

# Final Report



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# Preference

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This final report summarizes all of the work outputs and achievements completed by Miss Mashchimaporn Songsang, a Thai volunteer under the Friends from Thailand Program. I was assigned as a Laboratory Technologist in Virology & Molecular Laboratory (VML) to work for 18 months at the Royal Centre for Disease Control (RCDC), Ministry of Health Thimphu, Bhutan. In this connection, I would like to present my appreciation to Thailand International Cooperation Agency (TICA) in providing an opportunity to me to participate in the said programme.

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# Introduction

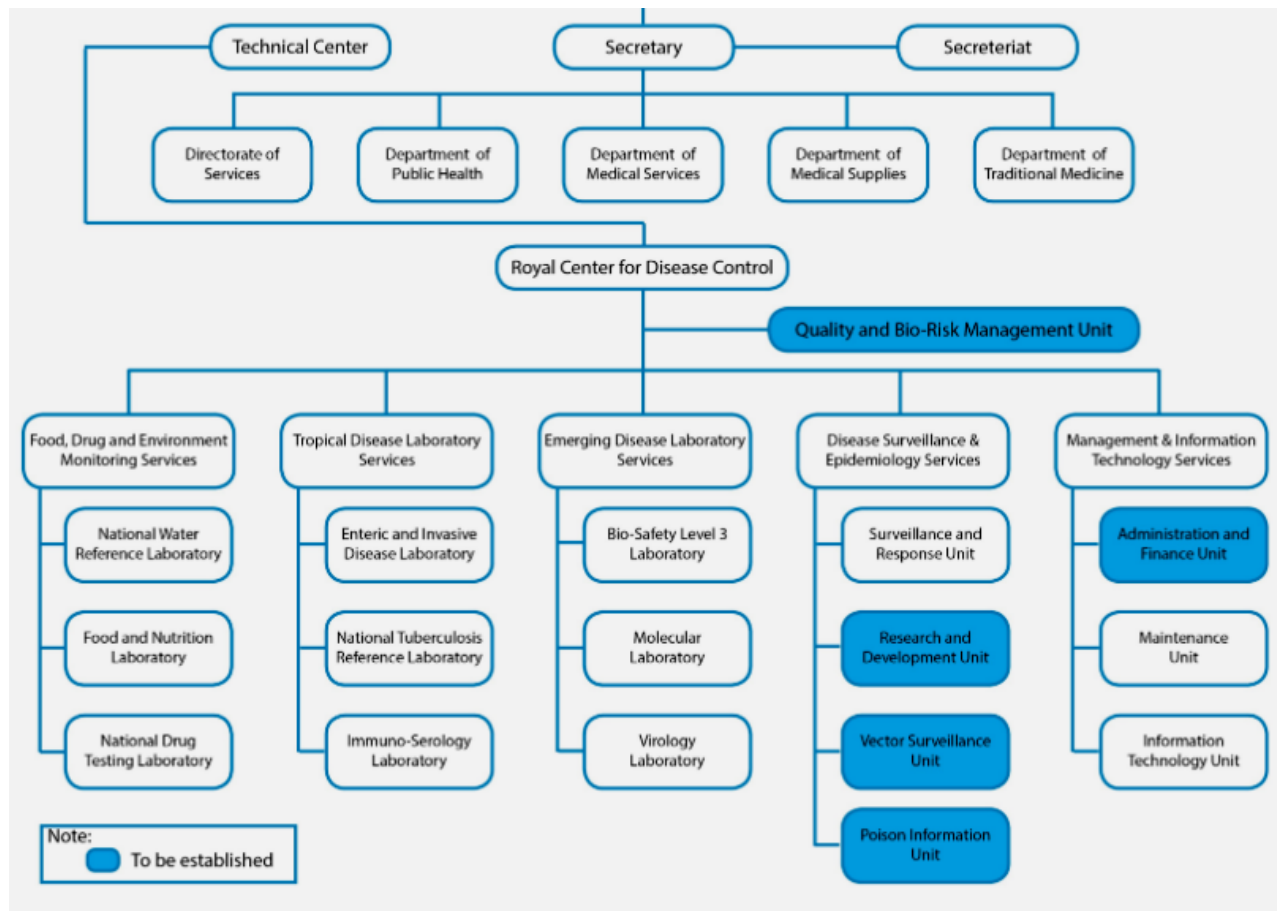


## 1. Royal Centre for Disease Control (RCDC)

The centre was established in 2016, located in Serbithang, Thimphu. The center has been services and looks after any disease control occurrence in Bhutan by following mandates

1. Conduct surveillance on public health important diseases (Annual Health Conference in 2009 directives).
2. Conduct outbreak and response (Annual Health Conference in 2009 directives).
3. Provide reference laboratory services for public health important diseases (Annual Health Conference in 2009 directives).
4. Monitor food and water public health safety (Water Act 2012).
5. Monitor the quality of medicinal products/pharmaceutical drugs (Medicine Act 2003).
6. Testing narcotic and psychotropic substances (NDPSSA Act 2005).
7. Provide information on poison and its management (DoPH directive 2013).
8. Responsible for laboratory services quality assurance (MoH directive 2017).
9. Conduct basic and applied research (MoH and DoPH directive 2009).
10. Develop capacity of health professionals in laboratory science and epidemiology (Annual Health Conference in 2009 directive).

As well as including 10 unites in the organization (below attachment)



Organogram of RCDC organization



## 2. Virology & Molecular Laboratory (VML)

Currently the laboratory works on Virology and molecular testing, as well as observation on influenza Like illness and Severe Acute Respiratory infection which are associated to influenza and other respiratory pathogens (RSV, HMPV, HPIV-1, 2,3, Adeno virus) by using Reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) method.

There are 5 permanent staffs working in VML as following attachment

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VML staffs

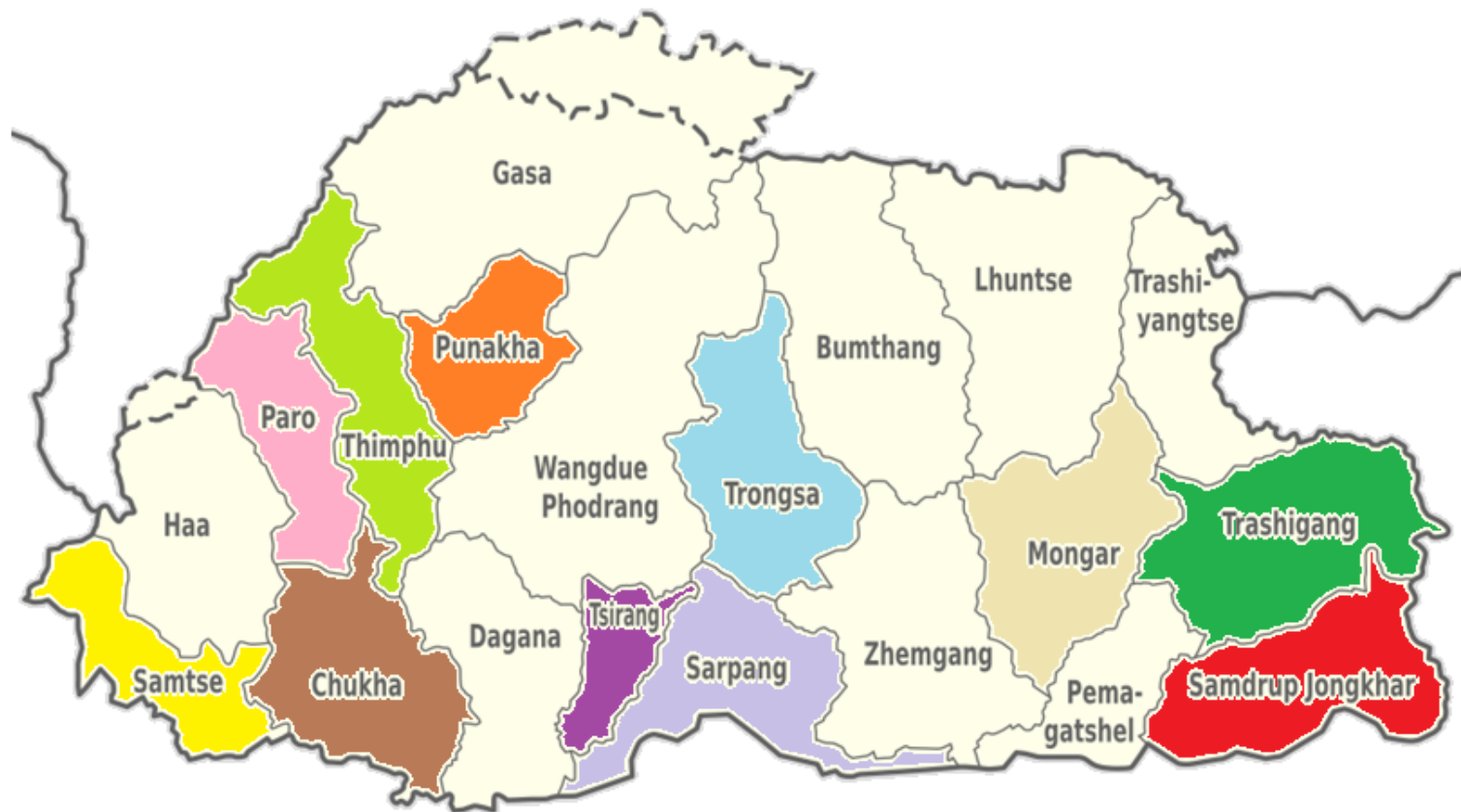
# Objective 1

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## **Support the laboratory in Bhutan Influenza surveillance project**

### ➤ Activities & Achievement

In Bhutan, respiratory illnesses are major public health concern and be found as common disease affecting to mortality in human which as general population in the country especially by Influenza virus. Sever Acute Respiratory Infection (SARI) & Influenza like Illness (ILI) projects have been carried out since 2010 to observe and collected the data about Influenza viruses which burden from 11 sentinel hospital in Bhutan including sites as below map. SARI surveillance project were supported budget and consultant by US Centers for Disease control (US-CDC) and World Health Organization (WHO) and ILI project in collaboration with Armed Forces Research Institute of Medical Science (AFRIM),Thailand. This surveillance is a sentinel based activity with primary objectives to characterize the circulating influenza viral strains and study the burden and epidemiology of influenza virus infection in the country.



Sentinel site map for SARI & ILI surveillance

11 sites for SARI covered all over regions hospital in the country including, Thimphu, Paro, Phunakha, Samtse, Chukha, Tsirang, Sarpang, Trongsa, Mongar, Trashigang and Samdrupjongkar

7 sites for ILI including Paro, Phunakha, Samtse, Tsirang, Trongsa, Trashigang and Samdrupjongkar

## Objective of SARI & ILI Surveillance

1. Describe and monitor the seasonality of influenza activity.
2. Establish baseline levels of influenza Like illness and Severe Acute Respiratory infection which are associated to influenza and other respiratory pathogens (RSV, HMPV, HPIV-1, 2,3, Adeno virus).
3. Monitor outbreaks of influenza during and outside the influenza season.
4. Monitor circulating seasonal influenza viruses and detect novel viruses.
5. Contribute country influenza virus strain to WHO vaccine strain selection.
6. Identify and monitor groups at high risk of severe disease and mortality.

Reference to: Operational Guideline for Influenza-like Illness and Severe Acute Respiratory Infection Surveillance Thapa, et al 2019.

## How to operate SARI & ILI surveillance

Surveillance focal person trained nurse and doctors at the sentinel hospitals identify patients who have symptoms measured fever more than 38 °C, cough or sore throat and symptoms onset within the last 10 days.

Focal staffs collect the respiratory specimen by nasal or throat swab from patient by using Viral Transport Media (VTM) or Universal transport Media (VTM), fill up collection form and ship the specimens to RCDC under controlled temperature.

Focal staffs (laboratory technicians at the sentinel hospital) report SARI & ILI cases to RCDC. Molecular laboratory in RCDC perform molecular detection and characterization of influenza viruses by using real-time RT-PCR and upload result in base data system.

Perform weekly, quarterly and annual report about testing result by RCDC.

Share the results to WHO, US CDC and AFRIMS collaborating centers.



RCDC allocate yearly plan for monitoring and evaluation (M&E) at the sentinel site to monitoring to routinely assess and monitoring of the surveillance system as well as surveillance data and surveillance consistency.

RCDC allocate yearly refresh training for medical staffs who handling for surveillance at the sentinel sites.

## ➤ Activities & Achievement

### 1. Attained workshop on SARI-ILI surveillance

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National human influenza surveillance is an on-going routine activity carried out by the Royal Centre for Disease Control (RCDC) in collaboration with US Centers for Disease control (US-CDC). This surveillance is a sentinel based activity with primary objectives to characterize the circulating influenza viral strains and study the burden and epidemiology of influenza virus infection in the country. In the past five years, the surveillance has seen tremendous achievements in terms of characterizing circulating influenza viral strains, determining burden, seasonality and high-risk groups.

However, operation of the surveillance in the sites has remained a challenge for the health workers, mainly because of high turn-over of staff and their competing priorities in clinical works. Annual training of health workers from sentinel sites on the national human influenza surveillance protocol is seen as an effective measure to ensure continuity of the surveillance whereby the participants are not only trained on the protocol but are also given the opportunity to express problems faced in their respective sites for discussion.



The training involved 4 facilitators from RCDC and 40 participants from various sentinel sites.

- Workshop Duration: 3 days 23<sup>th</sup> -25<sup>th</sup> December 2019
- Location: Bumthang district, Bhutan

### **Workshop Agenda**

#### Day 1 (23<sup>th</sup> December, 2019)

The opening of training consisted mainly of introduction and familiarization of participants to various aspects of influenza. Participants were given updates on influenza virus and the scenario of global, regional and national influenza. Shortly after that, the actual operational aspects on influenza surveillance in Bhutan were started with detailed explanation of the roles and responsibilities of each participant and case definition for ILI.

#### Day 2 (24<sup>th</sup> December, 2019)

On the second day of the training, the participants were taken through detailed exercise on how to fill up various forms pertaining to ILI surveillance. It consisted firstly a presentation on the rationale of each form, followed by a case scenario on which to fill up appropriate forms. Also, exercises on how to do the weekly reporting through web-based system and SMS were taught. The topics generated many discussions and participants came out with various suggestions for solutions based on their experience in their respective sites.

#### Day 3 (25<sup>th</sup> December, 2019)

A presentation was made on clinical case management of influenza by one of the participants in order to refresh the participants, mainly the clinicians. This was then

followed by continuation of the ILI surveillance operational aspects. Participants were made to discuss in their own groups as to how they will make the surveillance work in their respective sites, who will and how they will identify and enroll cases, and also how they will ensure that adequate samples are collected from their sites. These discussions were presented to the forum by representatives from individual sites.



Workshop on Strengthening Human Influenza Surveillance 23<sup>rd</sup> -25<sup>th</sup> December 2019, Bumthang, Bhutan

## 2. Visit the field units in the region to evaluate the SARI & ILI Influenza surveillance projects progress and give staffs the technical guidance.

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Due to Influenza surveillance projects takes long period for data collection. So to ensure that routinely assess at the sentinel site whether it is functioning efficiently and providing quality data to meet its objectives. As well as allow the health workers given the opportunity to express problems faced in their respective sites for discussion. So I participated with VML staffs to conduct monitoring and evaluation (M&E) for Influenza surveillance at Phunakha and Trongsa hospital.



On 11st November 2019 and 25<sup>th</sup> December 2019, Visit Phunakha hospital and Trongsa hospital for  
Influenza surveillance M&E

### 3. Support laboratory in Molecular RT-PCR testing and Characterization for influenza virus

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The respiratory specimens which collected from identified patients at the sentinel will be shipped to RCDC within 3 days after collection. After sample receiving, RCDC (virology & molecular LAB) will perform molecular detection and characterization of Influenza viruses by real-time RT-PCR by following processes

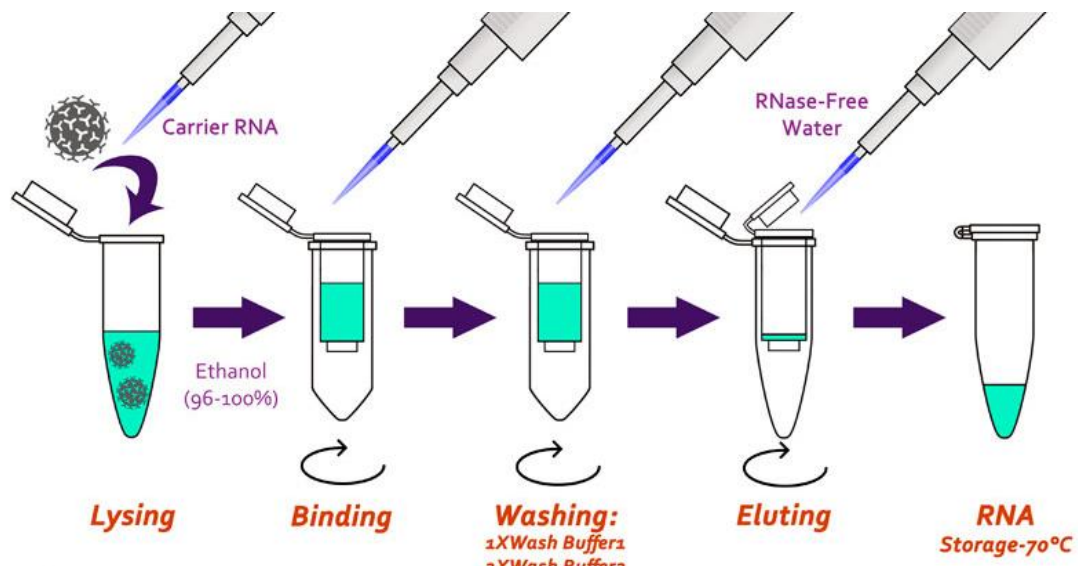
1. Data Entry (Information about specimen, patient general information, hospitalization, symptoms and treatments)
2. Sample processing
3. Perform RNA Extraction
4. Perform RT-PCR
5. Post PCR analysis
6. Specimens positive for Influenza A (FluA) were further test for Flu A subtypes, others positive for Influenza B (Flu B) were test for Flu B lineage
7. Results review and data recording into the data base system

From October 2019 to February 2020 VML received suspected Influenza samples from the sentinel sites Average 100-200 samples per week from total 11 sentinel sites. And have done total Volunteer attained the test for 5 months then the Influenza surveillance had to be suspended till the present according to COVID-19 pandemic.





Molecular detection and Characterization for Influenza samples



# Objective 2

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## 5S implementation in the laboratory

### ➤ Activities & Achievement

5S is a strategy for organizing spaces so work can be performed efficiently, effectively, and safely. This system focuses on putting everything where it belongs and keeping the workplace clean, which makes it easier for people to do their jobs without wasting time or risking injury. 5S including, Sort, Set in Order, Shine, Standardize and Sustain

Even Royal Center for Disease Control, Thimphu was established since 4 years earlier (in 2016), Infrastructures were settled down and facilities were provided sufficiently year by year. In November, 2019 the Ministry of Health encouraged all divisions to implement 5S in each sections for improving the environment and good practices in the working areas. Regard to I used to work at the professional company in Thailand and they has good practices for 5S, so I tried to apply my experience about 5S system to support this campaign.

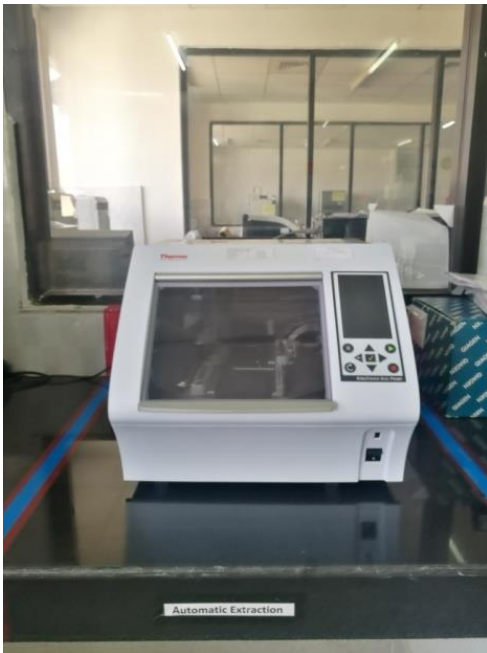
Volunteer & Lab staffs performed 5S following below steps

1. Sorted what needs to be present and what can be removed in each working unit to take up working space as well as put unused items into storage room.
2. Set remained items in the LAB give label, mark area to set those items into order.





Before 5S implementation in VML LAB



After 5S implementation in VML LAB

# Objective 3

## **Implementation of Inventory Management for Chemical, Reagent and Equipment in the laboratory**

### **1. Implement Chemical, Reagent & Consumable Inventory for VML store**

Virology & Molecular laboratory LAB, RCDC has responsibilities not only monitor & surveillance about Influenza viruses but also we have capacities to conduct laboratory service and for others respiratory viruses following lists

- hMPV (Human metapneumovirus)
- RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus )
- Adenovirus
- Parainfluenzavirus 1 to 3
- Dengue virus 1 to 4
- Measles & Rubella virus
- MERs-Cov
- Zika virus
- Nipha virus
- KFD (Kyasanur forest disease)

For this reason, more than 300 lists of chemicals and reagent are available in the laboratory and used in routine testing. Laboratory has been fund in Influenza surveillance project mostly by US CDC and WHO, so chemical; reagent, consumable and equipment were continuously supplied by these organizations. By the ways, without monitoring and maintaining, many reagents have been expired but records are not available. According to

lab staffs had lack of inventory management experience, so volunteer had been developed inventory for chemical, reagent and equipment to maintain in-coming and maintain all details in VML stock and applied to use in daily basis as well as trained staffs how to manage chemical, reagent and equipment especially First-in, First out (FIFO) principle by following steps.

1. Surveyed and made lists of all chemical, reagent, consumable and equipment which available in VML
2. Created chemicals and reagents inventory as well as equipment inventory
3. Start updating monthly stock for chemicals and reagents inventory as well as keep recording in-coming for new stocks
4. Implement to use chemicals and reagents inventory management by training to LAB staffs how to manage the stocks.

#### **Important lists in chemical, reagent and consumables have to be recorded**

- Chemical, reagent and consumables name lists
- Lot number
- Catalog number (if any)
- Receive Date
- Expire Date
- Quantity received
- Storage area

#### **Achievement & Advantage after maintain the inventory**

After implementation of chemical, reagent and consumables in December 2019, volunteer had trained VML staffs how to maintain inventory system and good practices.



All in-coming reagents have been recording as well as FIFO system was applied to use in the store management. Lead to less expired and discarded items from store than usual. Future more, chemical, reagent and consumables were arranged in categories for easier management, and also conveniently for monthly record and update. Not only easy to update the inventory stock but also updating and reporting can be done anytime if needed.



