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Executive Order

Sub: Matters concerning Suicide cases in Bhutan

The Royal Government is deeply concerned about the rising suicide cases in the country and calls upon all relevant agencies for their concerted efforts in combating the situation which will have greater impact in a society with small population. It is imperative for the nation to come up with a ‘National Suicide Prevention Strategy’ to prevent people from taking their own lives.

Considering the preliminary situational analysis report submitted by a Taskforce on the suicide cases in Bhutan, the Royal Government hereby issues the following directives for immediate follow up actions:

a) The Government has approved the Taskforce’s recommendation to conduct a nationwide survey to find out the root causes of the suicide cases in the country. The Ministry of Health is to take a lead role in conducting the survey with technical support from the National Statistical Bureau (NSB). The survey must determine the societal background and place of origin of those who committed suicides so far. The survey must be completed within six months time covering the period from 2006-2013 and the report should be submitted to the taskforce by September 2014 for onward submission to the Cabinet for further consideration.

b) The Taskforce is directed to formulate a draft National Suicide Prevention Strategy by indentifying the lead agency. While drafting the suicide prevention strategy paper, the Taskforce must consult international experts or WHO for their expertise but the drafting must be done by the Taskforce. The first draft must be completed by the end of September 2014 and submitted to the Cabinet for consideration.

c) In the interest of creating a strong database, Royal Bhutan Police (RBP) must use the questionnaire designed by the working committee to gather information as much as possible about the suicide cases reported...
henceforth. RBP and the NSB were directed to discuss and finalize on the questionnaire and formulate a standard format for collecting information, which is user-friendly.

d) RBP is to share the information collected out of reported cases from the fields to the focal person at the Ministry of Health. The focal person at the ministry shall compile the data and maintain the record for future references while the data analysis will be done with a help from the NSB.

e) The Ministry of Health is to establish a separate unit specifically to look after the matter and to create awareness for prevention of further suicide cases in the country.

This Executive Order shall come into force with immediate effect.

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