



DE-SUUNG ZHABTOG

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DID YOU KNOW?

The 58th batch of the Accelerated De-suung Training Program will commence from June 21st to July 11th, 2023.

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On the special occasion of Her Majesty The Gyaltseen's 33rd Birth Anniversary on June 4th, 2023, Desuup volunteers, together with Zhung Dratshang and Thimphu Dzongkhag, came together to offer our prayers, love, admiration, and gratitude to our beloved Her Majesty. We also lit butter lamps and recited Her Majesty's Zhabten, wishing for her wellbeing and happiness.

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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

57

56 Still Ongoing

• Female Trained

15,171

• Male Trained

22,126

• Total Trained

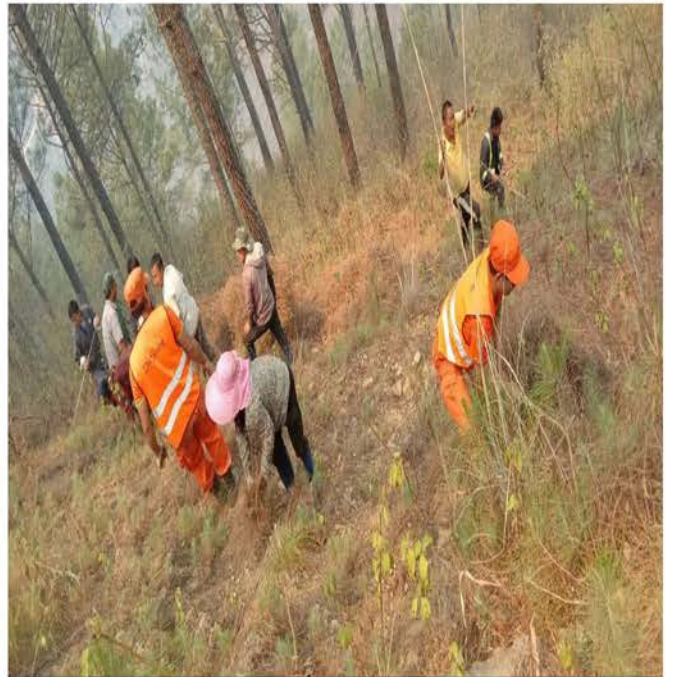
37,297

NADPM



- ✓ On June 8th, at the De-suung Head Office, De-suung Chief Planning Officer Tandy Dorji, NADPM Core Group Members, and the clinic coordinators of the National Veterinary and Dzongkhag Veterinary Hospitals expressed their gratitude to the De-suung volunteers who conducted an independent survey and successfully achieved 100% sterilization of free-roaming dogs in Thimphu

Forest Fire At Khengridang



The forest fire at Khengridang, opposite Udzorong CS, started around 10 pm on June 5th, 2023. The fire burned approximately 270 acres of pine trees. It took four days to finally contain the fire, aided by rainfall. The steep slope and rugged landscape presented numerous challenges during the containment efforts. A total of 22 desuups from Udzorong, along with the police, forest officials, and the local community, worked together to control the forest fire. The firefighters successfully protected households, the community lhakhang, and the ORC. Thankfully, there were no casualties among the people. The cause of the fire has not yet been confirmed.



NYAMRO CHRONICLES



I had never understood the importance of Desuup until the COVID-19 pandemic struck our peaceful country, causing concern for both our beloved king and the people. Left with no other option, I decided to join the De-suung training in order to serve my king, country, and the people of Bhutan. Immediately after completing my De-suung training, my dedication to serving Tsa Wa Sum became unwavering, under the guidance of our Supreme Commander, His Majesty the King, wearing the orange uniform that symbolizes our commitment. As a Dessup, I am always prepared to face any challenges that may arise in any circumstances, proudly wearing the badge of our Supreme Commander on my heart. Once a Dessup, always a Dessup. Tiso la

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Plantation Survey



✔ De-suung Takshel, in collaboration with the Department of Tourism, carried out a tree-planting initiative along the Thimphu-Paro highway. On 9th June, team of 20 Desuup volunteers, comprising 10 females and 10 males, conducted a plantation survey along the highway. The survey findings are as follows: the total number of alive and dead trees was recorded, it was observed that some shabby-looking fencing along the highway needs to be removed and reconstructed, and it was recommended that watering at least once a week and waste management should be carried out.



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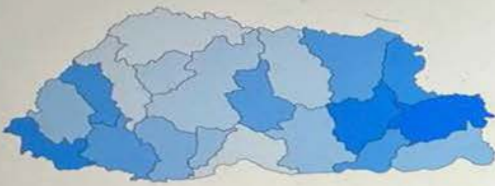
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MFTP

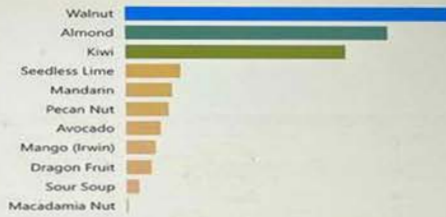
DNS : MFTP Phase II

1,003,562 National Target 259,233 Temperate Target 259,389 Temperate Planted 744,329 Sub-Tropical Target 62,097 Sub-Tropical Planted (Blank) Today's Progress 321,486 Total Progress 24,543 Total Beneficiaries

Distribution of Fruit Trees by Dzongkhag



Total Fruit Trees by Type



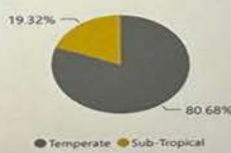
Beneficiary Type	Total Beneficiaries
Farmer	24,125
Government Agency	172
School	153
Dratshang	93
Total	24,543

Temperate Achieved: 100.1% Sub-Tropical Achieved: 8.3%

Total Trees Planted by Date



Fruit Trees by Category



Beneficiaries by Gender



The second phase of the nationwide De-suung National Service Million Fruit Tree Plantation Project has begun in 16 dzongkhags, and the program is currently ongoing. In this phase, greater emphasis is being placed on planting fruit trees more effectively to reduce mortality rates. The variety of fruit trees being planted includes walnut, almond, kiwi, seedless lime, mandarin, pecan nut, avocado, mango, dragon fruit, sour soup, and macadamia nut. The Million Fruit Plantation project aims to enhance the livelihood of rural communities. The first Million Fruit Tree Plantation project was launched in March of the previous year.

DSP De-suups To Entrepreneurs



From DSP De-suups to Entrepreneurs: Meet the Duo Behind Gyelrab Analytics!

De-suup Roshan Chhetri and De-suup Ugyen Phurpa are making remarkable strides in their entrepreneurial journey. Following their completion of the Desuung Skilling Programme (DSP) in Data Analytics, they decided to establish their own company, Gyelrab Analytics. Their efforts have recently been rewarded with a substantial prize of Nu. 300,000 in the Springboard Plus Programme, a prestigious initiative led by the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Employment, Royal Government of Bhutan, Loden Foundation, UNDP Bhutan, Youth Co: Lab, Citi, and Accelerating Asia.

The entire De-suung community celebrates their outstanding achievement and wishes Gyelrab Analytics continued success. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to De-suup Roshan Chhetri and De-suup Ugyen Phurpa for their remarkable accomplishment.