Inventories in VML store were categorized properly

## STOCK CARD

### VML Reagent & Chemical Inventory

SN	Categories	FOR FLU	List	Lot	Catalog No. or REF No.	Manufacturer	Received date	Received By	Expired Date	Quantity	Unit	Contain size
67	Consumable	No	Ethanol (WHO) - FINISHED IN VML STORE				15/08/20	BT		10	bt	2.5 liter/bt
68	Consumable	No	Eppendorf 1.5 ml (WHO) - FINISHED							45000	tubes	500 tubes/pkg
69	Consumable	No	Eppendorf 1.5 ml (TARSON)	D-06-100619			28/08/2020	BT	PD 06/2019	68	box	(500 pcs/box)
70	Consumable	Yes	MicroAmp Optical 8-Tube Strip (0.2ml) - FINISHED	4316567	4316567	ThermoScientific	28/08/2020	BT		10	box	10plate/bc
71	Consumable	No	96 well Reaction plate with barcode (0.1ml) - applied Biosystem	4346907			28/08/2020	BT		50	box	10plate/bc
72	Consumable	No	MicroAmp Fast Reaction Tube (8-Tubes/Strip)	4358293			28/08/2020	BT		78	box	125pcs/box
73	Consumable	No	Quick-RNA Viral Kit (Zymo) 2nd batch	ZRC205736			Aug-20	BT	NA	160	Box	total 32000 tubes
74	Consumable	No	QIAamp Viral RNA Mini Kit (Extraction Kit)	166031474			Aug-20	BT	22/05/2022	7	Box	250 test/box
75	Consumable	No	WHO Extraction kit				Sep-20	BT		2000	test	
76	Consumable	No	MGI Nucleic Acid Extraction Kit	H0066			Oct-20	BT	21/04/21	1	box	1728 test/box
77	Consumable	No	Indian new extraction kit - GeneOmBio	VNA27052020A-1			Oct-20	BT	Jun-21	10000	test	
78	Consumable	No	MicroAmp Optical 8-Tube Strip (0.2ml) - FINISHED	4316567	4316567		20/10/20	BT	N/A	2	box	10/box
79	Consumable	No	Microcentrifuge tube 1.5 ml (Tarson)	D-06-100619	500010	TARSON	20/10/20	BT	N/A	240	Pkt	500/pkt
80	Consumable	No	MicroAmp Fast Reaction Tube (8-Tubes/Strip)	4358293			20/10/20	BT	N/A	40	Pkt	125/pkt
81	Consumable	No	QIAamp Viral RNA Mini Kit (Extraction Kit)	166018281			22/10/20	BT	23/12/20	10	box	250 test/box
82	Consumable	No	EX-RNA - MAG Extraction kit (India)	RNA4001			01/11/20	TP	Sep-21	417	box	48 test/box
83	Consumable	No	Microcentrifuge tube, 2 ml (India)	-			01/11/20	TP	NA	40032	pcs	
84	Consumable	No	High Pure Viral RNA Extraction Kit (Switzerland)	REF11858882001			08/11/20	TP	NA	35	box	100 reaction/box
85	Consumable	Yes	UTM with 2 applicators swab	2014250			12/11/20	DW+JIB	30/05/21	250	sets	
86	Consumable	Yes	QuickVue, 25 tests/kit	705470	20183N	QUIDEL	12/11/20	DW+JIB	18/01/22	25	Box	25 tests/box

SN	Categories	FOR FLU	List	Lot	Catalog No. or REF No.	Manufacturer	Received date	Received By	Expired Date	Quantity	Unit	Contain size
22	COVID-19	No	nCoV E_Sarbeco_R2	Pack date 03/02/2020	NA	NA	17/02/20	DW	NA	1	tubes	
23	COVID-19	No	nCoV N_Sarbeco_F1	Pack date 03/02/2020	NA	NA	17/02/20	DW	NA	1	tubes	
24	COVID-19	No	nCoV N_Sarbeco_R1	Pack date 03/02/2020	NA	NA	17/02/20	DW	NA	1	tubes	
25	COVID-19	No	RdRP gene kit - 1st batch WHO - FINISHED	48242009	NA	NA	21/02/2020	SG	04/02/2021	10	set	100 reaction/box
26	COVID-19	No	E Gene kit - 1st batch WHO - FINISHED	48272005	NA	NA	21/02/2020	SG	06/02/2021	10	set	100 reaction/box
27	COVID-19	No	RdRP gene kit - 2nd batch WHO - FINISHED	48242009	NA	NA	11/03/20	SG	04/02/2021	10	set	100 reaction/box
28	COVID-19	No	E Gene kit - 2nd batch WHO - FINISHED	48272005	NA	NA	11/03/20	SG	06/02/2021	20	set	100 reaction/box
29	COVID-19	No	RdRP gene kit - 3rd batch WHO - FINISHED	48242011	NA	NA	21/03/20	BT	12/02/21	20	set	100 reaction/box
30	COVID-19	No	E Gene kit - 3rd batch WHO - FINISHED	48272006	NA	NA	21/03/20	BT	11/02/21	50	set	100 reaction/box
31	COVID-19	No	COVID Rapid test kit	COV03-200316	NA	NA	01/04/20	BT	15/03/22	44	box	100 test/box
32	COVID-19	No	CHINA 1 COVID Probe & Primer kit	2020002	NA	NA	24/04/20	BT	10/09/20	307	Box	96 reaction/box
33	COVID-19	No	SINGAPORE COVID Probe & Primer kit	200401	NA	NA	24/04/20	BT	01/10/2020	53	Box	200 reaction/box
34	COVID-19	No	RdRP gene kit - WHO 4th batch	48502001	NA	NA	05/05/2020	BT	03/03/2021	18	pack	100 reaction/box
35	COVID-19	No	E Gene kit - WHO 4th batch	48272006	NA	NA	05/05/2020	BT	11/02/21	30	pack	100 reaction/box
36	COVID-19	No	INDIAN RNA Extraction kit **N GENE CONTAMINATED	14	NA	NA	05/05/2020	BT	04/2021	100	box	100 test/box
37	COVID-19	No	INDIAN COVID probe & primer kit	PP00005-C-0420001	NA	NA	05/05/2020	BT	Mar-21	100	box	100 test/box
38	COVID-19	No	CHINA 2 COVID Probe & Primer kit	2020036	NA	NA	12/05/20	BT	30/09/20	422	box	24 test/box
39	COVID-19	No	CHINA Cap strip 8	61211003	NA	NA	12/05/20	BT	NA	13	box	100 strip/box
40	COVID-19	No	CHINA swab stick		NA	NA	12/05/20	BT	NA	35	box	300pcs/box
41	COVID-19	No	CHINA VTM	20200324	NA	NA	12/05/20	BT	23/03/21	102	pack	48tubes/pack
42	COVID-19	No	VIETNAM P&P COVID-19 reagent	210520	NA	NA	23/05/20	BT	20/05/2021	1000	test	
43	COVID-19	No	CHINA Sample release reagent for COVID - FINISHED	2020034	NA	NA	12/05/20	BT	27/03/22	209	pack	48test/pack

Chemical, reagent and consumables for VML store, developed by Thai volunteer, December 2019



On job training (OJT) with TandinWangmo (Laboratory Technician) when received new lot of RT-PCR consumables



## 2. Stock management for COVID-19 testing

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Bhutan is also affected by COVID-19 pandemic inevitable since March 2019, as RCDC especially is only one laboratory has capability to detect viral gene by using RT-PCR. So RCDC became National COVID-19 Testing Center. There are more than 300,000 COVID-19 Probe & Primer as well as more than 100 lists of consumables to register and update. Volunteer got assigned to manage COVID-19 reagent store as well as monthly updating to Ministry of Health focal person.

According to Bhutan government received COVID-19 testing chemical and reagents from international organization (WHO, CDC ext.) and other countries via donation as well as some were funded by government budget, it necessary to maintain the chemical and reagent inventory and update current stock to concern person to prevent shortage of supply and also to concern about cost saving from huge number of sample testing during this pandemic.

Moreover, Bhutan has been installed more COVID-19 laboratory testing center in other districts as mentioned in the previous objective. So, RCDC have to provide consumable, reagent and chemicals to the center as well. For the reason, volunteer has to take in charge to manage the stock and provide the consumable to the districts as well.

### ➤ Activities & Achievement

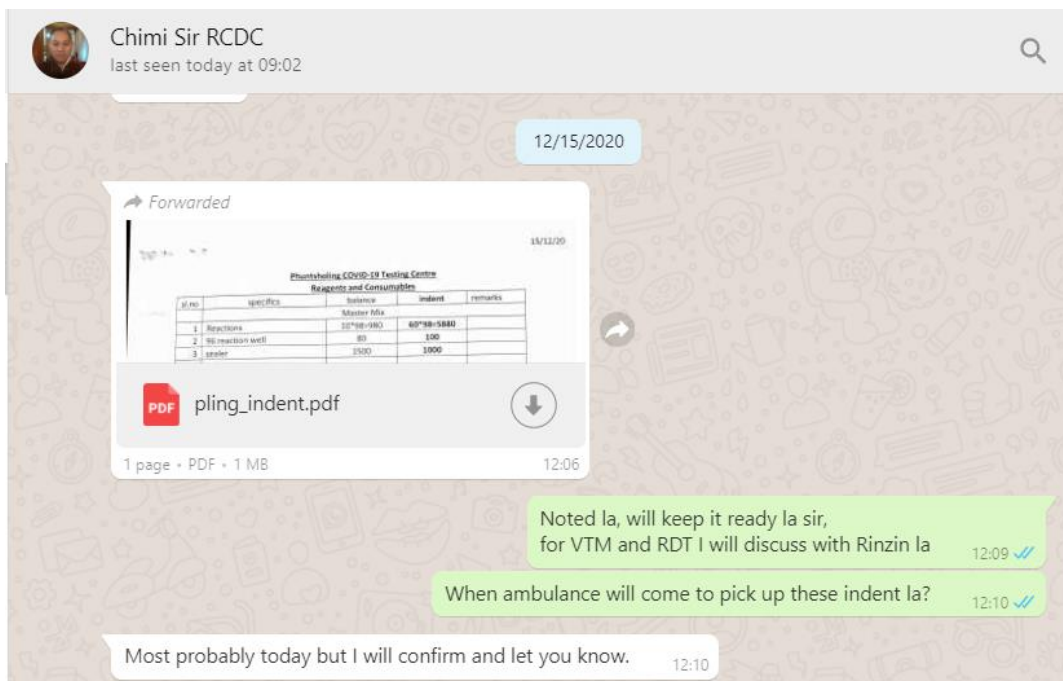
1. Both receiving and issuing reagent and chemical to COVID-19 testing lab were recorded and update by volunteer as well as inventory management in the store

2. Chemical, reagent and consumable for COVID-19 testing were continually update and provided to RCDC and district testing center

3. Volunteer in charge to update and report reagent and inventory for COVID-19 testing to concerned person for example Laboratory chief, RCDC specialist and MoH to follow up usage quantity as monthly report

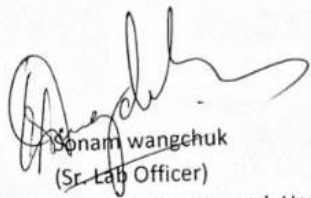


Reagent, consumables and chemical were provided and were shipped to COVID-19 testing centre in district hospital by volunteer



**Phuntsholing COVID-19 Testing Centre**  
**Reagents and Consumables**

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Master Mix				
1	Reactions	10*98=980	20*98=4900	
2	96 reaction well	80	100	
3	sealer	1500	0	
Extraction				
1	Zymogen	200*10=2000	200*20=4000	
2	Eppendorf(1.5ml)	56	1000*6=6000	
3	Collection tubes	0	3000	
4	Ethanol	500ml*8=4ltrs	0	
5	Rnase Free Water	500ml	1500ml	
General Consumables				
1	Pasteur Pippete	0	5000nos	
2	Gloves(powder free-6.5)	0	2500nos	
3	Pipette tip (10UI)	100*19=1900	100*50=4000	
4	Pipette tip (20UI)	100*30=3000	0	
5	Pipette tip (50UI)	100*10=1000	100*10=1000	
6	Pipette tip (100UI)	100*40=4000	0	
7	Pipette tip (200UI)	100*30=3000	100*15=1500	
8	Pipette tip (1000UI)	100*20=2000	100*50=4000	
9	red biohazard bag (small)	70nos	300nos	
10	N95 masks	20pcs	100pcs	
11	surgical masks	100pcs	300pcs	
12	Vtm	2500nos	3000nos	
13	shoe cover	100pairs	300pairs	
Rapid Diagnostic Kits				
1	Antigen test kit (IFA 200)	565	5000	
2	Antibody test Kit	1025	3000	

  
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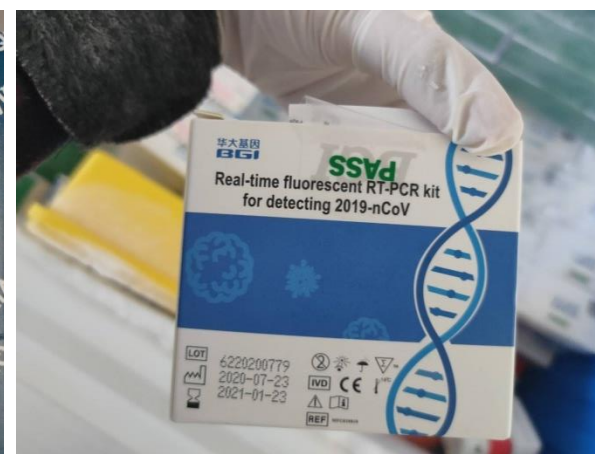
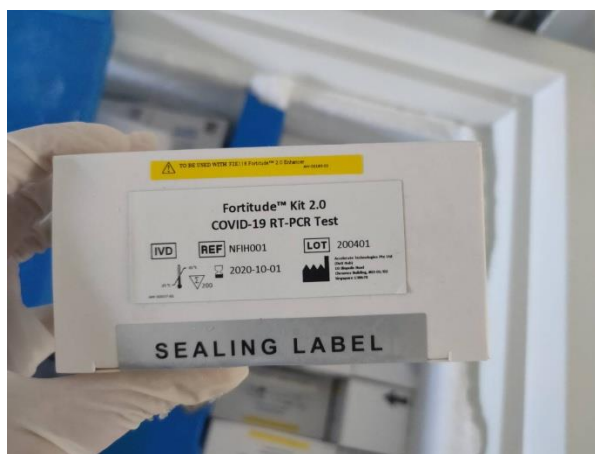
Example of required indent to be issue to COVID-19 testing in district hospital

COVID-19 Probe & Primer Reagent					
Sources	Quantity received (test)	Current stock (Test)	Lot Number	Expire Date	Remark
1. AFRIMS Thailand	1,000	1,000	Pack date 03/02/2020	NA	
2. CHINA (1)	29,472	480	2020002	10/09/2020	Expired
3. CHINA (2)	10,128	0	2020036	30/09/2020	Finished
4. India (MyLab)	10,000	10,000	PP00005-C-0420001	01/03/2021	
5. Vietnam	1,000	1,000	210520	21/05/2021	
6. Singapore (Fortitude)	10,600	10,600	200401	01/10/2020	Expired
7. South Korea (Biosensor)	18,048	0	MNCO0120011	29/04/2021	Finished
8. WHO (E assay)	10,560	0	48272005	11/02/2021	Finished
			48272006	06/02/2021	
9. WHO (RdRp assay)	4,608	0	48242009	04/02/2021	
			48242011	12/02/2021	
10. ThermoScientific (TaqPath 1-Step)	1,000	900	00912810	30/04/2024	
11. India (2nd batch) (MyLab)	20,000	20,000	PP00005-C-0720007	01/06/2021	
12. Thai (DMSc)	10,000	9,800	08169	03-2022	
13. Biosensor	50,000	0	MNCO0120026	17/08/2021	Finished
14. WHO (E assay)	1,824	1,824	48712028	30/06/2021	
15. TaqPath 1-Step Multiplex Master Mix	4,000	4,000	2226312	30/04/2021	
16. WHO (E assay)	9,600	9,600	48492014	13/04/2021	
17. WHO (RdRp assay)	1,728	1,728	48272024	11/04/2021	
18. BGI RT-PCR kit	3,000	0	6220200779	23/01/21	Finished
19. PerkinElmer (India)	20,016	20,016	D11471	28/04/21	
20. E Assay (Switzerland)	3,552	3,552	48802007	03/09/21	
21. RdRp Assay (Switzerland)	1,728	1,728	48492038	24/09/21	
22. South Korea (Biosensor)	100,000	15,360	MNC0120034	22/09/22	
23. Q-line Molecular (India)	27,000	27,000	M201221	01/11/21	New Received
Total received		348,864			
Total test in current stock in RCDC		138,588			

Stock card for COVID-19 Prob & Primer, Developed and maintained by volunteer

Extraction kit					
No.	Item	Lot No.	Expired date	Current stock (test)	Remark
1	Quick-RNA Viral Kit (Zymo)	ZRC205718	N/A	1,000	
2	Thermoscientific Extraction kit (UNICEF)	2004028	2021	1,000	
3	QIAamp Viral RNA Mini Kit (Extraction Kit)	166031474	22/05/2022	750	
4	WHO extraction kit		N/A	2,000	
5	Viral RNA/DNA Mini Kit (Extraction kit) - Purelink	2226229	import- May2020	5,150	
6	INDIAN RNA Extraction kit (Old lot)	14	04/2021	9,100	N GENE contaminated
7	Vietnam Extraction kit	200420	19/04/2021	1,000	
8	Biosensor Extraction kit	2005F	May-22	27,100	
9	MGI Nucleic Acid Extraction Kit	H0066	21/04/21	1,728	
10	Indian new extraction kit - GeneOmbio	VNA27052020A-I	Jun-21	10,000	
11	EX-RNA - MAG (India)	RNA4001	Sep-21	20,016	
12	High Pure Viral RNA Kit (Switzerland)	REF11858882001	NA	3,500	
13	Kingfisher auto extraction set	-	Oct-21	0	No Tip Comb
14	Pathkits (MDS Viral RNA Extraction Kit)	RNA/11/20-02	Dec-21	33,600	
15	Biosensor Extraction kit	2009017	01/08/2022	57,600	new received
Total				173,544	

Stock card for COVID-19 extraction kit, developed and maintained by volunteer





## COVID-19 Probe & Primer Reagent กล่องจดหมาย X



**มัชฉิมมาพร ส่องแสง** <songsang.mcp@gmail.com>  
ถึง tandindendup, Binay, Sonam, Sonam, Kunzang

Dear Sir,

As you requested a current stock update of COVID-19 Probe & Primer Reagent in RC

COVID-19 Probe & Primer Reagent		
Sources	Quantity received (test)	Current stock (Test)
1. AFRIMS Thailand	1,000	1,000
2. CHINA (1)	29,472	19,680
3. CHINA (2)	10,128	9,768
4. India	10,000	10,000
5. Vietnam	1,000	1,000
6. Singapore	5,088	5,088
7. South Korea	18,048	18,048
8. WHO (E assay)	10,560	4,704
9. WHO (RdRp assay)	4,608	2,400
<b>Total received</b>		<b>89,904</b>
<b>Total test in current stock in RCDC</b>		<b>71,688</b>

## COVID-19 stock update

**Mashchimaporn Songsang** <songsang.mcp@gmail.com>

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ถึง Sonam, Binay

Dear Sonam sir,

Please find COV

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ถึง: Sonam Wangchuk <swangchuk@health.gov.bt>  
สำหรับ: Binay Thapa <bthapa@health.gov.bt>  
วันที่: 24 ก.พ. 2021 20:35  
เรื่อง: COVID-19 stock update  
ส่งโดย: gmail.com

Sources	Quantity received (test)	Current stock (Test)	
1. AFRIMS Thailand			
2. CHINA (1)			
3. CHINA (2)			
4. India (MyLab)	10,000	10,000	PPO
5. Vietnam	1,000	1,000	
6. Singapore (Fortitude)	10,600	10,600	
7. South Korea (Biosensor)	18,048	0	N
8. WHO (E assay)	10,560	0	
9. WHO (RdRp assay)	4,608	0	
10. ThermoScientific (TaqPath 1-Step)	1,000	900	
11. India (2nd batch) (MyLab)	20,000	20,000	PPO
12. Thai (DMSc)	10,000	9,800	
13. Biosensor	50,000	0	N

COVID-19 monthly stock updating to focal person

### 3. Registration and inventory implementation of laboratory equipment

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Making an overview of which equipment is present in the laboratory is the first step in implementing a quality management system for equipment. The equipment register contains specific details about each piece of equipment (such as maintenance and calibration dates, maintenance frequency, which is responsible for the equipment, etc.). Hence, the equipment register is the most important element in managing the quality of equipment.

When the equipment register is made directly check the functioning of each piece of equipment and record this in the equipment register so that it is clear which pieces of equipment have priority in planning for maintenance and calibration

VML works on viral molecular testing, most of equipment and machine are high-EN technology to be used in DNA/RNA extraction as well as gene detection. For this reason, a machine cost more than 0.5-1 million THB. Moreover, sample processing in laboratory included many steps and many equipments and machine have to be involved, if those equipment and machine are not be maintained properly this may caused error in the testing result inevitably.

