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Secretary
 Dzongkha Development Commission
 Thimphu

Dasho,

We would like to thank you and your staff for the whole hearted support to RCSC's initiative. However, as informed we are suspending the collection of contributions and returning Nu 68,962.00 (Ngultrum Sixty Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Two only) to your Agency by cheque (enclosed) to be refunded to the individual civil servants. We would like to request the Agency to kindly refund the amount to the individuals at the earliest.

The RCSC would like to urge our civil servants to continue to work hard to serve the country as best they can in these difficult times. Further in support of Ministry of Health's request, RCSC would like to seek your Agency's assistance to mobilise civil servants for the following:

- 1) Volunteers for blood donation: The global pandemic of COVID-19 has the potential to reduce the supply of blood and blood components and adversely affect blood transfusion services. The experience with outbreaks of coronaviruses suggests that there will be significant impact on blood supplies through reduced blood donation in the blood banks which ultimately will lead to the shortages of blood stock in the blood banks. As such, the Ministry of Health has requested RCSC to seek volunteers from the Civil Service to join the blood donation campaign.

As it will be an immeasurable contribution to the public health of our nation during this unexceptional time, we are hopeful that many civil servants will volunteer. Your contribution will ensure that blood is made available to those who need it the most and save lives. We request you to kindly share this information. Please request volunteers to register on RCSC website www.rcsc.gov.bt or <https://www.facebook.com/rcscbhutan/?ref=bookmarks> RCSC FB page.

- 2) Volunteers for Frontline COVID-19 responders: The Ministry of Health in preparation for an unforeseeable red stage COVID-19 situation would require around 300 civil servants (PMC) to volunteer as "Frontline COVID-19 Responders" who would provide backup support to the 3000 health professionals. This back-up plan is to train and keep the volunteers ready for deployment, should the situation demand. The volunteers would be trained in basic healthcare skills by KGUMS in four locations namely, Thimphu, Mongar, Phuentsholing and Gelephu. The services of the volunteers would be used for outreach services to senior citizens and as frontline staff for

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CRO/Chair(ASCT)
 Pl. coordinate &
 submit volunteers
 namelist for blood
 donation and frontline
 responders.

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managing 'asymptomatic COVID-19 isolation facilities' in the event Bhutan enters the red stage of COVID-19. Volunteers will be adequately trained in use of advanced level personal protective equipment (PPE) for their safety.

More details on registration and training are available on RCSC website www.rcsc.gov.bt and <https://www.facebook.com/rcscbhutan/?ref=bookmarks> RCSC FB page. Volunteers are requested to register directly using the above link.

The RCSC would like to express our deepest gratitude to all the Agencies and individual civil servants for your continued cooperation and support.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

(Karma Hamu Dorjee)
for the Royal Civil Service Commission

CC:

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