gomphu, Zemgang	Drinking water	2nd June 2021	6th October 21	63HH, 347 people	2.6km	8.34km	25	16	41
16	Tangsibi Bumthang	Drinking water + Dry water irrigation	25th July 21	6th November 2021	52HH, 360 people	6.34km	4.35km	33	14	47
17	Shyenyer, Bumthang	Drinking water	27th July 21	3rd November 2021	43HH, 330 people	6.6 km	9.1km	29	18	47
18	Kheni, Trashiyangtse	Drinking water	28th July 21	11th November 2021	140HH, 865 poeple	9km	5km	45	19	64
19	Semjong Tsirang	Drinking+Irrigation	25th Nov 2020	26th November 21	72HH/ 210acres (571 people)	1.19km	14.22	35	18	53
20	Domakhey Punakha	Drinking water	23rd July 21	6th March 22	142HH,	9km	5km	41	20	61
21	Lingtey, Sang-Ngagcholing, Samtse WF project	Irrigation	4th September, 2021	24th March 22	54 HH, 113 acres	2.2 Km		41	30	71
22	Tsirang Patsheling	Drinking water	22nd Nov 21	4th April 2022	47HH, 263 people	8.32km	11km	36	19	55
23	Tshaidhang, Zemgang	Drinking water	11th November 2021	22-Apr-22	68 HH, 1 school, 1 BHU, 450 poeple	4.1km	4km	28	22	50
24	Gyelpozhing, Mongar	Drinking water	2nd June 2021	24-Apr-22	532 HH, 3200 people	9.17km	4.46km	60	30	90
25	Khammed, Jigmecholing Sarpang	Drinking water	25th Dec 2021	20th May 2022	143HH, 743 people	7.887km	9.43km	28	19	47
26	Lhamozinokha, Daana	Drinking water	9th May 2021	27th May 2022	500 HH, 3000 people	7.7Km		74	31	105



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1	Zham, Minje, Lhuntse WF project	Irrigation	28th August 2021	End of November 22	380 acres for 42HH	5.5 Km		32	13	45
2	Gelephu Thromde, Sarpang	Drinking Water	22-Apr-22	18 months	4276 HH	13.28 Km	9.2 Km	129	85	214
3	Depsi, Thimphu	Drinking	25th June 22	25th Feb 2023	334 plots, 9150 population	6.8 km	11.5 km	98	45	143
4	Sebjana Irrigation, Khamed Gasa	Irrigation	13th Sep 22	February 2023	58 HH (120 Acre)	3.02 km	0	30	23	53
5	Omshari, Pemathan g SJ	Irrigation	11th Nov 2022	Jun-23	446 HH, 922 Acres	7.036 km	15 km	76	35	111
6	Martshall a, Samdrupc holing, SJ	Drinking	8th Feb 2023	Jun-23	75 HH, 350 people	8.77 km	7.23 km	49	20	69
<b>Total</b>								<b>414</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>635</b>