So, Equipment registration is the first step to check proper function of laboratory equipment as well as first step for monitor working efficiency of equipment and machine in the laboratory. Volunteer started survey and registered equipments by maintaining the equipment lists and recording following details

1. Identity
2. Label
3. Serial number
4. Manufacturer name
5. Manufacturer's contact person and contact details
6. Date of purchasing



7. Date of putting into service
8. Location
9. Condition
10. Service provider name
11. Service provider's contact person and contact details
12. Frequency of maintenance
13. Date of previous maintenance
14. Date of next scheduled maintenance
15. Remarks



Equipment identification and labelling before registration

## List of Equipment in Virology & Molecular laboratory

1. PCR cabinet
2. Biosafety cabinet class II
3. Automated Extraction Platform
4. Refrigerator
5. Water bath
6. Plate Centrifuge
7. Microcentrifuge
8. Vortex Mixer
9. Refrigerated microcentrifuge
10. Pipette
11. RT-PCR machine
12. Electronic Weighing balance
13. Deep freezer
14. Autoclave
15. Inverted Microscope
16. Fluorescence microscope
17. CO<sub>2</sub> incubator



VML_EQUIPMENT DETAILS										
List of FUNCTIONING and	Enter number	Quantity norms	Average Price (US \$)	Working condition**	Sharing with other labs (Y/N)	Model No.	Serial No.	Year of installation	Manufacturer	Source of funding
Egg incubator	2	2	4400	1	2			2016%		US CDC
CO2 incubator	2	2	20427	1	2			2017%	Memmert	US CDC
Incubator	2	2	2900	1	2				Memmert	US CDC
Microscope	0	0			2					
Inverted microscope	2	2	14000	1	2			2016%	Ziess,	US CDC
Fluorescence microscope	1	1	16000	1	2				Nikon	US CDC
Biosafety cabinet class II	6	6	13595	1	2			2016%	Nuaire-3, Esco-3	US CDC/WHO
Autoclave	2	2	7773	1	1			2016%	Tomy, Biobase	US CDC/WHO
Water bath (37°C)	0	0			2					
Water bath (56°C)	1	1		1	2			2016%	Memmert	US CDC
Refrigerated centrifuge	1	1	12588	1	2			2015%		US CDC
Refrigerator	5	5	2900	1	2			2015%	Samsung, Whirlpool	US CDC/WHO
Freezer -20°C	4	4	3335	1	2			2015%		US CDC
Thermal cycler (Thermocycler, PCR Machine or DNA Amplifier), Conventional	1	1	4800	1	2			2015%	Biorad	US CDC/WHO

Equipment list record before new development: only 30% of all equipment was record and important details wasn't provided

**Virology and Molecular Laboratory, RCDC  
Equipment List**

VML Equipment Code	Equipment name	Installation date/Year	Equipment Model	Serial number (SN)	Equipment status	Manufacturer	Source of funding
EQ-VML-01	Biosafety cabinet class II B1	40498	NU-427-400E	136165030310	Working	NuAir	US CDC
EQ-VML-02	Biosafety cabinet class II A2	25/05/2016	LA2-4A1-E	2016-115450	Working	ESCO	US CDC
EQ-VML-03	Automated Extraction Platform (Kingfisher DuoPrime)	31/07/2019	5400110	70680110	Working	Thermo Scientific	US CDC
EQ-VML-04	Refrigerator whirlpool (2-8°C)	01/01/2017	20150	INE17411304	Working	Whirlpool	US CDC/WHO
EQ-VML-05	Refrigerator SAMSUNG (2-8°C)	01/01/2015	RT26H3000SE/TL		Working	Samsung	US CDC/WHO
EQ-VML-07	Water bath (56°C)	14/09/2016	W-350	881102	Working	MEMMERT	US CDC
EQ-VML-08	Plate Centrifuge	01/01/2017	LMC-3000	1.02082E+12	Working	BIOSAN	US CDC
EQ-VML-09	Microcentrifuge (Eppendorf)	01/01/2017	Microcentrifuge	000000000000	Working	Eppendorf	US CDC
VML Equipment Code	Equipment name	Installation date/Year	Equipment Model	Serial number (SN)	Equipment status	Manufacturer	Source of funding
EQ-VML-13	Ultra low freezer (-80°C) moved from extraction room	01/01/2017	VTS258	20162812142	Working	-	
EQ-VML-40	Refrigerator whirlpool (2-8°C)	01/01/2017	20150	INE174113015	Working	Whirlpool	US CDC/WHO
EQ-VML-41	Biosafety cabinet class II A2-1	01/01/2017	LA2-4A1-E	2016-112671	Working	ESCO	US CDC
EQ-VML-42	Biosafety cabinet class II A2-2	01/01/2017	LA2-4A1-E	2016-109310	Working	ESCO	US CDC
EQ-VML-43	Inverted Microscope	01/01/2017	RIC-551D-FLURO	217104	Working	Ziess	US CDC
EQ-VML-44	Refrigerated centrifuge	41192	5810R	5811BM567216	Working	Eppendorf	US CDC
EQ-VML-46	Water bath (37°C)	22/01/2018	RIC-WB	217103	Working		
EQ-VML-47	CO2 incubator- (cell culture)	2017	INCO246med	FNr03150119	Working	Memmert	US CDC
EQ-VML-74	Refrigerator (VESTFROST)(5-43°C)	09/2020	VLS064ARFAC	20193522886	Working	VESTFROST	RGoB
EQ-VML-75	Refrigerator (VESTFROST)(5-43°C)	09/2020	VLS064ARFAC	20193522883	Working	VESTFROST	RGoB
EQ-VML-48	CO2 incubator- (cell culture)		HCP246	FNrH314-0037	Working	Memmert	US CDC
EQ-VML-49	Refrigerator whirlpool (2-8°C)	01/01/2017	20150	INE174113206	Working	Samsung	US CDC/WHO
EQ-VML-52	Inverted Microscope	01/01/2015	Primovert	1777-614	Working	Ziess	US CDC
EQ-VML-53	Fluorescence microscope	01/01/2015			Working	Nikon	US CDC/WHO
EQ-VML-54	Biosafety Cabinet-1	01/01/2017	NU-427-400E	166297120914	Working	NuAir	US CDC/WHO

Volunteer have developed and implemented equipment inventory for VML

# Objective 4

## Implementation of internal equipment calibration

Calibration defines the accuracy and quality of measurements recorded using a piece of equipment. Over time there is a tendency for results and accuracy to ‘drift’ when using particular technologies or measuring particular parameters such as temperature and humidity. To be confident in the results being measured, there is an ongoing need to maintain the calibration of equipment throughout its lifetime for reliable, accurate and repeatable measurements. Therefore, Implementation of internal calibration is necessary.

There are more than 70 laboratory equipments for example Biosafety cabinet class II, water bath, CO<sub>2</sub> incubator and electronic weighing balance. Some specific equipment had yearly calibration plan by using outsource services such as Automated Extraction Platform and ABI 7500 Dx Real Time PCR equipment.



## What is Calibration?

Calibration is the act of testing and adjusting the precision and accuracy of an instrument. Research labs use it to ensure correct data.

Calibration compares a standard measurement to the measurement taken by your instrument. While the accuracy of your instrument may not be the same as the standard, there is an acceptable accuracy ratio. Your instrument will need to measure up to the requirements.

## Why is Calibration Important?

You need instrumentation calibration in order to reduce the bias in an instrument's readings. Precision and accuracy are both required when collecting data. Precision focuses on the degree to which repeated measurements without change to the conditions will show the same result. Accuracy is the degree of closeness of measurement of a quantity to its actual value.

## Maintenance of Instruments

All of the instruments in your lab require different maintenance and calibration standards. How often depends on how much you use it and how quickly it degrades. Manufacturers have recommendations and certifications have set requirements. Some of them will need monthly while others are yearly.

They may do some in the lab while others require off-site calibration. You will need to get your instruments calibrated by experts. An ISO:17025 accredited calibration lab will meet such requirements.

## ISO 17025 Accredited Calibration Services

Equipment calibration is critical to a lab to maintain in order to get the most accurate and precise data. By having your instrumentation maintained with ISO 17025 accredited calibration, you are ensuring that your lab will have the best reputation. You will want to research to find a company that is an accredited company and will be able to coordinate with you on the turnaround time. As your lab's productivity will be compromised when equipment is in transit. Due your due diligence when researching and in the end, your lab equipment will continue to uphold data integrity.

### Why Calibration Matters

Why is calibration so important? Let's take a closer look at the importance of calibration.

#### 1. Saves Money

Calibration reduces errors that can get costly in the long run.

Those errors can happen whether your facility is a research lab or a manufacturer or goods. For example, manufacturers who don't calibrate equipment will end up with errors that create unusable parts. Research labs who don't calibrate can end up with meaningless results because they were based on inaccurate measurements.

When you don't calibrate, you'll often have to halt and restart processes when inaccuracies are discovered. The longer it takes for those inaccuracies to get noticed, the more costly the mistake will be. But if you always calibrate, you won't have these problems.

#### 2. Improves Safety

Safety becomes very important in certain labs. You might be working with potentially dangerous materials, or creating solutions for medical purposes. In these cases, small inaccuracies can have large consequences.



Maybe you're measuring electric currents, or mixing volatile chemicals. Small changes to the numbers can quickly put your staff in danger. Calibration allows you to get reliable numbers for improved safety.

### 3. Gets You Certified

You'll need calibration to get certified in a lot of industries. You might need certification from regulatory bodies in order to do certain tasks, for example.

Even if you don't need certification, calibration is still important for the reliable results it gives. Your reputation for research or results will quickly suffer if you work with equipment that's not calibrated.

### 4. Keeps Instruments Working Longer

Over time, the accuracy of any measuring device goes down. Some instruments degrade more quickly than others. The environment where you use the equipment can also affect how quickly it degrades.

When you calibrate your equipment, you set it back to the original standard, so you can keep using it. The device that's giving inaccurate readings probably doesn't need to be replaced – it just needs calibration.

VML works on Influenza surveillance as the main current project, which funded by US CDC and WHO, so most of the equipment and the machine are imported from oversea especially Thailand, Singapore and India for Molecular testing. Which means all services as well as equipment calibration have to be done by service engineer from outside. So far, no accreditation services laboratory in Bhutan, every calibration have to be requested from outside the country which takes long process and impossible to request for yearly calibration for 100% of equipment since limitation of budgets. So some equipment can be done by internal calibration by following ISO 17025 Standard till future requirement if laboratory need calibration certificate.

## ➤ Activities & Achievement

### 1. Developed SOP for Equipment Calibration

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- 1.1 Check internal standard for internal equipment calibration and applied into laboratory, most of the standard applied from WHO guidelines for laboratory management.
- 1.2 Made lists of laboratory equipment which can be carried out for internal calibration.
- 1.3 Develop SOP for internal Equipment Calibration.
- 1.4 Reviewed and approved SOP by chief of laboratory and RCDC specialist.
- 1.5 Set up internal calibration plan.
- 1.6 Implemented internal calibration in VML
- 1.7 Trained VML focal staffs & demonstrated performing internal calibration.

**VIROLOGY AND MOLECULAR LABORATORY**

**ROYAL CENTRE FOR DISEASE CONTROL**

**SOP No. RCDC/VML/SOP/26**

**STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE  
FOR EQUIPMENT CALIBRATION**

**Version 01**

**Date: 30<sup>th</sup> Nov 2020**

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**Reviewed by: Binay Thapa, Chief Laboratory Officer, RCDC**

**Approved by: Dr.Sonam Wangchuk, Head, RCDC**

Example of SOP for internal calibration by volunteer

## 9.2 Micro Pipette

- Switch on the weight balance and wait until internal calibration complete.
- Adjust micro pipette volume as desired volume. One test of calibrated volume should be the maximum volume of the pipette and another calibrated volume should be the same as set volume in routine work.
- Place plastic Petri dish on the middle of balance and press “TARE” or “zero”.
- Pipette distilled water into the Petri dish plate.
- Record weighed value in calibration record form RCDC/VML/F/04 Rev.01 as per Annexure II
- By using the same Petri dish, press “TARE” or zero and pipette distilled water into the plate. Repeat this step 10 times per one calibrated volume.
- The weighed value should be  $\leq 0.1\%$  accuracy limit to the set volume values. Follow how to calculate the accuracy by below table.

$\text{Accuracy (\%)} = \frac{\text{Set volume}(\mu\text{l}) - \text{Average volume}(\mu\text{l})}{\text{Set volume}(\mu\text{l})} \times 100$
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Remark: water density = 1 kg/m<sup>3</sup>

- When non conforming result occurred, handling following by Annexure VIII.
- Frequency is yearly.

## 9.3 Electronic Weight Balance

- Prepare reference weight test pieces 0.5 g, 1 g and 5 g and clean properly by gentle wipe by cotton provided by the manufacturer.
- Check the level, and if necessary, level the balance using the leg ferrule adjusters and the in-built spirit level.
- Press the “Start” button. Allow five minutes for the electronics to warm up before calibration.
- Press “TARE” or Zero and ensure that the balance reads 0.0000 +/- 0.0003 g. Place 0.5 g of reference weight test piece on the middle of balance. And record weighed value in calibration record form RCDC/VML/F/05 Rev.01 as per Annexure III. Repeat this step 10 times for another reference weight test piece. (

Example of SOP for internal calibration by volunteer

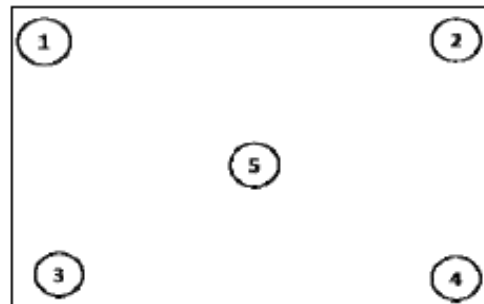
0.5 g, 1 g and 5 g) Accuracy of balance must be  $\leq 0.1\%$  of reference test weight values. Follow how to calculate the accuracy by below table.

Accuracy = $\frac{2 \times \text{SD}}{\text{The value of reference weight test piece}} \times 100\%$
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- When non conforming result occurred, handling following by Annexure VIII.
- Frequency is yearly.

#### 9.4 Biosafety Cabinet Class II

- Switch on the UV lamp and leave for 15 minutes for decontamination.
- After 15 minutes, Lift the glass window up and press “Light” and “Flow” buttons and clean inside the cabinet properly by 70% alcohol. Allow to warm up for 10-15 minutes before start calibration.
- Place and exposure PDA plates in the cabinet for 30 minutes, following the below layout.

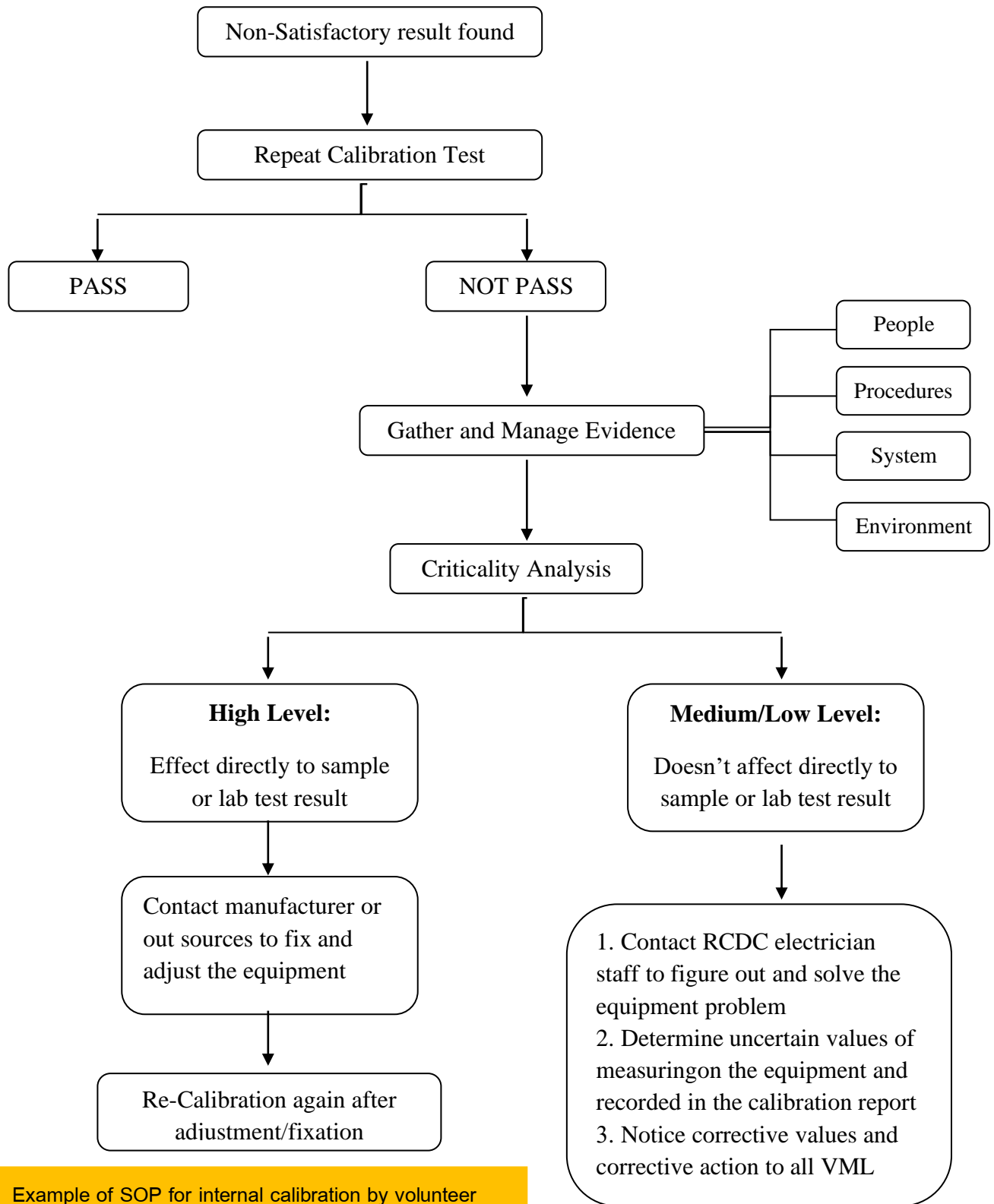


- After 30 minutes, place the plate cover and incubate at 30°C for 5 days.
- Observe the bacteria, yeast and mold growth on the agar after incubated at 24 hrs, 3 days and 5 days respectively.
- Record the result in calibration record form RCDC/VML/F/06 Rev.01 as per Annexure IV.
- The microorganism must be not detected on the PDA plate.
- When non conforming result occurred, handling following by Annexure VIII.
- Frequency is yearly.

Example of SOP for internal calibration by volunteer



Non Conforming results management for internal calibration



Example of SOP for internal calibration by volunteer

### Yearly Internal Calibration Plan for VML Equipment 2021

Equipment Code	Equipment Name	JAN	FEB	MER	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
EQ-VML-01	Biosafety cabinet class II B1					●							
EQ-VML-02	Biosafety cabinet class II A2					●							
EQ-VML-41	Biosafety cabinet class II A2-1					●							
EQ-VML-42	Biosafety cabinet class II A2-2					●							
EQ-VML-54	Biosafety Cabinet-1					●							
EQ-VML-55	Biosafety Cabinet-2					●							
EQ-VML-07	Water bath (56°C)						●						
EQ-VML-46	Water bath (37°C)						●						
EQ-VML-25	Electronic Weighing balance							●					
EQ-VML-47	CO2 incubator- (cell culture)								●				
EQ-VML-48	CO2 incubator- (cell culture)								●				
EQ-VML-51	Refrigerated microcentrifuge									●			
EQ-VML-85 to 96	Pipette (all in use in Extraction Room)	●											
	Pipette (all in use in Master Mix Room)		●										
	Pipette (all in use in Media Preparation Room)			●									
	Pipette (all in use in Cell culture Room)				●								

\* Remark

: Completed

: Plan

### Yearly Internal Calibration Plan for VML Equipment 2021

**CALIBRATION RECORD OF ELECTRONIC WEIGHT BALANCE**

Equipment No. :	EQ-VML-25	Ref. SOP No. :	RCDC/SOP/VML/05 Rev.01
Model No. :	PA 213	Serial No. :	B511717882
Date of Calibration :	11/12/2020		
Next Due Date :	11/12/2021		
Location :	Post PCR Room (VML)		
Frequency :	Yearly		

Test Load (g)	Repeatability		Standard Deviation (SD)	Test By
	No.	Indication (g.)		
0.5 g	1	0.499	0.000422	Jidaw
	2	0.500		
	3	0.500		
	4	0.499		
	5	0.500		
	6	0.500		
	7	0.500		
	8	0.500		
	9	0.500		
	10	0.500		
1 g	1	0.999	0.000316	Jidaw
	2	0.999		
	3	0.999		
	4	0.998		
	5	0.998		
	6	0.999		
	7	0.999		
	8	0.999		
	9	1.000		
	10	0.999		
5 g	1	4.995	0	Jidaw
	2	4.995		
	3	4.995		
	4	4.995		
	5	4.995		
	6	4.995		
	7	4.995		
	8	4.995		
	9	4.995		
	10	4.995		

Test load 0.5 g., Repeatability =  $\frac{0.168}{0.5} \times 100 = 33.6\%$

Test load 1 g., Repeatability =  $\frac{0.126}{1} \times 100 = 12.6\%$

Test load 5 g., Repeatability =  $\frac{3.74 \times 10^{-13}}{5} \times 100 = 7.48 \times 10^{-13}\%$

→ Repeatability ≤ 0.1% of the normal value of test load weight = Pass

- The results Satisfactory  
 The results Not-Satisfactory

$$\text{Repeatability} = \frac{2 \times \text{SD}}{\text{The normal value of test load weight}} \times 100$$

Corrective Action & Comment: Repeatability of test load 0.5 g, 1 g and 5 g less than 0.1% of each test load, so result of calibration are passed

Analyst by: *Jidaw*  
 Date: 11/12/2020

Verify by: *Jidaw*  
 Date:

Example of equipment calibration record

### CALIBRATION RECORD OF WATER BATH

Equipment No. :	EQ-VML-46	Ref. SOP No. :	217/03-RCDC/VML/SOP.05 Pol.
Model No. :	PTC-WB	Serial No. :	217/03

Date of Calibration : 09/12/2020  
 Next Due Date : 09/12/2021  
 Location : Media Preparation Room  
 Frequency : Yearly  
**Observe Temperature in Water bath**

1	2	Point & Temperature		Test by
		point	temperature	
5	3	1	36.5	J. J. J.
		2	38.5	
		3	38.2	
		4	38.8	
		5	39.0	

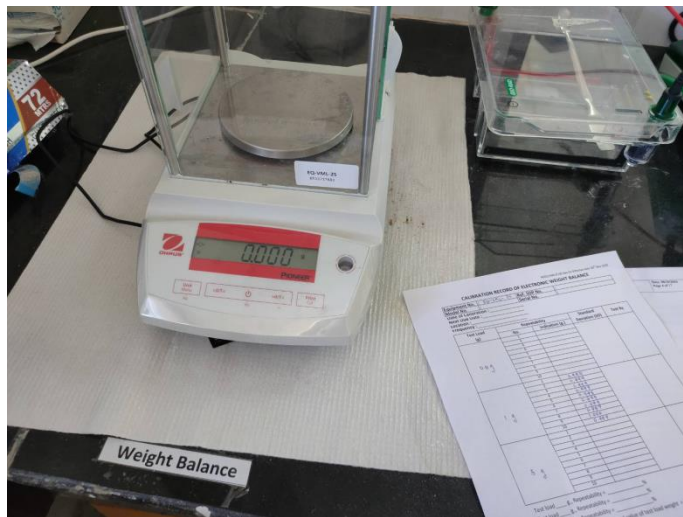
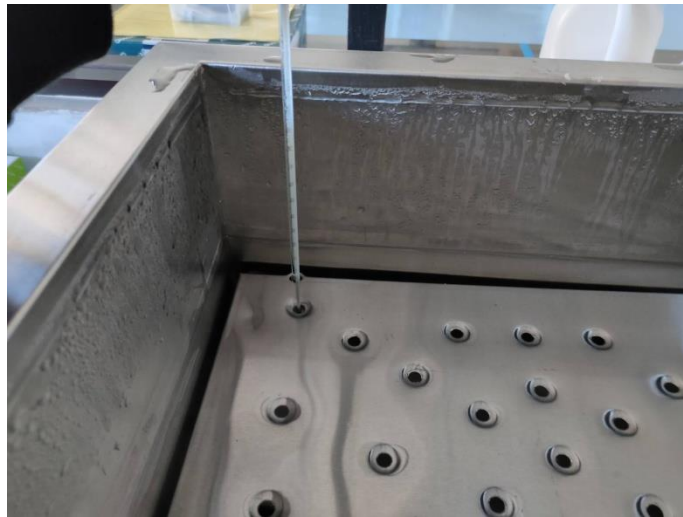
- The results Satisfactory  
 The results Not-Satisfactory

**Corrective Action & Comment** the water bath was set at 37°C (used temperature for cell culture room), average of calibrated temp. is 38.2°C from 5 calibrated points. that's mean +1.2°C deviation, should set  $\pm 1.2 - 1.5^\circ\text{C}$  of desired temperature.

Analyst by: [Signature]  
 Date: 09/12/2020

Verify by: [Signature]  
 Date:

Example of equipment calibration record



On water bath and weight balance calibration (November 2020)



# Objective 5

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## **Implementation of document control and document management**

Working in the laboratory is necessary to follow the standard operation procedures (SOP) to help workers carry out complex routine operations. SOPs aim to achieve efficiency, quality output and uniformity of performance, while reducing miscommunication and failure; many SOPs were developing to be guidelines. Additionally, LAB testing processes and LAB results has been recorded in forms, LOG book and worksheets. So document control systems need to be implemented in the LAB to make the document be set in the order, easy to control and manage as well as preparing for the future ISO standard implementations.

### ➤ **Activities**

1. Created master list for document control.
2. Made lists of document.
3. Communicate & consult with counterpart to implement the document control system and team agreed with using the system in the LAB.
4. Train VML staffs, especially QMS (Quality Management System) focal person Mr.Dorji Wangchuk to look after and maintain document control.
5. Applied document control to Influenza project and submit non-conformities comment in Influenza to US-CDC in behalf of National Influenza Center(NIC) audit.

➤ Achievement

- Document control was implemented into VML, all document were registered into the master list and controlled of distribution.
- The lab has systematic in document management, document storage and distribution
- Lab has fundamental and good practice in document management, lead to future improvement in quality system



Volunteer joined workshop in National Influenza Center (NIC) non-conformities audit (at Poscatd Dewa Hotel, Thimphu, November 2020), and document control developed by volunteer had been applied into the session

## Document Master List for VML Laboratory


### 1. Standard Operating Procedures (SOP)

N	Typ	SOP Number	Version	Document Name	Type	Effective Date	Author	Registered Date	Registered by
1	SOP	RCDC/VML/SOP/01	1	RNA extraction using QIAmp viral RNA mini Kit	Invalid	01/01/17	Sangay Zangmo	21-Nov-20	M.Songsang
2	SOP	RCDC/VML/SOP/02	1	Detection and characterization of Influenza virus	registered	01/01/17	Dorji Wangchuck	21-Nov-20	M.Songsang
3	SOP	RCDC/VML/SOP/03	1	Rejection of Laboratory Specimen for Influenza PCR	registered	01/01/17	Binay Thapa	21-Nov-20	M.Songsang
4	SOP	RCDC/VML/SOP/04	1	MERS CoV PCR using ALTONA kit	registered	01/01/17	Binay Thapa	21-Nov-20	M.Songsang
5	SOP	RCDC/VML/SOP/05	1	Internal Equipment Calibration	Received	30/11/20	M.Songsang	21-Nov-20	M.Songsang
6	SOP	RCDC/VML/SOP/06	1	Dengue Netsed PCR	Invalid	01/01/17	Sangay Zangmo	21-Nov-20	M.Songsang
7	SOP	RCDC/VML/SOP/07	1	Operation and maintenance of Rotor-Gene™ Real-Time Thermocycler	registered	01/01/17	Sangay Zangmo	21-Nov-20	M.Songsang
8	SOP	RCDC/VML/SOP/08	1	Operation and maintenance of ABI 7500 Fast Dx	registered	01/01/17	Sonam Gyeltshen	21-Nov-20	M.Songsang
9	SOP	RCDC/VML/SOP/06	2	Dengue Netsed PCR	Received	30/11/20	Sangay Zangmo	21-Nov-20	M.Songsang
10	SOP	RCDC/VML/SOP/01	2	RNA extraction using QIAmp viral RNA mini Kit	Received	30/11/20	Dorji Wangchuck	21-Nov-20	M.Songsang
11	SOP	RCDC/VML/SOP/09	1	Emergency duty in Virology and Molecular laboratory	Received	30/11/20	Binay Thapa	21-Nov-20	M.Songsang
12	SOP	RCDC/VML/SOP/10	1	Respiratory virus isolation	Received	30/11/20	Sangay Zangmo	21-Nov-20	M.Songsang
13	SOP	RCDC/VML/SOP/11	1	Propagation of MDCK cells	Received	30/11/20	Sangay Zangmo	21-Nov-20	M.Songsang
14	SOP	RCDC/VML/SOP/12	1	Preparation of Reagents for virus culture	Received	30/11/20	Sangay Zangmo	21-Nov-20	M.Songsang
15	SOP	RCDC/VML/SOP/13	1	Hemagglutination Inhibition assay	Received	30/11/20	Sangay Zangmo	21-Nov-20	M.Songsang
16	SOP	RCDC/VML/SOP/14	1	Sample Rejection and Acceptance	Received	30/11/20	Kunzang Dorji	21-Nov-20	M.Songsang
17	SOP	RCDC/VML/SOP/15	1	Specimen receiving, verification, processing and rejection	Received	30/11/20	Sangay Zangmo	21-Nov-20	M.Songsang
18	SOP	RCDC/VML/SOP/16	1	Detection of 2019-nCoV by PCR using LightMix Modular SARS-CoV-2(COVID-19) kit	Received	24/11/20	M.Songsang	21-Nov-20	M.Songsang
19	SOP	RCDC/VML/SOP/17	1	Detection of 2019-nCoV by PCR using PerkinElmer® Detection Kit	Received	25/11/20	M.Songsang	21-Nov-20	M.Songsang
20	SOP	RCDC/VML/SOP/18	1	Detection of 2019-nCoV by PCR using TaqPath™ COVID-19 CE-IVD RT-PCR Kit	Received	26/11/20	M.Songsang	21-Nov-20	M.Songsang

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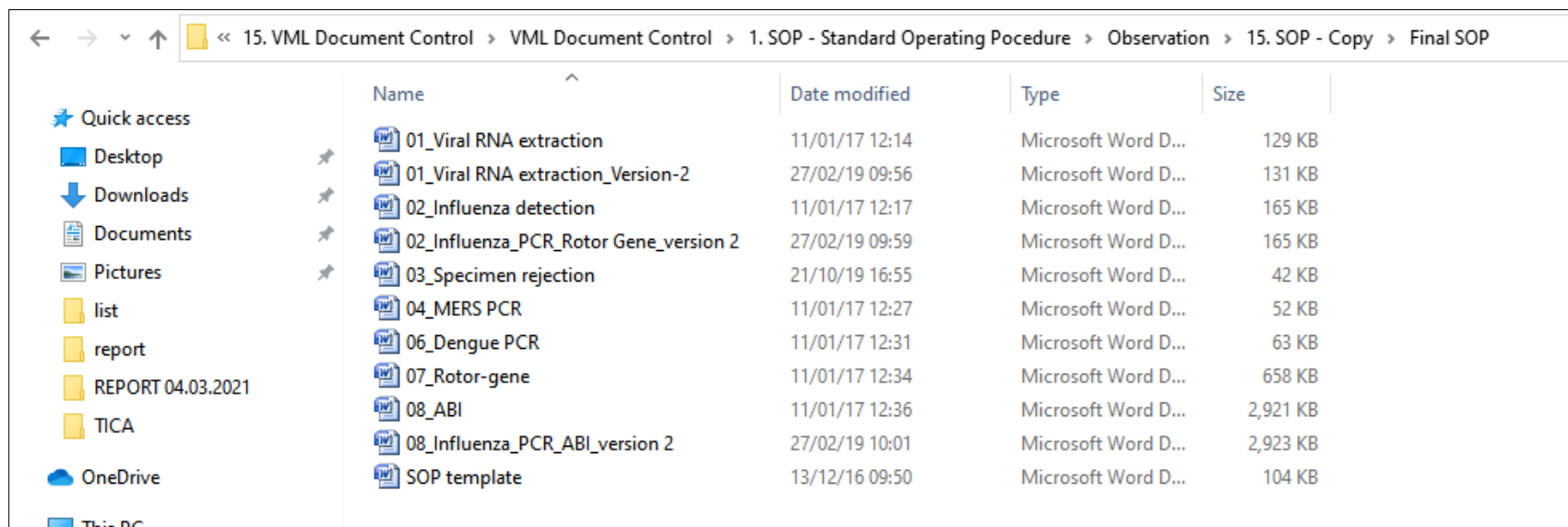
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### 3. Supporting Document (SD) (equipment manual, reference document, technical guideline)

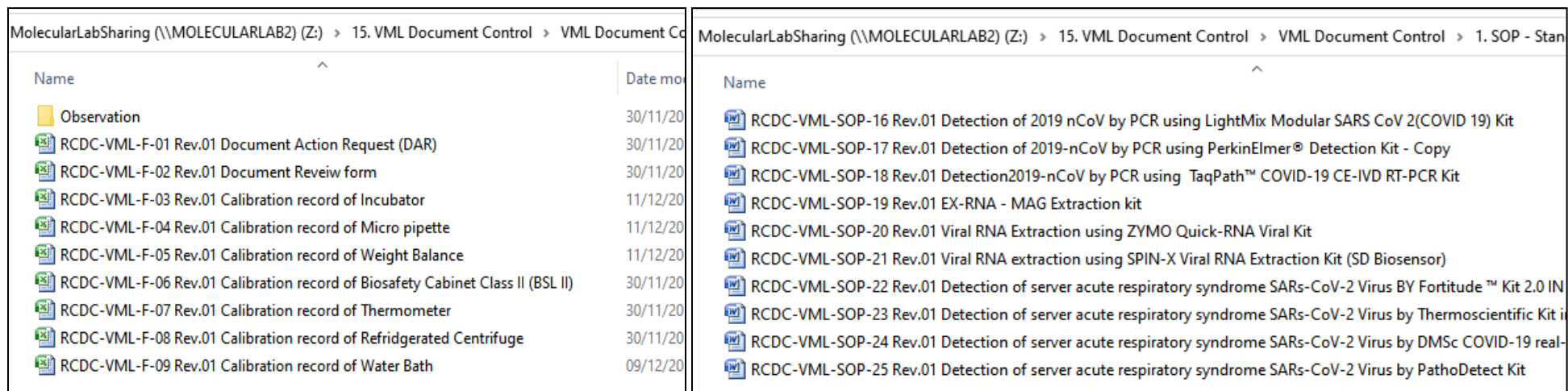
1	SD	RCDC/VML/SD/01	1	Instruction and maintenance manual for laboratory equipment in virology and molecular laboratory	Received	30/11/20	Sonam Gyeltshen	21-Nov-20	M.Songsang
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### 4. Log Book (LOG)

Document control master list is the main control sheet for overall document in VML, was developed and trained to staffs by volunteer



Unsystematic document control and storage before implementation of document control



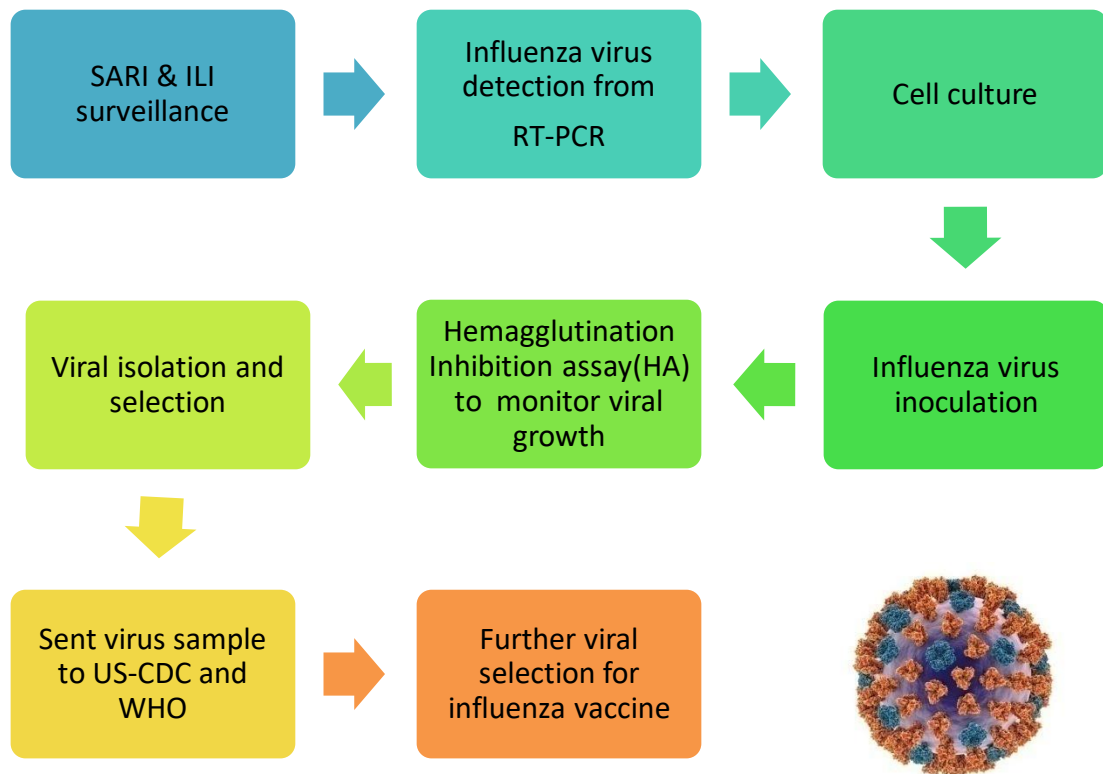
Document storage in soft copy after implementation of document control

# Objective 6

## Perform Influenza virus cell culture and virus isolation

Influenza virus cell culture is the last additional steps in SARI & ILI surveillance (details of project are in “objective 1”). The surveillance aimed to survey and detects strains of Influenza virus circulating in Bhutan and worldwide to collection Influenza virus information for US-CDC and WHO to develop Influenza vaccine for world population.

After influenza virus was detected in the laboratory, the positive samples will be processed virus cell culture and the strong strain will be selected and send to WHO and US-CDC for future study about influenza vaccine and vaccine development.



Virus cell culture in process of SARI & ILI surveillance



## Virus Cell Culture & Isolation of Virus is?

Unlike bacteria, many of which can be grown on an artificial nutrient medium, viruses require a living host cell for replication. Infected host cells (eukaryotic or prokaryotic) can be cultured and grown, and then the growth medium can be harvested as a source of virus. Virions in the liquid medium can be separated from the host cells by either centrifugation or filtration. Filters can physically remove anything present in the solution that is larger than the virions; the viruses can then be collected in the filtrate

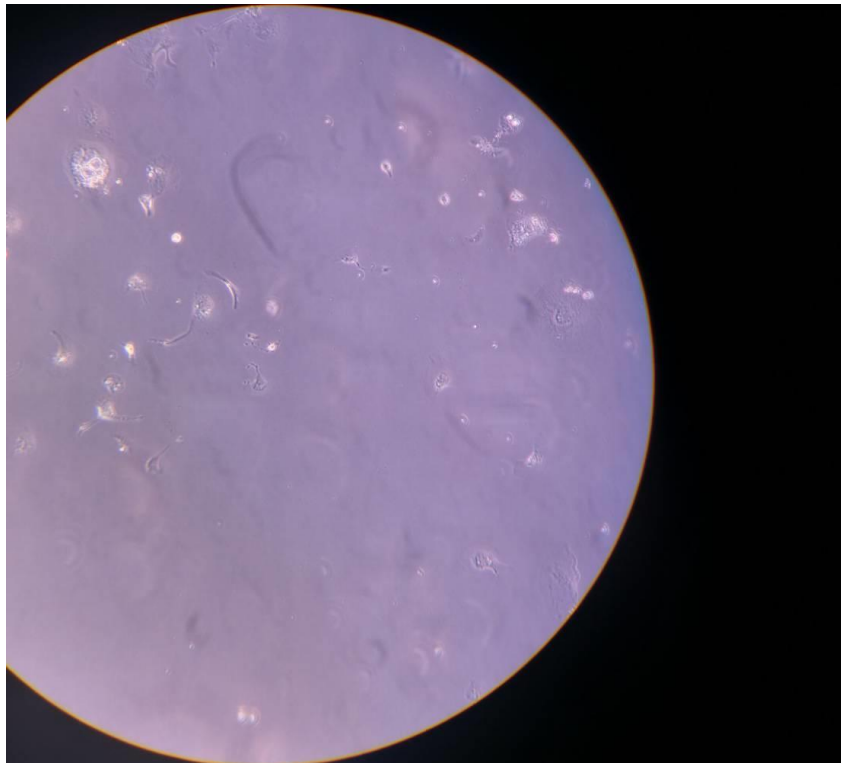
Viral culture is a laboratory technique in which samples of a virus are placed to different cell lines which the virus being tested for is able to infect. If the cells show changes, known as cytopathic effects, then the culture is positive.

Traditional viral culture has been generally superseded by shell vial culture, in which the sample is centrifuged onto a single layer of cells and viral growth is measured by antigen detection methods. This greatly reduces the time to detection for slow growing viruses such as cytomegalovirus, for which the method was developed. In addition, the centrifugation step in shell vial culture enhances the sensitivity of this method because after centrifugation, the viral particles of the sample are in close proximity to the cells. Human and monkey cells are used in both traditional viral culture and shell vial culture. Human virus types that can be identified by viral culture include adenovirus, cytomegalovirus, enteroviruses, herpes simplex virus, influenza virus, parainfluenza virus, rhinovirus, respiratory syncytial virus, varicella zoster virus, measles and mumps. For these, the final identification method is generally by immunofluorescence, with exception of cytomegalovirus and rhinovirus, whose identification in a viral culture is determined by cytopathic effects.

## Virus cell culture timeline activities in VML

February 2020

- Start the first cell culture by using Madin-Darby Canine Kidney (MDCK) cells by following steps.
  - Prepare media for cell culture
  - Thawed and inoculated MDCK cell in the media
  - Observe cell growth under inverted microscope



Only few MDCK cell growth on growth media under inverted microscope in the first batch cell culture

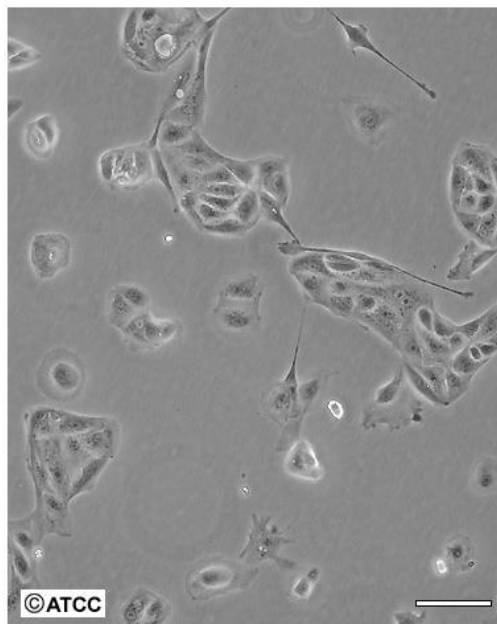
### ➤ Problem and suggestion

1. The first batch of cell culture gave unsatisfied results, as discussed with the staffs found that old batch of MDCK cell mother was supplied by AFRIMS Thailand since

2016. These cells had to be storage in -150°C deep freezer. RCDC had not enough UPS facility to maintain electric supplies lead to frequent electric black out happens especially in winter time. This made temperature of deep freezer was higher than -150°C, so the storage cells was damage and improper maintain growth efficiency by this reason. As well as all media for cell culture was expired for many months, So VML plan to request new batch of MDCK cell and media from AFRIM for next batch experiment.

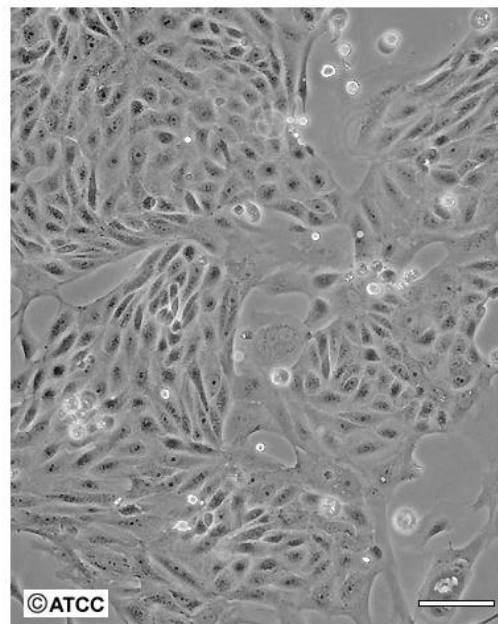
2. One batch of cell culture usually takes 1-3 months since start process (media preparation) to virus growth observation by HA, on March 2020 Bhutan got affected by COVID-19, so VML have to suspended current routine work and became National COVID-19 testing center. For this reason, the experiment was processed until 3rs day virus inoculation and had to be canceled.

ATCC Number: **CCL-34**  
Designation: **MDCK (NBL 2)**



Low Density

Scale Bar = 100µm



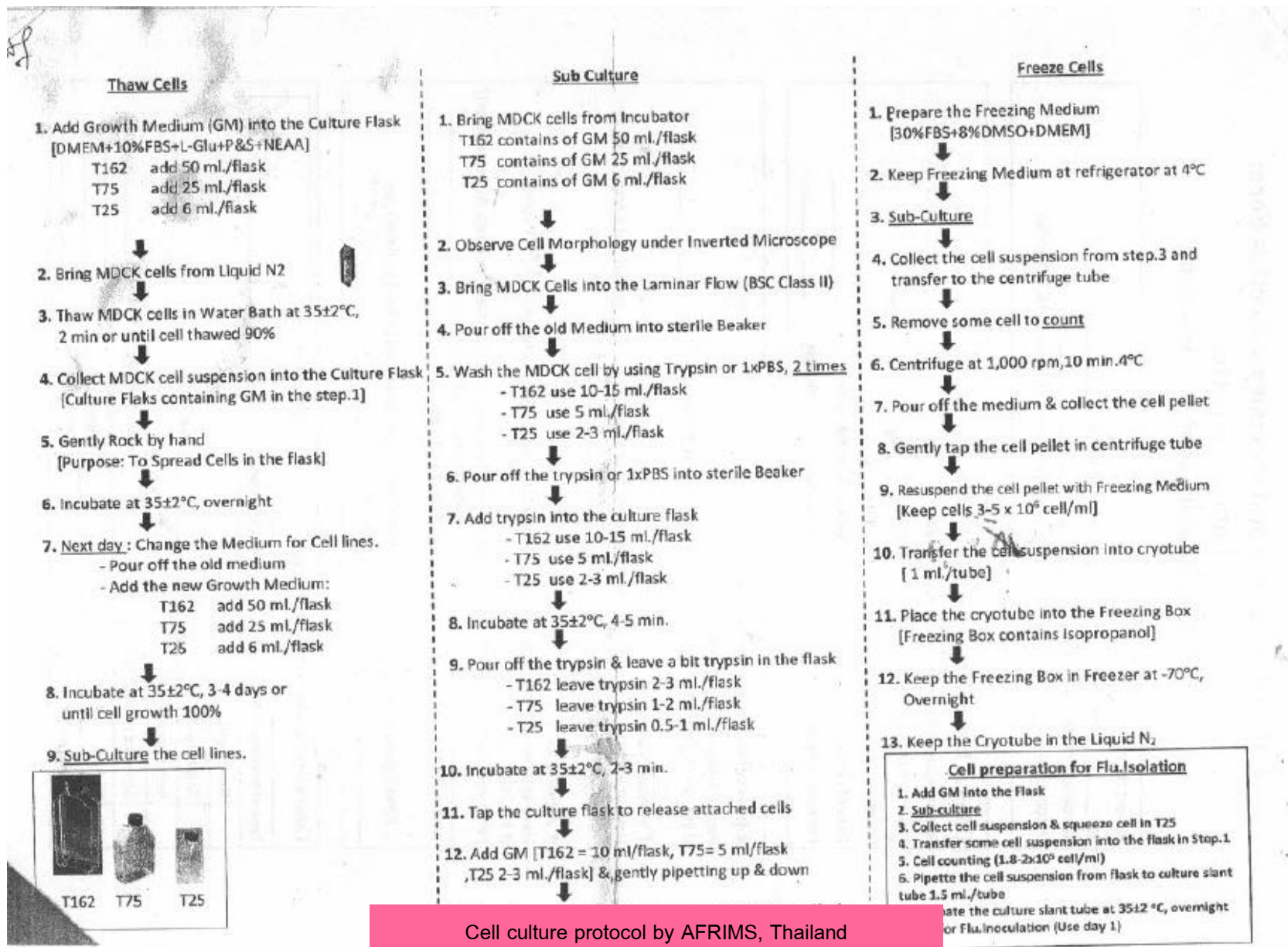
High Density

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MDCK cell properly growth in media by <https://www.atcc.org/products/all/CCL-34>

SN	Lab	Category	Name	Checklist by Bhutan Lab	Amount required	Manufacturer	Model/Cat.No.
1	Cell culture	Reagent	Dulbecco's Modified Eagle Medium (DMEM)(500ml)	All Expired	10 bt	GIBCO	11965-092
2	Cell culture	Reagent	Fetal Bovine Serum, qualified (US)(500ml)	Out of stock	2 bt	Gibco	26140-079
3	Cell culture	Reagent	L-Glutamine, 200 mM, (100X)(100ml)	All Expired	2 bt	Gibco	25030-081
4	Cell culture	Reagent	MEM Non-Essential Amino Acids Solution (NEAA)(100ml)	All Expired	2 bt	Gibco	11140-050
5	Isolation	Reagent	Gentamicin reagent solution (50 mg/ml), (20 ml) (for Maintenance medium)	Out of stock	5 bt	Gibco	Cat. No. 15750-060 or 15750-078
6	Isolation	Reagent	Fungizone Amphotericin B (250 µg/ml) (20 ml) (for Maintenance medium)	Out of stock	5 bt	Gibco	Cat. No.15290-018
7	Isolation	Reagent	7.5% (W/V) Sodium Bicarbonate solution, filtered sterile	Out of stock	1 bt	Gibco	Cat. No. 25080-094
8	Cell culture	Reagent	Penicillin Streptomycin Solution (P&S) (10,000 units Penicillin, 10,000 µg/ml Streptomycin) 100X(100ml)	All Expired	2 bt	Gibco	15140-122
9	Cell culture	Reagent	Dimethyl Sulfoxide (DMSO)(500ml)(for freezing cell)	Out of stock	1 bt	Sigma	D-5879
10	Cell culture	Reagent	Trypan Blue (Direct Blue 14) C.1.23850 (for counting cell)	Out of stock	1 bt	Coleman&Bell	N/A
11	Cell culture	Reagent	BSA (Albumin from Bovine Serum)(for Maintenance medium)	Out of stock	5 bt	Sigma	Cat. No. A2058-25G
12	Cell culture	Reagent	Trypsin (1:250)(for Trypsin solution)	Out of stock	2 bt	Gibco	27250-018
13	Cell culture	Reagent	HEPES (1M)(100ml)	All Expired	2 bt	Gibco	15630-080
14	Cell culture	Consumable	Coring Filter 250 ml	5 in stock	10 bt	Coring	NA
15	Cell culture	Reagent	10X Versene 1tube/500 ml	Out of stock	1 tube	NA	NA

Checklist of Cell culture reagent and consumable required from Bhutan lab to AFRIMS, by volunteer



Cell culture protocol by AFRIMS, Thailand



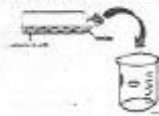
## Culture in Our Lab.

### Mammalian Cells

- LLC-MK<sub>2</sub> (Rhesus Monkey Kidney Cell) : PRNT
- MDCK (Madin-Darby Canine Kidney Cell) : Flu. Virus Isolation
- Vero (African Green Monkey Kidney Cell) : FRNT

### Subculturing

1. Pour off old medium into sterile container.



2. Wash the cells with 0.05% Trypsin 10-15 ml/flask T162  
5 ml/flask T75  
2-3 ml/flask T25



3. Pour off trypsin.



4. Add 0.05% Trypsin 10-15 ml/flask T162  
5 ml/flask T75  
2-3 ml/flask T25



incubate at RT (Room temp.) or Incubator at 35±2°C for 1-2 min (Depend on cell type)



5. Pour off trypsin and leave a bit trypsin to cover the cell sheet. Then cap the flask.



6. Gentle tap the flask. Then resuspend cells with growth media (10 or 20% FBS) and split cells into the new flask.

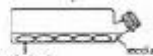


7. Add growth media (10 or 20% FBS) 50 ml/flask T162  
25 ml/flask T75  
6 ml/flask T25



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8. Incubate at 35±2°C, 3-5 days



### Insect Cells

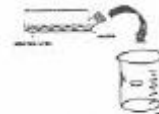
- C6/36 (Aedes Albopictus Mosquito Cell): Larva : Flavivirus Isolation.



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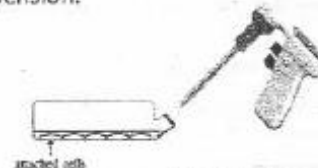
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3. Gently scrape the cells by using sterile rubber cell scraper.



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4. Pipette up and down 5-6 times to get the single cell suspension.



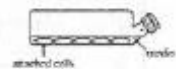
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5. Split cell into a new flask and add growth media 50 ml/flask T162  
25 ml/flask T75  
6 ml/flask T25



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6. Incubate at 28±1°C, 3-5 days



Cell culture protocol by AFRIMS, Thailand

# Objective 7

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## **Support Bhutan against COVID-19 in RCDC National testing center**

In December 2019, a cluster of unexplained pneumonia cases was first detected in Wuhan, China which was found, later, to be caused by novel human severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2, SARS-CoV-2. As of 8 December 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic has taken toll of more than 100 and 2.5 million confirmed cases and deaths respectively. It has heavily impacted every aspect of life primarily health and economy globally. While a COVID-19 case exhibits different pattern of clinical manifestations, most are similar, if not identical, to flu syndromes. Although several studies have been conducted to explore and understand the viral dynamics, there is no consistency in the findings especially on viral load dynamics and duration of viral shedding. It is an undeniable fact that understanding viral dynamics has significant impact on making decisions for better public health interventions.

Bhutan detected its first COVID-19 case on 5th March and since then, stringent public health measures have been put in place. The first national lockdown was undertaken for 28 days after the detection of first COVID-19 case in the community.

## 1. Handle suspected samples of COVID-19 as National Laboratory Front-liner to detect COVID-19 by using RT-PCR method

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Due to COVID19 pandemic across the world, Bhutan also got affected from the pandemic. Virology and molecular laboratory (VML), RCDC was assigned as a COVID-19 National Laboratory Testing, for this reason all staffs in VML were assigned to be front line staffs to test COVID-19 suspected samples, including Thai volunteer as well. Hence, all work plan and laboratory current project were suspended until the situations will back to normal condition.

As the *coronavirus* that causes the COVID-19 disease spreads across the world, the IAEA, in partnership with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), is offering its support and expertise to help countries use real time reverse transcription–polymerase chain reaction (real time RT–PCR), one of the most accurate laboratory methods for detecting, tracking and studying the COVID-19 coronavirus.

But what is real time RT–PCR? How does it work? How is it different from PCR? And what does this have to do with nuclear technology? Here’s a handy overview of the technique, how it works and a few refresher details on viruses and genetics.

### **What is real time RT–PCR?**

Real time RT–PCR is a nuclear-derived method for detecting the presence of specific genetic material in any pathogen, including a virus. Originally, the method used radioactive isotope markers to detect targeted genetic materials, but subsequent refining has led to the replacement of isotopic labelling with special markers, most frequently fluorescent dyes. This technique allows scientists to see the results almost immediately while the process is still ongoing, whereas conventional RT–PCR only provides results at the end of the process.

Real time RT–PCR is one of the most widely used laboratory methods for detecting the COVID-19 virus. While many countries have used real time RT–PCR for diagnosing

other diseases, such as Ebola virus and Zika virus, many need support in adapting this method for the COVID-19 virus, as well as in increasing their national testing capacities.

### **What is a virus? What is genetic material?**

A **virus** is a microscopic package of genetic material surrounded by a molecular envelope. This genetic material can be either deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) or ribonucleic acid (RNA).

**DNA** is a two-strand molecule that is found in all organisms, such as animals, plants and viruses, and which holds the genetic code, or blueprint, for how these organisms are made and develop.

**RNA** is generally a one-strand molecule that copies, transcribes and transmits parts of the genetic code to proteins so that they can synthesize and carry out functions that keep organisms alive and developing. Different variations of RNA are responsible for copying, transcribing and transmitting.

Some viruses such as the coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2), which causes COVID-19, only contain RNA, which means that they rely on infiltrating healthy cells to multiply and survive. Once inside the cell, the virus uses its own genetic code — RNA in the case of the COVID-19 virus — to take control of and ‘reprogramme’ the cells, turning them into virus-making factories.

In order for a virus like the COVID-19 virus to be detected early in the body using real time RT-PCR, scientists need to convert the RNA to DNA. This is a process called ‘reverse transcription’. They do this because only DNA can be copied — or amplified — which is a key part of the real time RT-PCR process for detecting viruses.

Scientists amplify a specific part of the transcribed viral DNA hundreds of thousands of times. Amplification is important so that, instead of trying to spot a minuscule amount of the virus among millions of strands of genetic information, scientists have a large enough quantity of the target sections of viral DNA to accurately confirm that the virus is present.

## How does real time RT-PCR work with the COVID-19 virus?

A sample is collected from the parts of the body where the COVID-19 virus gathers, such as a person's nose or throat. The sample is treated with several chemical solutions that remove substances such as proteins and fats and that extract only the RNA present in the sample. This extracted RNA is a mix of the person's own genetic material and, if present, the virus's RNA.

The RNA is reverse transcribed to DNA using a specific enzyme. Scientists then add additional short fragments of DNA that are complementary to specific parts of the transcribed viral DNA. If the virus is present in a sample, these fragments attach themselves to target sections of the viral DNA. Some of the added genetic fragments are used for building DNA strands during amplification, while the others are used for building the DNA and adding marker labels to the strands, which are then used to detect the virus.

The mixture is then placed in an RT-PCR machine. The machine cycles through temperatures that heat and cool the mixture to trigger specific chemical reactions that create new, identical copies of the target sections of viral DNA. The cycle is repeated over and over to continue copying the target sections of viral DNA. Each cycle doubles the previous number: two copies become four, four copies become eight, and so on. A standard real time RT-PCR set-up usually goes through 35 cycles, which means that, by the end of the process, around 35 billion new copies of the sections of viral DNA are created from each strand of the virus present in the sample.

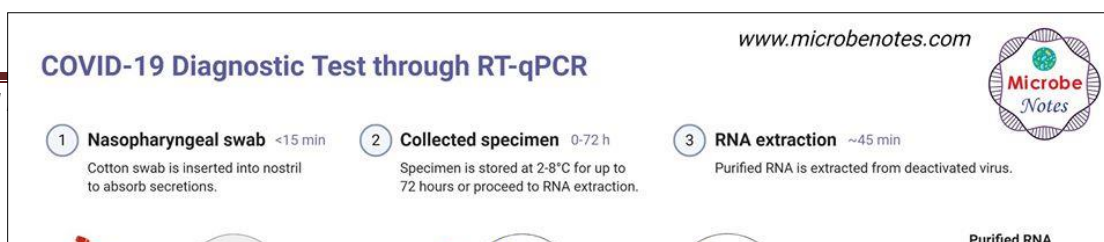
As new copies of the viral DNA sections are built, the marker labels attach to the DNA strands and then release a fluorescent dye, which is measured by the machine's computer and presented in real time on the screen. The computer tracks the amount of fluorescence in the sample after each cycle. When a certain level of fluorescence is surpassed, this confirms that the virus is present. Scientists also monitor how many cycles it takes to reach this level in order to estimate the severity of the infection: the fewer the cycles, the more severe the viral infection is.



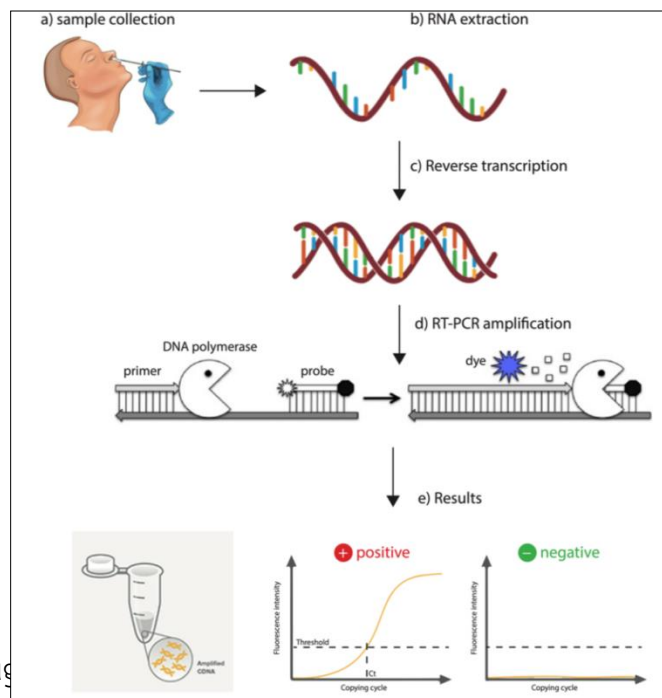
## Laboratory detection in RCDC

Viral RNA was extracted from 200µl of nasopharyngeal swab collected in Viral Transport media using QIAamp viral RNA mini kit (QIAGEN, Germany) and Quick-RNATM Viral Kit (Zymo Research, USA) following the manufacturer's instructions. Extracted Viral RNA was subjected to RT-PCR using Detection kit for 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) RNA (PCR-Fluorescence Probing) (DaAnGene, China), targeting open reading frame 1ab (ORF1ab) and nucleocapsid protein (N) genes 5µl of eluted viral RNA was added in the tube containing the mixture of 17µl of Reagent A and 3µl of Reagent B. The cycling condition was set at 1 cycle for 15 minutes for 50°C, 15 minutes for 95°C followed by 45 cycles of 94°C for 15 seconds and 55° for 45 seconds. Ct value <40 was considered positive.

Subsequently Standard M nCoV Real-Time Detection Kit (SD Biosenser, Korea) targeting Envelop gene and ORF1ab gene was also used. A total of 30µl reaction was prepared comprising of 10µl of eluted viral RNA, 14µl of 2019-nCoV Reaction solution, 6µl of RTase mix, 0.5µl of ROX references and 0.5µl of Internal Control. The cycling condition consisted of 1 cycle for 15 minutes for 50°C, 3 minutes for 95°C followed by 5 cycles of pre amplification at 95 °C for 5 seconds, 60°C for 40 seconds followed by 40 cycles of 95°C at 5 seconds, 60°C for 40 seconds. Ct value <36 was considered positive. For each protocol Positive and negative controls were run in each test to valid the test result.



## COVID-19 Diagnosis test through RT-PCR




On 11th Aug

st nationwide lockdown.


The cluster of COVID-19 cases was increased in Phuentsholing (the big city in Bhutan and India boundary), Bhutan government decided to performed mass screening COVID-19 for

population in the area, total up to 30,000 samples were tested at RCDC of 15 days of mass screening, volunteer also played the key role for sample management and work flow in the lab.



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### COVID-19 PCR Summary of Phuentsholing Active Surveillance by Mass Screening

**Date: 27.08.2020**

Active Surveillance of Pling by mass Screening					
Test Date: 15-26th August, 2020					
Batch	Total Pool	Total Tested	Total Missing samples	Duplicate ID	Total Positive
1	131	648	0	0	4
2	126	623	5	0	0
3	472	2356	9	0	0
4	427	3072	7	4	1
5	217	2121	4	0	1
6	271	2659	6	1	0
7	361	3477	4	1	0
8	392	3873	4	3	12
9	361	3542	3	0	5
10	298	2995	0	0	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>3056</b>	<b>25366</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>25</b>

**Test performed by:** Tshewang Dorji, Nima, Phub Zam, Jib, Pema Chophel, Puspa Maya Sharma, Kencho Chophel, Zangpo, Dechen Wangmo, Kelzang Lhamo  
**Result analyzed by:** Kunzang Dorji & Dorji Wangchuk

Phuntsholing mass screening report 15th – 26th August 2020

on 21th December 2020 to 29th January 2021 there was second wave of COVID-19 in Thimphu and Paro, more than 350 cases detected in this wave, the city was under lockdown for one and a half month, RCDC testing team did RT-PCR test for more than

100,000 test with 28 staffs, so Thai volunteer got assigned to look after samples verification, data variation and reporting the test result to focal person

COVID-19 PCR Summary Report from 2020-12-21 to 2021-01-29 by Testing Center								
Testing Centre	Number of Samples	First Sample		Subsequent Sample		Total		New Positive
		Negative	Positive	Negative	Positive	Negative	Positive	
Royal Centre for Disease Control	156619	95467	315	60613	224	156080	539	404
Phuentsholing Hospital	13058	5172	2	7853	31	13025	33	12
Monggar ERRH	4218	3318	5	891	4	4209	9	8
Gelephu CRRH	2795	2211	0	584	0	2795	0	0
Dewathang Hospital	2040	1164	0	873	3	2037	3	3
JDWNRH	2199	615	0	1569	15	2184	15	3

Dashboard shown total COVID-19 testing during lockdown, more than 150,000 tested in RCDC testing center (21th December 2020 – 29th January 2021)



Volunteer worked on samples receiving and data verifying for COVID-19 samples during second lockdown(21th December 2020 – 29th January 2021)







## 2. Train new staffs who joined RCDC testing center for COVID-19 Molecular testing

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Initially, Bhutan has only one COVID-19 testing center at Royal Centre for Disease control. The number of suspected case was increased due to Bhutanese migrated back to the country from abroad. Moreover, Bhutan share southern border with India which is the current epidemic center of COVID-19. On April 2020, Bhutan government concerned about community transmission, especially in the border areas. So, the government ordered to RCDC to establish more COVID-19 testing center in Phuntsholing, Gelephu and Mongar to monitor trend and to follow the early detection plan in case of local transmission occurred in Bhutan

According to less among of staffs in the first center laboratory in Thimphu, so government allocated laboratory person from the district hospitals to join COVID-19 National Laboratory Testing

### **Activities & Achievement**

1. New COVID-19 testing centers were established in Phuntsholing, Mongar and Guelphu and Dewathang respectively. At the first establishment, due to insufficient of professional and experienced staffs from COVID-19 National Laboratory Testing (RCDC) had to move to the district to install the lab and settled there for few months.

2. Trained new staffs to do molecular testing for COVID-19 sample, after 3 months of training, staffs are able to move to district center to handle COVID-19 testing lab effectively.



COVID-19 testing center in other districts of Bhutan, implemented by RCDC team



Volunteer and team after finished COVID-19 training course

### 3. Support RCDC to presentation about integrate COVID-19 into Influenza surveillance in other district of Bhutan

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To prevent and to early detection of COVID-19 community transmission in the country, so Bhutan government has been launch COVID-19 and Influenza surveillance integrate system to 123 hospitals and primary health centres all over the country. RCDC and COVID-19 National laboratory testing staffs have responsibility to conduct training at each health centres about the purpose of the project and communicate to the district health centre to perform sample collection and case diagnosis and report to the centre as well.

#### ➤ Activities & Achievement

Volunteer supported RCDC and team to conduct presentation in district hospital as well as management & supply test kit and sample collection consumables to district hospital, volunteer joined 2 presentations at Paro and Haa hospital in June to May 2020





Volunteer and team on the way to presentation about COVID-19 and Influenza integrating surveillance to Paro district on June 2020





#### 4. Conduct training for new staffs for sample collection and Rapid test for COVID-19

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Volunteer cooperated with RCDC team conducted training for COVID-19 sample collection and Rapid test kit to make 13 new staffs understand and be able to go to field to collect the sample rightfully. The training performed on 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> July 2020

##### **Activities & Achievement**

All trained new staffs join sample collection team right after training; they are able to work with more efficiency with professional team, and work according to the protocol. No repeating of test after receiving samples from them and they can work follow Biosafety protocol without got any infection from positive case in the field



Volunteer and RCDC testing team conducted training for new staffs in sample collection and Rapid test for COVID-19 on 12<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> July 2020

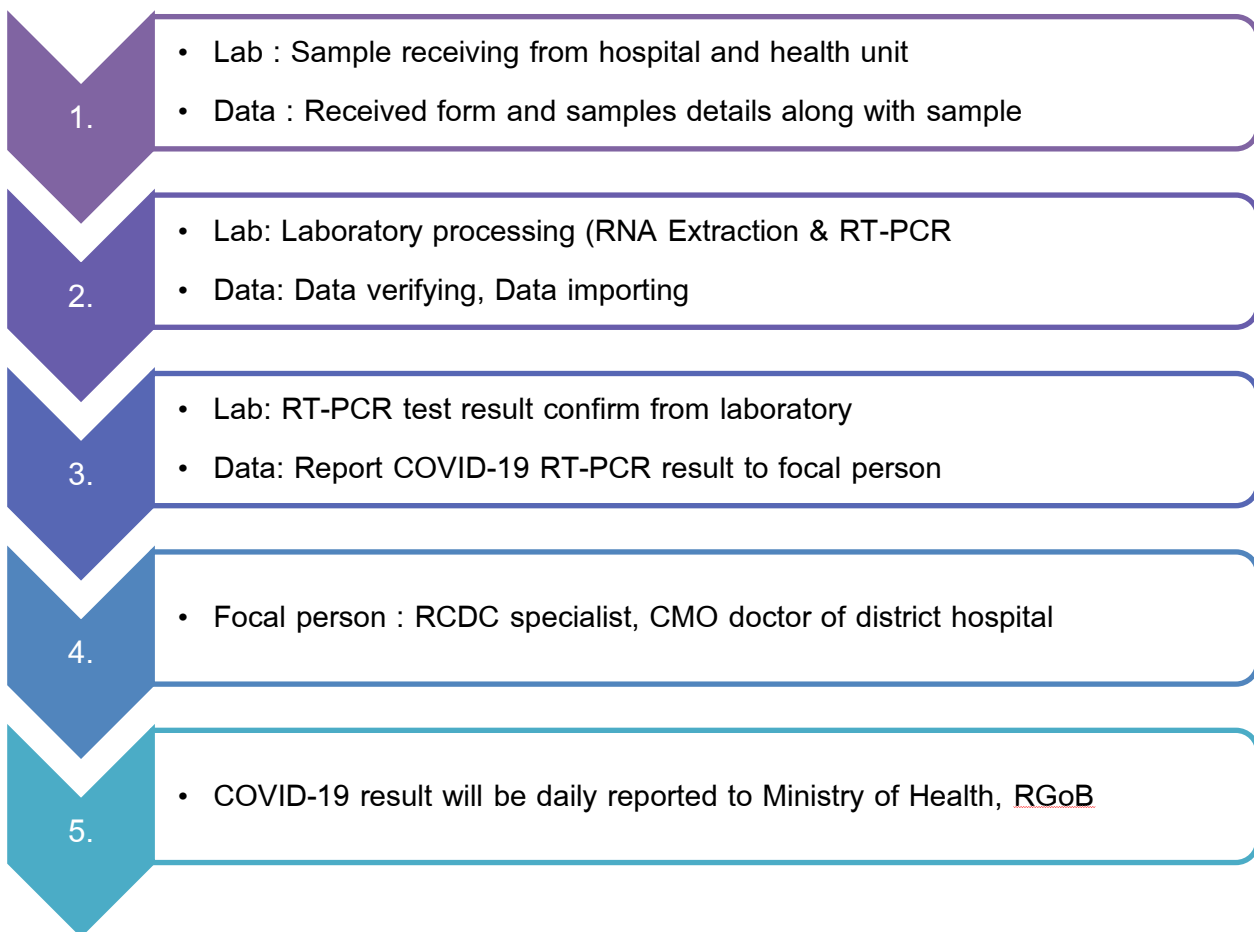


## 5. Engaged in COVID-19 data & reporting

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After RT-PCR testing for suspected COVID-19 samples, data cleaning and importing into national COVID-19 system have to be done in a part of laboratory as well. Only 1 staffs is involved with data and reporting, that was Miss Lila Adikari, Senior Laboratory Officer from Tuberculosis Laboratory, RCDC. After 8 months of pandemic, data people have to stand by 24 hrs to communicate with focal person about data and reporting COVID-19 lead to fatigue and brained out. So volunteer was assigned to take in charge of data and reporting for COVID-19 from November 2020 to March 2021.

### Flow of COVID-19 testing and reporting



## Case Investigation and Specimen Collection Form for COVID-19, ILI and SARI (Version-5)

**Case Type (Please tick):**    **Suspect COVID-19**       **ILI**       **SARI**

### SECTION 1: PATIENT INFORMATION

Name of Health Centre: \_\_\_\_\_

Patient Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_ CID number: \_\_\_\_\_

Present Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Nationality: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Country of Residence (those residing abroad).....

### SECTION 2: CLINICAL INFORMATION

Fever or History of fever:    Yes    No      If Yes, Temperature:.....

Cough:    Yes    No      Shortness of Breath:    Yes    No

Sore throat:    Yes    No      Diarrhea    Yes    No

Headache    Yes    No      Nausea/Vomiting    Yes    No

Loss of Smell/taste    Yes    No      Abdominal pain/blotting    Yes    No

Musculoskeletal pain    Yes    No      Fatigue    Yes    No

Chills    Yes    No      Others (Specify): \_\_\_\_\_

Co-morbid conditions (Tick all that apply): None   Diabetes   Cardiac Disease   Hypertension   Pulmonary Disease   Kidney Disease   Liver Disease   Immuno-compromised   Pregnancy   Others specify.....

Hospitalization: Yes No (If Yes, Date of Admission:.....)      Outcome: Recovered Referred   Death

### SECTION 3: EPIDEMIOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Date of notification: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of onset: \_\_\_\_\_

Does the patient have Travel History within 21 days before the onset of symptoms: Yes No

If yes, place visited and country..... Travel date from..... to.....

Any contact with visitor, visiting in last 21 days from affected place (in/ex country): Yes No

If yes, date and contact place.....

In past 21 days, have you had contact with a person with confirmed COVID-19 case: Yes No      If Yes, date and place .....

Advised by (Doctor's name and Contact number):.....

### SECTION 4: LABORATORY SPECIMENS COLLECTED

Specimen No:

Date of Collection: .... /.... /.....  
(dd/mm/yyyy)

#### Type of Specimen Collected:

- Nasal swab
- Throat swab
- Nasopharyngeal swab
- Blood
- Sputum
- Others, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

#### If Rapid diagnostic test done, result:


- Positive Flu A
- Positive Flu B
- COVID-19 IgM Positive
- COVID-19 IgG Positive
- COVID-19 Ag Positive
- Negative for .....

1st Sample    2nd Sample    3rd Sample    Specify if other: .....

Collection Site: Flu clinic   OPD   IPD   Quarantine site .....

Sample Collected by (Name and contact number): .....

COVID-19 form to collect sample detail

 **New CIF**

CIF Manager > New

Patient, Clinical, Epidemiological & Laboratory Information

**Patient Information**

Dzongkhag:  Health Center/PoE:

Patient Name:  Age(Years):  Gender:

CID/Passport/ID No:

Occupation:  Occupation Details:

Contact No.:  Nationality:

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COVID-19 system to record and generate testing report



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4	Mar 10, 2021	JB1225	Namgay heritage	Pema Jamtsho	24	11510003939	Male	Student	17811489	Yes
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7	Mar 10, 2021	JB1222	Namgay heritage	Karma Rinchen	44	11301001622	Male	Private		Yes
8	Mar 10, 2021	JB1221	Namgay heritage	Jigme Jamyang	38	11602000327	Female	Private	77605827	Yes
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**HFS RCDC User**

Dashboard  
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Mass Screening Summary  
Test Request & Results

### Mass Screening Samples

Export to Excel

SELECT DZONGKHAG/THROMDE SELECT GEWOG/ZONE Registration From Registration To

SELECT TEST TYPE Sample ID CID / Registration No.

Gender Contact No. Filter Clear

#	Reg Dt.	Test Type	Sample ID	Dzongkhag	Gewog/Zone	Name	CID/Work Permit/Passport No.	D.O.B	Age	Gender	C
1	2021-02-02	, ANTIGEN	304	Punakha	Toepisa	304	77782225	2003-09-23	18	Male	7
2	2021-01-28	RT-PCR	KKKK2413	Thimphu Thromde	Norzin Tag (7B)	AADIL MOMIN	1414101851385225	2021-01-28	0	Male	1
3	2021-01-28	RT-PCR	JLKZ-2381	Thimphu Thromde	Changkhorlo (8B)	AAIJUL HOSEN	1414101851255738	1979-01-01	42	Male	1
4	2021-02-25	RT-PCR	BF159	Thimphu Thromde	Changgangkha (9A)	Aaisha Tiwari	11402000664	2016-01-30	5	Female	1

HFS system: COVID-19 online data collection from for mass screening and community screening



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ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF BHUTAN  
MINISTRY OF HEALTH  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
**Royal Centre for Disease Control**  
Serbithang, Thimphu-BHUTAN  
P.O BOX: 667



Report Date:2021-02-01

**RT-PCR Result for COVID-19**

Test Centre: *Royal Centre for Disease Control*

Sl.No	Specimen ID	Sample No	Name	CID/Passport	Age	Gender	Occupation	MobileNo	Collected By	Collected From	Collection Date	PCR Result
1	COVID-CHU-0497	2	Kunzang Tshering A	11608002020	47.00	Male	Driver(RBA Driver)	17593346	Chhukha BHU I	Frontliner(Chukha)	2021-02-01	Negative
2	COVID-CHU-0498	2	Cheten Tshering	11608001891	46.00	Male	Driver(RBA Driver)	17679768	Chhukha BHU I	Frontliner(Chukha)	2021-02-01	Negative
3	COVID-CHU-0499	3	Jampel Tshering	10001000778	47.00	Male	Driver(RBA Driver)	17602756	Chhukha BHU I	Frontliner(Chukha)	2021-02-01	Negative
4	COVID-CHU-0500	2	Palzang Namgay	10003001740	50.00	Female	Driver(RBA Driver)	17738105	Chhukha BHU I	Frontliner(Chukha)	2021-02-01	Negative
5	COVID-CHU-0501	2	Tshering Phuntso	11207002000	39.00	Male	Driver(RBA Driver)	17304875	Chhukha BHU I	Frontliner(Chukha)	2021-02-01	Negative
6	COVID-CHU-0502	2	Sonam Jamtsho	11510000109	39.00	Male	Driver(RBA Driver)	17835697	Chhukha BHU I	Frontliner(Chukha)	2021-02-01	Negative
7	COVID-CHU-0503	2	Chorvel Wangdi	11510000010	38.00	Male	Driver(RBA Driver)	17655473	Chhukha BHU I	Frontliner(Chukha)	2021-02-01	Negative
8	COVID-CHU-0504	2	Ugyen Dorji	10203003317	38.00	Male	Driver(RBA Driver)	17658247	Chhukha BHU I	Frontliner(Chukha)	2021-02-01	Negative
9	COVID-CHU-0505	3	Nado	10709002109	39.00	Male	Driver(RBA Driver)	17656336	Chhukha BHU I	Frontliner(Chukha)	2021-02-01	Negative
10	COVID-CHU-0506	4	Nima Tshering	11210002079	38.00	Male	Driver(RBA Driver)	17599675	Chhukha BHU I	Frontliner(Chukha)	2021-02-01	Negative
11	COVID-CHU-0507	3	Kunzang Tshering B	11515000023	51.00	Male	Driver(RBA Driver)	17625247	Chhukha BHU I	Frontliner(Chukha)	2021-02-01	Negative
Test Performed On				2021-02-01								
Test Performed By				Tshewang Dorji,Nima,Pema Chopel,Dechen Wangmo,Januka,Phub Zam								
Result Analyzed By				Dorji Wangchuk,Kuenzang Dorji,Sonam Gyeltshen								

Verified By : Binay Thapa  
Section Head, Virology and Molecular Lab, RCDC

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Example of COVID-19 testing report, generate & verify by volunteer to focal person



Date: 2021-03-09

**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**

This is to certify that Sangay Dorji Age/Sex: 31.00/Male holder of CID/Passport No: 11509000094 has been tested for COVID-19 by RT-PCR on the above date and found to be **Negative** at the time of testing

The individual has also been examined by a competent Physician and was free of any signs and symptoms at the time of examination. He/she has been deemed **fit to travel/fly**

**Name of Doctor :** Dr. Tshokey  
**BMHC Registration No :** MM-079

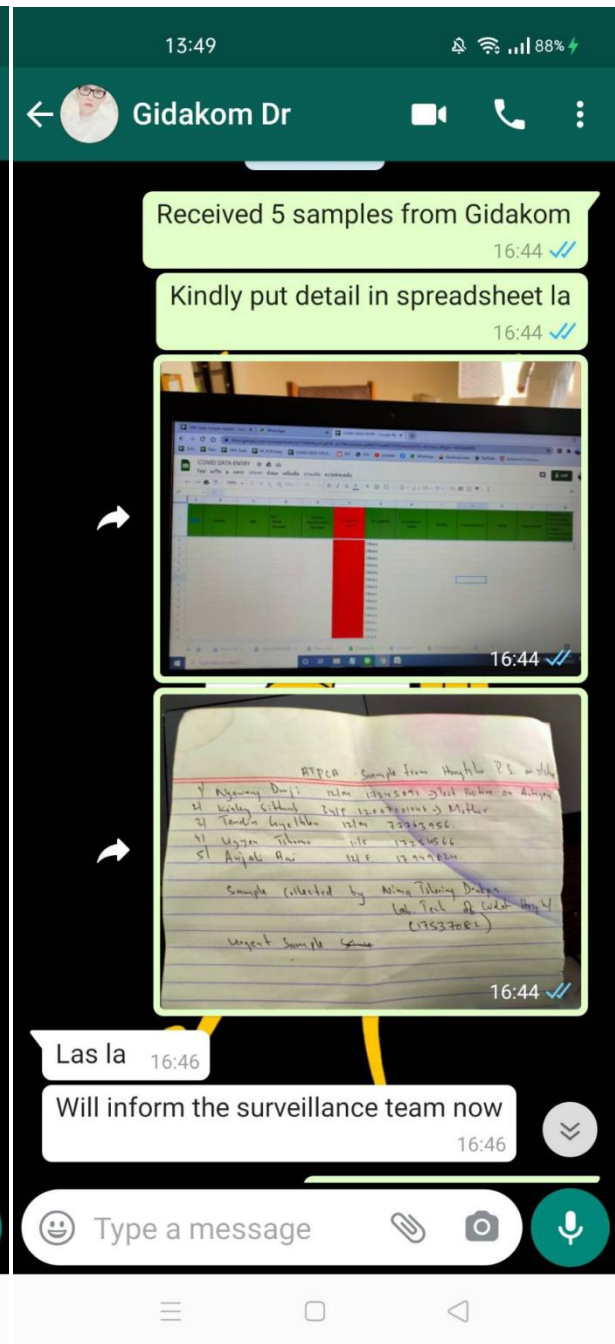
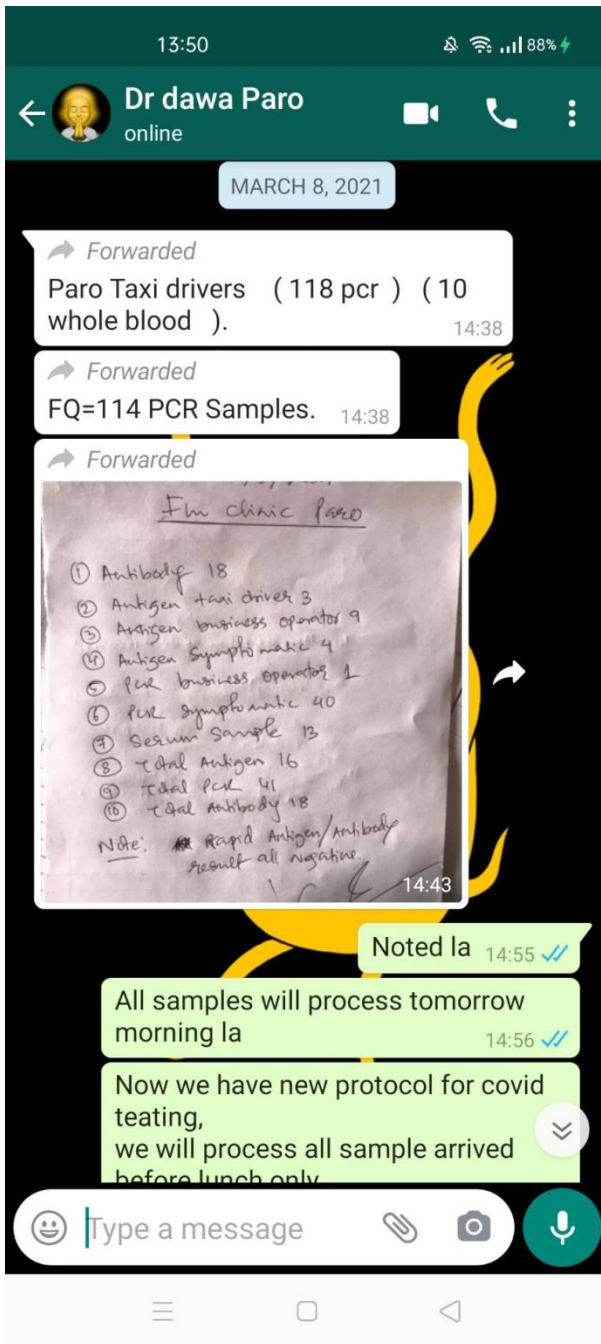
**RT-PCR REPORT FOR COVID-19**

Test Center	Royal Centre for Disease Control		
Specimen ID	JB1216	CID/Passport	<u>11509000094</u>
Name	Sangay Dorji	Age/Gender	31.00/Male
Occupation	Driver		
Collected By	Royal Centre for Disease Control	Collected From	Facility Quarantine(Hotel Ariya)
Sample Type	Nasopharyngeal Swab	Product/Kit Used	SD Biosensor
PCR Platform	7500 Fast Dx	Collection Date	2021-03-09
Test Performed On	2021-03-09	PCR Result	Negative
Test Performed By	Tshewang Dorji,Nima,Pema Chopel,Tshering Pelki,Dechen Wangmo		
Result Analyzed By	Dorji Wangchuk,Kuenzang Dorji,Sonam Gyeltshen		
Contact Details	Royal Centre for Disease Control, bthapa@health.gov.bt, +975-17562422		

**Verified By :** Binay Thapa  
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Example of COVID-19 travel certificate for traveler, generated & verified and issued by volunteer



Example of coordinating with districts hospital doctor about COVID-19 samples details



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CID will be same la...

Pls share me his CID...

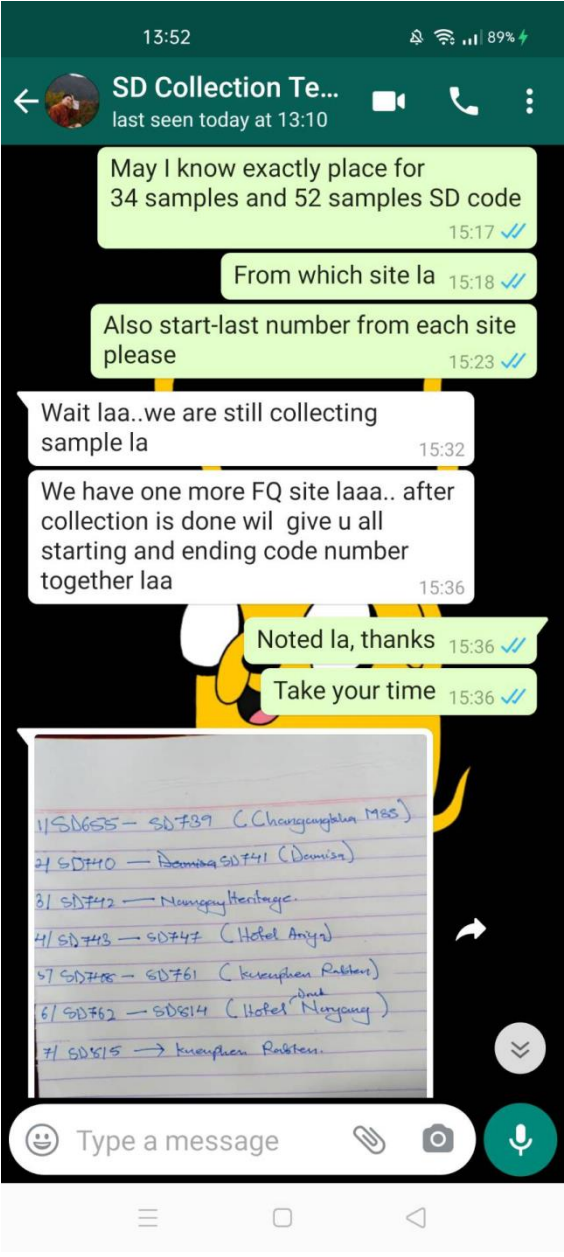
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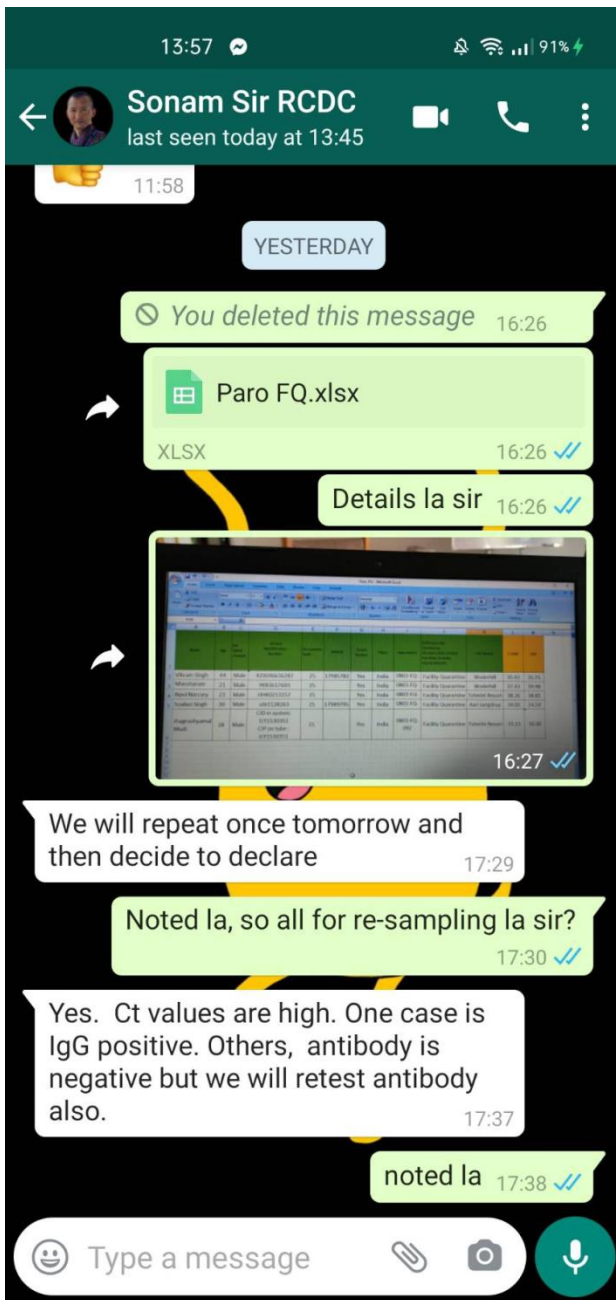
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Done with edit

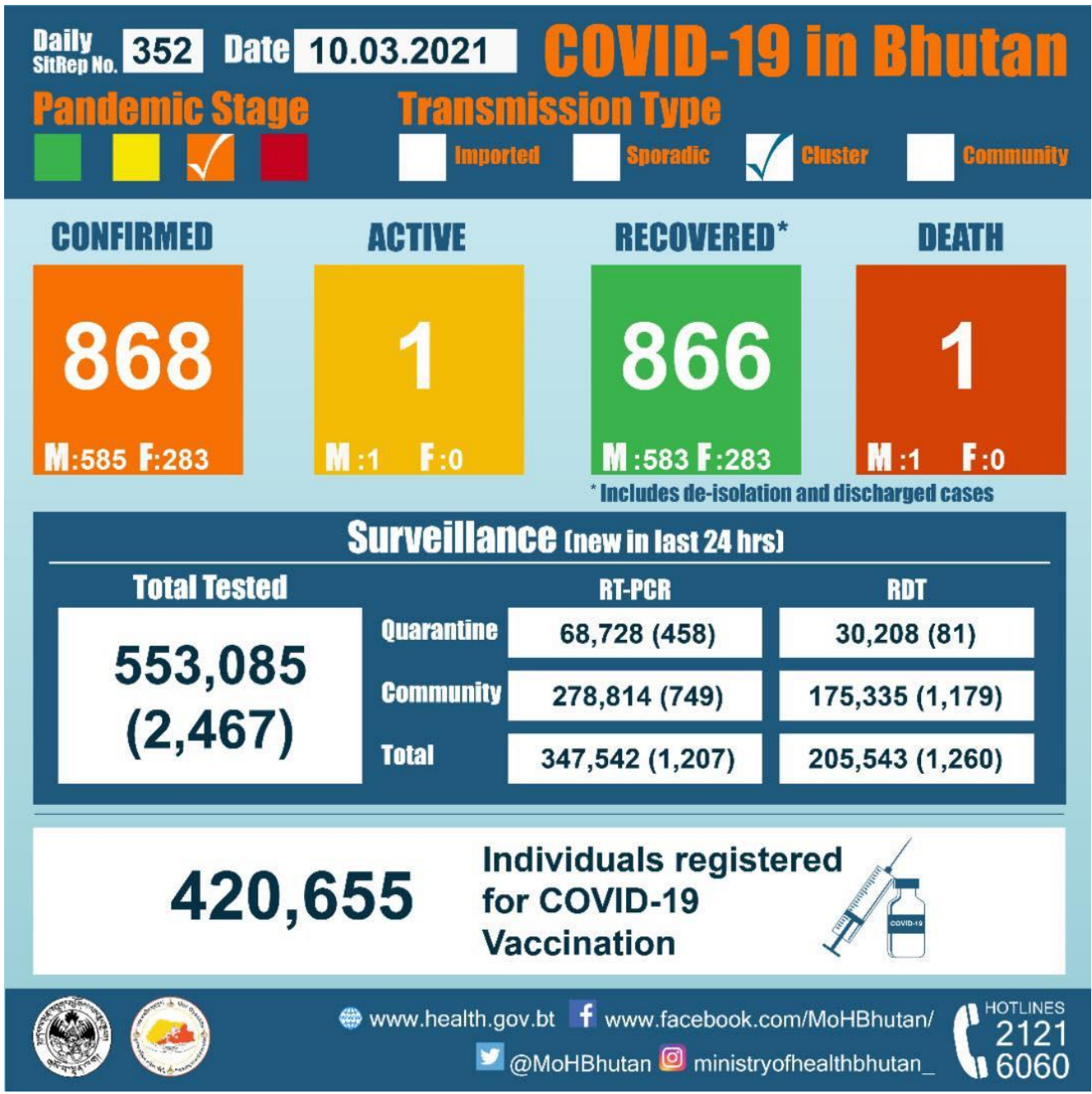
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Example of coordinating with districts hospital doctor and sample collection team about COVID-19 samples details and data problem



Daily discussion about testing result and reporting to Dr.Sonam Wangchuk, RCDC specialist and Bhutan COVID-19 taskforce member



Example dashboard updated by Ministry of Health for COVID-19 update, including RT-PCR daily summary test which updated by volunteer



# APPENDIX

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## OTHERS ACTIVITIES



5S Implementation day for RCSC building, staffs were helping each others to made parking lines.



Attended cleaning day for garden trimmings in the gardens surrounding the RCDC building



Attended SOPs development with VML team, Phunakha, November 2019



Observed Bhutanese traditional weaving the fabric at Royal textile museum





Gathered with Canadian & Japanese volunteers to exchange knowledge and experiences



Trek & picnic with Bhutanese friends to relax and also learn about surrounded area, Bhutan histories and Bhutan cultures



Meeting with Thai Consulate to briefed about COVID-19



Stayed with local home stay to learn and exchange culture





Visit Lyonpo (Minister) of Ministry of Health, Royal Government of Bhutan



Visit the Director of RCSC of Ministry of Human Resource, Royal Government of Bhutan



RCSC Director, Ministry of Human Resource, Royal Government of Bhutan visit volunteer at RCDC to give gifts for serving on COVID-19 duty



Volunteer as front-liner in COVID-19 testing, got COVID-19 test every 14 days by swab test for RT-PCR to monitor and control the disease within testing center



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**โครงการอาสาสมัครเพื่อนไทย ปฏิบัติงาน ณ ราชอาณาจักรภูฏาน**

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**ชื่ออาสาสมัคร:** นางสาวมัชฌิมาพร ส่องแสง

**หน่วยงานที่สังกัด:** ห้องปฏิบัติการทดสอบไวรัสและชีวโมเลกุล ศูนย์ควบคุมโรค กระทรวงสาธารณสุข (Virology & Molecular Laboratory, Royal Centre for Disease Control, Ministry of Health, Royal Government of Bhutan)

**ตำแหน่ง:** นักวิทยาศาสตร์ปฏิบัติการ

**รายละเอียดงาน**

1. เข้าร่วมเป็นส่วนหนึ่งของโครงการสำรวจไข้หวัดใหญ่ในประเทศภูฏาน
2. ก่อตั้งระบบ 5ส เพื่อจัดการความสะอาดเรียบร้อยภายในห้องปฏิบัติการ
3. จัดตั้งระบบการควบคุม การบันทึกข้อมูล รวมทั้งการรับ-จ่าย สารเคมีและอุปกรณ์และเครื่องมือที่ใช้ในการทดสอบในห้องปฏิบัติการพร้อมฝึกอบรม
4. จัดตั้งระบบการสอบเทียบภายในของเครื่องมือและอุปกรณ์ภายในห้องปฏิบัติการ พร้อมฝึกอบรมพนักงาน
5. จัดตั้งระบบการควบคุมเอกสารภายในห้องปฏิบัติการพร้อมอบรมพนักงาน
6. ดำเนินการเพาะเลี้ยงเซลล์เพื่อเพาะเลี้ยงไวรัสไข้หวัดใหญ่ ภายใต้โครงการสำรวจไข้หวัดใหญ่ในประเทศภูฏาน
7. เข้าร่วมทีมในการเป็นด่านหน้าของศูนย์ทดสอบไวรัสโควิด-19 ณ ศูนย์การทดสอบแห่งชาติ กรมควบคุมโรค

**ภาพรวมและสรุปผลการปฏิบัติงาน**

## 1. เข้าร่วมเป็นส่วนหนึ่งของโครงการสำรวจไข้หวัดใหญ่ในประเทศภูฏาน

ห้องปฏิบัติการทดสอบไวรัสและชีวโมเลกุลซึ่งอาสาสมัครไปประจำอยู่ ดำเนินโครงการหลักคือการสำรวจไข้หวัดใหญ่ในประเทศภูฏาน โดยร่วมมือกับองค์การอนามัยโลกและศูนย์ควบคุมโรคของสหรัฐอเมริกาในการสำรวจและทดสอบตัวอย่างไข้หวัดใหญ่โดยวิธีการ RT-PCR เพื่อเก็บข้อมูลของไวรัสที่ก่อไข้หวัดใหญ่ภายในประเทศและส่งข้อมูลและตัวอย่างไปยังองค์การอนามัยโลก โดยมี 11 โรงพยาบาลทั่วประเทศเข้าร่วมโครงการ ทางห้องปฏิบัติการทำหน้าที่เป็นศูนย์กลางในการฝึกอบรมพนักงาน ณ โรงพยาบาลที่เข้าร่วมโครงการในการเก็บตัวอย่างและการส่งตัวอย่าง และทำหน้าที่ในการตรวจหาเชื้อไวรัสโดยวิธีทางชีวโมเลกุล เนื่องด้วยจำนวนพนักงานในห้องปฏิบัติการไม่เพียงพอ ทางห้องปฏิบัติการจึงได้ส่งคำขอไปยัง TICA และได้รับอาสาสมัครมาเข้าร่วมโครงการนี้และกิจกรรมอื่นๆ ซึ่งอาสาสมัครได้เข้าร่วมทั้งกิจกรรมการอบรม การให้คำแนะนำแก่โรงพยาบาลและการทดสอบทางชีวโมเลกุลจากตัวอย่างที่ถูกส่งมาจากโรงพยาบาลต่างๆ เป็นเวลา 4 เดือน โดยเริ่มตั้งแต่เดือนพฤศจิกายน 2562 ถึงเดือนกุมภาพันธ์ 2563 ทางโครงการได้หยุดชะงักเนื่องจากการระบาดของโควิด-19 ในระยะเวลา 4 เดือน ทางห้องปฏิบัติการได้ทดสอบตัวอย่างไข้หวัดใหญ่ไปทั้งสิ้น 890 ตัวอย่าง พบว่า 53 ตัวอย่างมีผลเป็นบวกในการทดสอบไข้หวัดใหญ่ 36 ตัวอย่างเป็นไข้หวัดใหญ่สายพันธุ์ A และ 17 ตัวอย่างเป็นไข้หวัดใหญ่สายพันธุ์ B

โดยโครงการสำรวจไข้หวัดใหญ่ของทางห้องปฏิบัติการ เริ่มขึ้นตั้งแต่ปีคริสต์ศักราช 2016 ประสบความสำเร็จในการเก็บข้อมูลไข้หวัดใหญ่ที่ระบาดอยู่ในประเทศ และส่งข้อมูลให้องค์การอนามัยโลกและได้มีส่วนผลักดันให้ประชาชนชาวภูฏานได้รับวัคซีนไข้หวัดใหญ่ของสายพันธุ์ที่ระบาดในประเทศ โดยมีการเริ่มฉีดวัคซีนในปี 2019 และทางห้องปฏิบัติการมีแผนจะขยายโครงการและเพิ่มกำลังการตรวจ โดยมีแผนพัฒนาห้องปฏิบัติการทดสอบไวรัสโดยจะมีการยื่นขอใบรับรองการเป็น National Influenza Centre ของประเทศภูฏานผ่านองค์การอนามัยโลกในปีคริสต์ศักราช 2021 -2022

## 2. ก่อตั้งระบบ 5ส เพื่อจัดการความสะอาดเรียบร้อยภายในห้องปฏิบัติการ

ห้องปฏิบัติการได้รับการสนับสนุนสารเคมี อุปกรณ์ และเครื่องมือในการทดสอบมากมาย แต่ขาดการจัดเก็บที่ดี รวมทั้งการทำทำความสะอาด การแบ่งสัดส่วน ทางอาสาสมัครได้รับคำร้องขอจากหัวหน้าห้องปฏิบัติการให้จัดทำมาตรฐาน 5ส ที่เคยทำในประเทศไทยมาประยุกต์ใช้ในห้องปฏิบัติการ เช่น การแบ่งโซน การติดฉลากระบุพื้นที่ในการทำงาน การจัดเก็บอุปกรณ์ต่างๆให้เข้าที่และการรักษาความสะอาดของห้องปฏิบัติการอย่างสม่ำเสมอ โดยอาสาสมัครได้เสนอแผนงานและร่วมกับเจ้าหน้าที่ในห้องปฏิบัติการจัดทำ 5ส ขึ้น ทำให้การจัดการเป็นระบบระเบียบ ซึ่ง 5ส นับว่าเป็นเรื่องพื้นฐานในการจัดการที่ดีของห้องปฏิบัติการ หรือ Good laboratory practice อีกด้วย ระบบ 5ส ที่อาสาสมัครได้จัดทำขึ้น ยังคงถูกนำมาใช้ในการจัดการต่างๆในห้องปฏิบัติการอย่างต่อเนื่องและได้ผลดีอีกด้วย

## 3. จัดตั้งระบบการควบคุม การบันทึกข้อมูล รวมทั้งการรับ-จ่าย สารเคมีและอุปกรณ์และเครื่องมือที่ใช้ในการทดสอบในห้องปฏิบัติการพร้อมฝีกอบรม

สืบเนื่องมาจากโครงการสำรวจใช้วัสดุใหญ่ของห้องปฏิบัติการ โครงการนี้ได้รับการสนับสนุนเงินทุน อุปกรณ์ สารเคมี และของใช้จำเป็นโดยองค์กรอนามัยโลกและศูนย์ควบคุมโรคของสหรัฐอเมริกา โดยอุปกรณ์และสารเคมีจะถูกส่งมาที่ห้องปฏิบัติการอย่างต่อเนื่องเนื่องจากมีการเขียนคำขอโดยปราศจากการตรวจเช็คจำนวนในคลัง เลยทำให้บางรายการมีของตกค้างจำนวนมากเนื่องด้วยพนักงานขาดความรู้และประสบการณ์ด้านการจัดการ จึงทำให้สารเคมี อุปกรณ์ที่รับเข้ามาจำนวนมากมีการหมดอายุ การจัดเก็บที่ไม่เหมาะสม และมีระบบการควบคุมอุปกรณ์และสารเคมี อาสาสมัครได้ทำการสำรวจรายการของอุปกรณ์และสารเคมี ซึ่งมากกว่า 350 รายการรวมทั้งเครื่องมือที่ใช้ในห้องปฏิบัติการที่มีมากกว่า 70 รายการ และทำระบบบันทึกข้อมูลทั้งหมด เช่น ชื่อรายการสารเคมี วันที่รับเข้า ลอตที่ผลิต บริษัทที่ผลิต วันผลิตและวันหมดอายุ รวมทั้งจำนวน ตารางการเบิกจ่าย โดยใช้โปรแกรมพื้นฐาน Excel สำหรับการบันทึกและง่ายต่อ

การใช้งาน และมีการอัปเดตรายการทุกครั้งที่ได้รับเข้า-จ่ายออก และทำรายการสรุปประจำเดือน สำหรับเครื่องมือและอุปกรณ์ในห้องปฏิบัติการก็เช่นกัน โดยกระบวนการทั้งหมดถูกสังเกตุงการโดย Pema Yuden เจ้าหน้าที่ห้องปฏิบัติการอาวุโสซึ่งเป็นเจ้าหน้าที่ที่ดูแลคลังเก็บอุปกรณ์และสารเคมี หลังจากจัดตั้งระบบการจัดการอุปกรณ์ สารเคมี และเครื่องมือในห้องปฏิบัติการขึ้น ได้มีการเริ่มใช้จริงในเดือนธันวาคม 2562 และมีการอบรมวิธีการควบคุม การใช้งานให้แก่พนักงานทุกคนในห้องปฏิบัติการ

ระบบการจัดการอุปกรณ์และสารเคมีที่ได้จัดทำขึ้นนี้ เป็นประโยชน์อย่างยิ่งเมื่อเกิดการระบาดของไวรัสโคโรนาสายพันธุ์ใหม่ซึ่งห้องปฏิบัติการต้องรับเข้าและจัดการสารเคมีและอุปกรณ์ในการตรวจมากกว่า 50 รายการเพื่อรองรับการตรวจมากกว่า 500,000 ตัวอย่างในเวลาต่อมา ซึ่งในบางช่วงของการระบาดต้องรายงานจำนวนคงคลังไปยังกระทรวงการสาธารณสุขอย่างเร่งด่วนเพื่อใช้ในการประเมินศักยภาพในการตรวจของห้องปฏิบัติการและกำหนดกลยุทธ์ในการรับมือกับโควิด-19 อย่างทันท่วงที โดยอาสาสมัครรับหน้าที่ในการรายงานอุปกรณ์และสารเคมีคงคลังต่อผู้เกี่ยวข้องเป็นรายเดือนและรายงานเมื่อมีผู้ยื่นคำขอจากกระทรวงอีกด้วย โดยหลังจากอาสาสมัครได้กลับประเทศ ได้ปรึกษากับหัวหน้าห้องปฏิบัติการและมอบหมายให้ Tshering Pelkiเจ้าหน้าที่ห้องปฏิบัติการอาวุโสในการดูแลคลังในการตรวจโควิด-19 ไปจนกว่าการระบาดจะจบสิ้น

#### 4. จัดตั้งระบบการสอบเทียบภายในของเครื่องมือและอุปกรณ์ภายในห้องปฏิบัติการ พร้อมฝึกอบรมพนักงาน

หลังจากมีการทำรายการและจัดตั้งระบบการควบคุมอุปกรณ์แบบเครื่องมือภายในห้องปฏิบัติการและได้เริ่มใช้งานจริง จากการประชุมและปรึกษากับเจ้าพนักงาน พบว่าเครื่องมือส่วนใหญ่ไม่มีการสอบเทียบเลยตั้งแต่มีการติดตั้ง เนื่องจากกฎหมายไม่มีห้องปฏิบัติการในการสอบเทียบภายในประเทศ การสอบเทียบแต่ละครั้งจึงต้องจ้างวิศวกรมาจากต่างประเทศเช่นอินเดีย

และไทย ซึ่งทางห้องปฏิบัติการต้องรับผิดชอบค่าใช้จ่ายในการสอบเทียบ รวมทั้งค่าเดินทาง ค่าใช้จ่ายของวิศวกรที่จะมาสอบเทียบด้วย ทางห้องปฏิบัติการจึงจัดหารวิศวกรมาสอบเทียบ เครื่องมือที่มีความสำคัญมากที่สุดเป็นอันดับแรกซึ่งก็คือเครื่องตรวจ RT-PCR เท่านั้น โดยมีความถี่ ปีละ 1 ครั้ง

เครื่องมือและอุปกรณ์อื่น ๆ ก็นับว่ามีความสำคัญที่จะส่งผลกระทบต่อประสิทธิภาพการทดสอบ โดยมี มาตรฐาน วิธีการและความถี่ในการสอบเทียบแตกต่างกันไป ซึ่งด้วยเหตุผลนี้ อาสาสมัครซึ่งมี ประสบการณ์ทำงานในด้านการควบคุมคุณภาพมาก่อน เลยจัดทำคู่มือการสอบเทียบที่สามารถ ดำเนินการได้ภายในห้องปฏิบัติการเอง จัดทำแผนการสอบเทียบและจัดอบรมให้แก่พนักงาน อย่างน้อยเพื่อเป็นการยืนยันประสิทธิภาพของเครื่องมือและอุปกรณ์จนกว่าทางห้องปฏิบัติการจะ มีศักยภาพในการจัดหาหน่วยงานมาสอบเทียบจากต่างประเทศได้ และการสอบเทียบภายในเริ่ม ใช้งานจริงในเดือนพฤศจิกายน 2563

## 5. จัดตั้งระบบการควบคุมเอกสารภายในห้องปฏิบัติการพร้อมอบรมพนักงาน

นอกเหนือจากโครงการสำรวจไข้หวัดใหญ่ในภูฏานซึ่งเป็นงานหลักของห้องปฏิบัติการ ทาง ห้องปฏิบัติการยังให้บริการในการตรวจหาไวรัสชนิดต่างๆเพื่อยืนยันตัวอย่างโรคที่ต้องสงสัยว่าเกิด จากไวรัส เช่น ไข้หวัดธรรมดา ไข้เลือดออก โรคหัด โรคมือเท้าปาก เป็นต้น ซึ่งการทดสอบที่มี หลายขั้นตอนและหลายรายการ ทางห้องปฏิบัติการมีการจัดทำคู่มือในการทดสอบต่างๆ รวมทั้ง การจัดทำฟอร์มในการบันทึกการทดสอบอีกด้วย จากการสำรวจเอกสารต่างๆ พบว่าไม่มีการ จัดเก็บเอกสารอย่างเป็นระบบ มีเพียงการบันทึกไฟล์ต่างๆไว้ในแชร์ไฟล์เท่านั้น อาสาสมัครซึ่งมี ประสบการณ์ในการจัดการเอกสาร ISO:1900 จึงนำมาตรฐานการจัดการเอกสารเข้ามาใช้ในการ จัดการ/จัดเก็บเอกสารในห้องปฏิบัติการอย่างมีมาตรฐานและมีระบบ มีการบันทึกรายการเอกสาร ขึ้นทะเบียนเอกสารเก่าย้อนหลังทั้งหมด มีการรีวิวกเอกสารและแก้ไขให้สอดคล้องกับการทำงานใน ปัจจุบันรวมทั้งขึ้นทะเบียนเอกสารที่มีการจัดทำขึ้นมาใหม่อีกด้วย และมีการอบรมพนักงาน



โดยเฉพาะ Dorji Wangchuk ซึ่งเป็นเจ้าหน้าที่อาวุโสที่ดูแลระบบคุณภาพและเอกสารภายในห้องปฏิบัติการ ระบบจัดการเอกสารที่ดีนี้ถูกนำไปตอบสนองแนวทางการจัดการเอกสาร จากการประเมินการเป็น National Influenza Centreซึ่งกล่าวมาในข้อ 1 อีกด้วย และหากห้องปฏิบัติการดำเนินการควบคุมเอกสารอย่างต่อเนื่อง จะส่งผลดีในแผนการขอใบรับรองคุณภาพห้องปฏิบัติการที่จะเกิดขึ้นในอนาคต โดยเฉพาะระบบคุณภาพ ISO:17025

## 6. ดำเนินการเพาะเลี้ยงเซลล์เพื่อเพาะเลี้ยงไวรัสไข้หวัดใหญ่ ภายใต้โครงการสำรวจไข้หวัดใหญ่ในประเทศภูฏาน

โครงการเพาะเลี้ยงเซลล์เพื่อเพาะเลี้ยงไวรัสไข้หวัดใหญ่ เป็นโครงการเสริมสืบเนื่องมาจากโครงการสำรวจไข้หวัดใหญ่ (รายละเอียดดังหัวข้อที่ 1) หลังจากองค์การอนามัยโลกและกรมควบคุมโรคสหรัฐอเมริกาได้ร่วมทุนและร่วมมือในการสำรวจไข้หวัดใหญ่และเก็บข้อมูลเป็นรายปีแล้ว ทางองค์การดังกล่าวยังต้องการตัวอย่างของไวรัสที่ก่อไข้หวัดใหญ่เพื่อนำไปทำการศึกษาและวิจัยด้านวัคซีนไข้หวัดใหญ่ต่อไป ดังนั้น ห้องปฏิบัติการต้องส่งตัวอย่างไวรัสไปที่ศูนย์วิจัยทางการแพทย์ทหาร หน่วยงาน AFRIMS ซึ่งเป็นหน่วยงานย่อยของกรมควบคุมโรคสหรัฐอเมริกาซึ่งตั้งอยู่ที่ประเทศไทย โดยทาง AFRIMS เป็นหน่วยงานที่สนับสนุนด้านการเพาะเลี้ยงเซลล์ไม่ว่าจะเป็นด้านการอบรมให้ความรู้บุคลากรและสนับสนุนงบประมาณ การจัดหาเซลล์ต้นแบบ และอุปกรณ์สารเคมีต่างๆมายังห้องปฏิบัติการมีการอีกด้วย โดยบุคลากรที่ได้รับการอบรมคือ Dorji Wangchuk และ Kunzang Dorji

ทางห้องปฏิบัติการได้เริ่มเพาะเลี้ยงเซลล์ในปี 2018 แต่ไม่ประสบความสำเร็จมากนัก เพราะระยะเวลาในการเพาะเลี้ยงขั้นต่ำ 30 วันและต้องดูแลและสังเกตการณ์ทุกวัน เนื่องจากการจัดสรรเวลาของพนักงานเป็นไปได้ยากเพราะต้องทำกิจกรรมอื่นควบคู่ไปด้วย ทางห้องปฏิบัติการจึงร้องขออาสาสมัครเข้ามาช่วยในหน้าที่นี้ด้วย โดยอาสาสมัครได้เริ่มทำการสำรวจอุปกรณ์ สารเคมี อาหารเลี้ยงเซลล์และเซลล์ต้นแบบ และเริ่มทำการเพาะเลี้ยงครั้งที่ 1 เมื่อเดือนกุมภาพันธ์ 2563

แต่ไม่ประสบความสำเร็จ หลังวิเคราะห์ปัญหาและสาเหตุร่วมกับพนักงาน ที่ร่วมทำการทดลอง Dorji Wangchuk พบว่าเซลล์เจริญเติบโตช้าและไม่เป็นที่น่าพอใจ เนื่องจากเซลล์ต้นแบบที่ถูกส่งมาจาก AFRIMS ตั้งแต่ปี 2562 ถูกทำลายเนื่องจากอุณหภูมิจัดเก็บไม่เหมาะสมเพราะตู้แช่แข็งหยุดทำงานไปหลายครั้งเนื่องจากไฟดับ และอีกประการคืออาหารเลี้ยงเซลล์และสารเคมีต่างๆหมดอายุ เพราะมีอายุการจัดเก็บที่สั้นมาก ซึ่งอาจจะเป็นอีกปัจจัยที่ทำให้เซลล์ไม่เจริญเติบโตเท่าที่ควร หลังจากได้วิเคราะห์ปัญหาที่เกิดขึ้นแล้ว อาสาสมัครและพนักงานได้จัดทำรายการอุปกรณ์และสารเคมีและเซลล์แม่แบบล็อตใหม่ที่ยังมีประสิทธิภาพดีและยังไม่หมดอายุและยื่นขอไปยัง AFRIMS เพื่อให้ส่งมายังห้องปฏิบัติการเพื่อการเพาะเลี้ยงเซลล์ในครั้งถัดไป แต่เนื่องจากสถานการณ์โควิด-19ทางห้องปฏิบัติการเป็นศูนย์กลางการทดสอบไวรัส จึงเลื่อนการจัดสรรเวลาสำหรับการเพาะเลี้ยงเซลล์และเพาะเลี้ยงไวรัสใช้ขวดใหญ่ออกไปอย่างไม่มีกำหนด

## 7. เข้าร่วมทีมในการเป็นด่านหน้าของศูนย์ทดสอบไวรัสโควิด-19 ณ ศูนย์การทดสอบ

### แห่งชาติ กรมควบคุมโรค

ห้องปฏิบัติการทดสอบไวรัสและชีวโมเลกุลที่อาสาสมัครประจำอยู่ เป็นห้องปฏิบัติการเดี่ยวในภูมิภาคที่สามารถทดสอบสาร RNA ของไวรัสได้ ในเดือนมีนาคม 2563 เกิดการระบาดของโควิด-19 ทั่วโลก ซึ่งภูมิภาคก็ได้รับผลกระทบเช่นกัน ทำให้ห้องปฏิบัติการที่อาสาสมัครทำงานอยู่กลายเป็นศูนย์ทดสอบโควิด-19 แห่งเดียวประจำภูมิภาคและก่อนที่มีการขยายห้องปฏิบัติการทดสอบโควิด-19 ไปยังเขตต่างๆเพิ่มอีก 5 แห่งในเวลาต่อมา อาสาสมัครได้เข้าร่วมทีมทดสอบในการสกัดหาสาร RNA และตรวจหาโควิด-19ในห้องปฏิบัติการจากตัวอย่างที่ถูกเก็บมาจากโรงพยาบาลต่างๆทั่วประเทศ รวมทั้งเป็นส่วนหนึ่งในการอบรมและดูแลพนักงานใหม่ที่เข้ามาช่วยเหลือห้องปฏิบัติการในการทดสอบโควิด-19 นอกเหนือจากนั้นยังได้รับหน้าที่ในการติดต่อประสานงานกับแพทย์ พยาบาล และทีมเก็บตัวอย่างทั้งในและต่างจังหวัดที่มีการส่งตัวอย่างเข้ามาทดสอบโควิด-19 อีกด้วย และในเวลาต่อมาได้รับมอบหมายให้จัดการข้อมูลและรายงานผลการทดสอบโควิด-19ประจำวันไปยังผู้ที่เกี่ยวข้อง โดยการปฏิบัติงานในศูนย์ทดสอบโควิด-19 ตั้งแต่

เดือนมีนาคม 2563 ถึงมีนาคม 2564 มีการทดสอบตัวอย่างโควิด-19 ไปทั้งสิ้นกว่า 400,000  
ตัวอย่าง

ปัญหาและอุปสรรค / ข้อเสนอแนะ

ปัญหาและอุปสรรค	ข้อเสนอแนะ
<p>1.การเพาะเลี้ยงเซลล์ที่ไม่บรรลุวัตถุประสงค์</p> <p>เนื่องจากการเพาะเลี้ยงเซลล์ต้องใช้เวลาและต้องมีการดูแลและเอาใจใส่อย่างใกล้ชิด รวมทั้งอาหารเลี้ยงเชื้อและสารเคมีที่ใช้มีอายุการจัดเก็บสั้น บุคลากรมีจำนวนไม่เพียงพอและเหตุสุดวิสัยการระบาดของโควิด-19 จึงไม่สามารถทำการทดลองในห้องปฏิบัติการต่อไปได้</p>	<p>แนะนำให้ทางห้องปฏิบัติการจัดสรรบุคลากรที่ทำหน้าที่เลี้ยงเซลล์โดยเฉพาะให้เกิดขึ้นจริง มีการจัดการงานอื่นที่คั่งค้างและวางแผนงานที่ชัดเจนก่อนเริ่มเพาะเลี้ยงเซลล์ เพื่อให้การเพาะเลี้ยงเซลล์เป็นไปอย่างต่อเนื่องจนกระทั่งจบการบวกรวมทั้งมีการตรวจสอบอายุของอาหารเลี้ยงเซลล์และสารเคมีต่างๆเป็นระยะๆเพื่อให้มีประสิทธิภาพสูงสุด หากพบว่าเซลล์แม่แบบในลอตนั้นๆมีปัญหาให้แจ้งไปยัง AFRIMS และรับเซลล์ใหม่เข้ามาก่อนเริ่มเพาะเลี้ยงในแบชถัดไป</p>
<p>2.บุคลากรในห้องปฏิบัติการมีความรู้ ความสามารถเพียงพอในด้านวิชาการและการทำงานในห้องปฏิบัติการ มากกว่า 40 เปอร์เซ็นต์ของบุคลากรได้รับการศึกษาระดับมหาบัณฑิต แต่หากขาดความรู้ความเข้าใจและความรอบคอบในการจัดการพื้นฐานที่เป็น good laboratory practice เช่น การขาดระบบจัดการเอกสาร ระบบจัดการอุปกรณ์และสารเคมีต่างๆ รวมทั้งเรื่องพื้นฐานอย่าง 5ส</p>	<p>อาสาสมัครได้ทำความเข้าใจและชี้ให้เห็นถึงความสำคัญของการจัดการพื้นฐานภายในห้องปฏิบัติการ และได้ริเริ่มจัดทำขึ้นบางส่วนเพื่อชี้ให้เห็นผลดีที่ตามมาจากระบบการจัดการที่ดีเหล่านี้ หากมีโอกาสในอนาคต อยากให้ TICA จัดอบรมโครงการที่เกี่ยวข้องกับการจัดการพื้นฐานต่างๆ ระบบคุณภาพ เช่น ISO 17025, ISO 9001ที่เกี่ยวข้องกับห้องปฏิบัติการ ทดสอบให้แก่พนักงานที่ปฏิบัติงานสายสุขภาพตามโรงพยาบาล ที่มีห้องปฏิบัติการอยู่ทั่วทุกแห่งในประเทศเพื่อพัฒนาศักยภาพของบุคลากรที่ปฏิบัติงานในห้องปฏิบัติการทั่วประเทศ</p>

<p>3. การรับมือกับโควิด-19 ซึ่งเป็นเรื่องที่สำคัญและเป็นหน้าที่หลักของบุคลากรสายสุขภาพของประเทศ แต่ขาดการวางแผนงานและประสานงานที่ดี ขาดความรู้ความเข้าใจในการเก็บข้อมูลของผู้ปฏิบัติงานในพื้นที่ ทำให้บางครั้งเกิดปัญหาความล่าช้าและเกิดความผิดพลาดในการรายงานผลการทดสอบ และหลายครั้งการกรอกข้อมูลและการเก็บตัวอย่างมีความผิดพลาดเกิดขึ้นเนื่องจากบุคลากรขาดความใส่ใจขณะปฏิบัติหน้าที่ ขาด critical thinking ทำให้เกิดปัญหาและความยากลำบากในการทำงาน โดยเฉพาะอย่างยิ่งการทำงานกับหลายๆหน่วยงานจากหลายพื้นที่และเจ้าหน้าที่ที่มีพื้นฐานและศักยภาพที่แตกต่างกัน ซึ่งปัญหาเหล่านี้เกิดจากตัวบุคลากรเองและบุคลากรมีจำนวนน้อยมากเมื่อเทียบกับภาระหน้าที่ในการเก็บตัวอย่างและการลงพื้นที่เพื่อเก็บตัวอย่างและข้อมูล หลังจากทำงานอย่างหนักโดยไม่มีการหยุดพักเป็นเวลากว่า ปีในการปฏิบัติหน้าที่เกี่ยวกับโควิด-19 ความผิดพลาดเหล่านี้จึงเกิดขึ้นได้และเพิ่มขึ้นอย่างต่อเนื่อง</p>	<p>ทางกระทรวงการสาธารณสุขของประเทศภูฏานควรจัดสรรบุคลากรและให้มีการหมุนเวียนผลัดเปลี่ยนเข้ามาทำหน้าที่ในการสำรวจ เก็บข้อมูลและเก็บตัวอย่างในการสำรวจโควิด-19 และมีการฝึกอบรมการจัดการตัวอย่างและข้อมูลที่ตีจากพื้นที่ก่อนส่งเข้ามาตรวจยังศูนย์ทดสอบของห้องปฏิบัติการ ในปัจจุบันและในอนาคตยังจะมีการสำรวจโควิด-19 เกิดขึ้นต่อไปในภูฏานอย่างไม่มีกำหนดจบ หากขาดแคลนบุคลากรต่อไป อาจเกิดปัญหางานล้นมือและประสิทธิภาพการทำงานไม่ดีเท่าที่ควร หากได้รับอาสาสมัครจากต่างประเทศเข้ามาช่วยเหลือในการเก็บตัวอย่าง เก็บข้อมูลและทดสอบตัวอย่างในห้องปฏิบัติการเพิ่มขึ้นก็จะช่วยแก้ปัญหาในจุดนี้ได้</p>
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## Summary report of working after returned to Thailand

**Name:** Miss MashchimapornSongsang

**Position:** Thai Volunteer, Laboratory Technologist

**Work Place:** Virology & Molecular Laboratory, Royal Centre for Disease Control,  
Ministry of Health Thimphu, Bhutan

**Work Duration:** 13<sup>th</sup> April 2021-26<sup>th</sup> April 2021

# Preference

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This report was proposed to summaries all work results and work achievement of Miss MashchimapornSongsang, Thai Volunteer in the position of Laboratory Technologist at Virology & Molecular Laboratory (VML), Royal Centre for Disease Control (RCDC), Ministry of Health Thimphu, Bhutan. Who had been continued the duties after returning to Thailand before end of the contract during 14<sup>th</sup> April 2021-26<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Since early 2020, the SAR-COV-2 Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic across the world, Bhutan also affected by virus. As per order of Royal Thai Embassy Dhaka, Bangladesh. Weekly flights from Bhutan to Bangkok have been suspended only 1 flight a month (for passenger), for this reason, volunteer have to return home 2 week earlier before end of contract, but still continue service to Bhutan National COVID-19 testing laboratory on data and reporting by online. This report contained detail and achievement of working in Thailand.

In behalf of a front-liner in Bhutan National COVID-19 testing laboratory, volunteer would like to thanks to Thailand International Cooperate Agency (TICA) for giving opportunities to support Bhutan in this short period especially 3<sup>rd</sup> lockdown started from 16<sup>th</sup> April 2021, this tasks could reduce workload of laboratory staffs in Thimphu.

# Introduction

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According to COVID-19 pandemic in Bhutan and volunteer has been worked in the Bhutan National COVID-19 testing laboratory for 17 months since the first confirmed case was detected in Thimphu, in 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020. For this reason, volunteer got contract extension for 6 months from October 2020 to April 2021.

The pandemic effects to every corner of the world, Bhutan also unexceptional, since less passengers than usual the airlines in Bhutan were suspended flights to Bangkok and Royal Thai Embassy Dhaka, Bangladesh are authorized to provide monthly flight schedule and certificate of entry (COE) for passenger to Thailand. Hence, volunteer had to return back on the 13<sup>th</sup> April 2021 flight (see order in below attachment)



**Royal Thai Honorary Consulate General, Thimphu, Bhutan**  
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The Royal Thai Honorary Consulate-General Office would like to inform all the Bhutanese Travelers to Thailand that the Royal Thai Embassy, Dhaka has prefixed passenger flight on 13th April 2021 only: While the temporary ban on international commercial flights to Thailand will continue, the Tourist Visa category is also eligible to enter Thailand.

The interested traveler can kindly process the pre-visa from Thimphu Office with the following documents.

1. Proof of valid health insurance policy (minimum 12 months for students and minimum 3 months for Tourist and Medical ) covering all expenses of medical treatment in Thailand, including treatment & tests related to COVID-19 and medical evacuation with a minimum coverage of USD 100,000. The health insurance must cover the applicant's stay in Thailand (from the very first day the applicant arrives in Thailand).
2. Proof of updated financial statement (Bank statement with 06 months validity for each applicant) that proves you are able to bear all the medical expenses and living cost while in Thailand;
3. A booking of a room at a government-designated Alternative State Quarantine (ASQ) facility at your own expenses for 11 nights with effect from 1st April 2021.

Release flight schedule for passenger from Royal Thai Honorary Consulate General, Thimphu, Bhutan

## Work plan and agreement with chief of laboratory

### Work plan after travelling back to Thailand before ending of contract

**Volunteer name:** Mashchimaporn Songsang

**Work place:** Virology & Molecular laboratory, Royal centre for disease control, Thimphu, Bhutan

**For work period:** 13<sup>th</sup> April to 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021 (Contract period 29<sup>th</sup> October 2019 to 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021)

#### Tasks: Work on data and reporting for COVID-19 testing

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(Thai Volunteer)



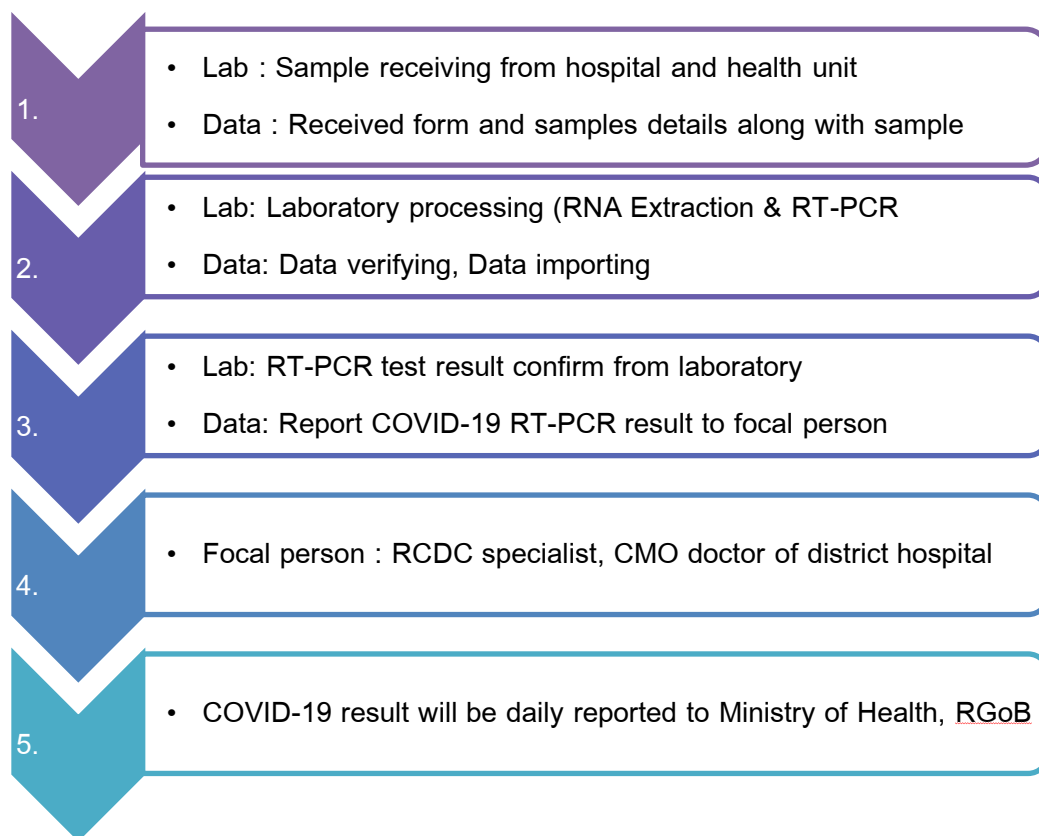
Binay Thapa  
(Chief Laboratory Officer)

# Objective and assignment

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## Work Flow of COVID-19 testing and reporting





# Tasks & Achievement

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Summary of COVID-19 testing in RCDC on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2021- 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Date	Quarantine Facilities	Frontline Workers	Community Screening	Negative	Positive	Total
2021-04-14	265	50	49	364	0	364
2021-04-15	165	16	60	241	0	241
2021-04-16	197	63	223	483	2	483
2021-04-17	242	15	345	600	1	602
2021-04-18	178	66	1717	1959	2	1961
2021-04-19	284	37	1622	1940	3	1943
2021-04-20	203	82	2474	2757	2	2759
2021-04-21	280	127	828	1233	2	1235
2021-04-22	161	44	219	420	4	424
2021-04-23	184	196	700	1080	0	1080
2021-04-24	136	25	402	563	0	563
2021-04-25	85	38	44	167	0	167
2021-04-26	259	174	191	624	0	624

1. Verify receiving samples from spreadsheet which recorded total received from COVID-19 laboratory, Data team have to verify sample code and line lists from JOT from and HFS system then generate the report

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1209	16.04.2021	Lphu		Desuup	8	Traveller: Lungtenphu	AMS	p-41	Completed	16.04.2021	Negative		
1210	16.04.2021	RCDC		Desuup	1	FQ: Kissa Villa	SD4274	i-42	Completed	16.04.2021	Positive	31.5	29.6
1211	16.04.2021	RCDC		Desuup	24	FQ: Hotel Thimphu City (Kenny)	SD 4110-4133	p-43 to 47	Completed	16.04.2020	Negative		
1212	16.04.2021	RCDC		Desuup	9	FQ: Damisa		p-48 to 49	Completed	16.04.2021	Negative		
1213	16.04.2021	RCDC		Desuup	2	Namgay HeritageFQ:	SD 4134-4135	i-50 to 51	Completed	16.04.2021	i-51 Positive	33.1	32.9
1214	16.04.2021	RCDC		Desuup	16	FQ: Silverpine Boutique	SD	p-52 to 54	Completed	16.04.2021	Negative		
1215	16.04.2021	RCDC		Desuup	5	FQ: Amodhara	SD 4260-4264	p-55	Completed	16.04.2021	Negative		
1216	16.04.2021	RCDC		Desuup	68	FQ: Hotel Park	ND	p-56 to 69	Completed	16.04.2020	Negative		
1217	16.04.2021	RCDC		Desuup	10	FQ: Termalinca	ND	p-70 to 71	Completed	16.04.2021	Negative		
1218	16.04.2021	RCDC		Desuup	1	FQ: Kuenphen Rabten	ND	i-72	Completed	16.04.2021	Negative		
1219	16.04.2021	Paro		Desuup	4	Paro (IPD & OPD)		p-73	Completed	16.04.2021	Negative		
1220	16.04.2021	Paro		Desuup	15	Paro FQ	FQ	p-74 to 76	Completed	16.04.2021	Negative		
1221	16.04.2021	RCDC		Desuup	2	Mass: Changzamtog HQ	SD4275-4276	p-77	Completed	16.04.2020	Negative		
1222	16.04.2021	Paro		Desuup	7	Paro Flu clinic	FLU	p-78 to 79	Completed	16.04.2021	Negative		
1223			Total		483								
1224	16.04.2021	RCDC		Desuup	19	Mass: Phuensum School	SD 4136-4154	P-80 to 81	Completed	17.04.2021	Negative		
1225	16.04.2021	RCDC		Desuup	10	Mass: Deki Pry School	ND3643-3652	P-82	Completed	17.04.2021	Negative		
1226	16.04.2021	RCDC		Desuup	82	Mass: Zilukha School	ND3560-3642 (3585 no sam	P-83 to 90	Completed	17.04.2021	Negative		
1227	16.04.2021	RCDC		Desuup	105	Mass: Changangkha School	SD4155-4259	P-91 to 101	Completed	17.04.2021	Negative		
1228	16.04.2021	Paro		Desuup	46	Mass: Paro Drukgyal		P-102 to 106	Completed	17.04.2021	Negative		

+ ☰ Sample Code ▾ Daily Sample ▾ RCDC Summary ▾

Example of spreadsheet to record all COVID-19 sample receiving, test status, test result

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
1											
2	Received Date	Collected by	Recieved time	Received by	Quantity	Sample Details	Sample ID	Pool ID	PCR Test Status	Test Date	Result Status
1281	18.04.2021	Paro		Desuup	39	Paro:FQ	FQ	P1-8	Completed	19.04.2021	Negative
1282	18.04.2021	Paro		Desuup	26	Paro Hospital		P9-13	Completed	19.04.2021	Negative
1283	18.04.2021	Wangdue		Desuup	9	Wangdue:	COVID-8AJ-4774-4782	P14-15	Completed	19.04.2021	Negative
1284	19.04.2020	RCDC		Desuup	16	FQ:Hotel Majestic	CZ131-146	P16-18	Completed	19.04.2021	Negative
1285	19.04.2020	RCDC		Desuup	1	FQ: Kisa Villa	CZ173	I-19	Completed	19.04.2021	Positive
1286	19.04.2020	RCDC		Desuup	14	FQ: Hotel Ariya	CZ274-187	P20-22	Completed	19.04.2021	Negative
1287	19.04.2021	JDWNRH		Desuup	14	JFC	JSS400	I-23	Completed	19.04.2021	Negative
1288	19.04.2020	RCDC		Desuup	26	Mass: ELC HS	CZ147-172	P24-26	Completed	19.04.2021	Negative
1289	19.04.2020	RCDC		Desuup	47	FQ:Ugen Hotel	JW276-322	P27-36	Completed	19.04.2021	Negative
1290	19.04.2020	RCDC		Desuup	2	FQ:Termalinca	JW323-324	P37	Completed	19.04.2021	Negative
1291	19.04.2020	RCDC		Desuup	5	FQ: Namgay Heritage	JW216-220	P38	Completed	19.04.2021	Negative
1292	19.04.2020	RCDC		Desuup	32	Mass: Rinchen HSS	JW244-275	P39-41	Completed	19.04.2021	Negative
1293	19.04.2020	RCDC		Desuup	23	Mass: Etho Metho PS	JW221-243	P42-44	Completed	19.04.2021	Negative
1294	19.04.2020	RCDC		Desuup	18	FQ: Wang Villa	ND4055-4072	P45-48	Completed	19.04.2021	Negative
1295	19.04.2020	RCDC		Desuup	20	FQ: Oro Villa	ND4034-4054	P49-52	Completed	19.04.2021	Negative
1296	19.04.2020	RCDC		Desuup	7	FQ: Daxia	ND4037-4054	P53-54	Completed	19.04.2021	Negative

Example of spreadsheet to record all COVID-19 sample receiving, test status, test result

2. Verify raw data from collection team in online JOT & HFS form and compare with total received in spreadsheet

	Sub...	T Sample ID	T Sample Collec...	T Full Name	T Unique ID	Gender	T Occ...	T Conta...	PCF
1	Apr 17, 2021	JW71	City hotel CFM	Nima Dorji Tamang	21	Male	Desuup	77786403	Yes
2	Apr 17, 2021	JW70	City hotel CFM	Vandana rai	23	Female	Student	17632115	Yes
3	Apr 17, 2021	JW69	City hotel cfm	Leela adhikari	23	Female	Student	77701525	Yes
4	Apr 17, 2021	JW68	City hotel Cfm	Jigme Wangchuk	30	Male	Student	17505591	Yes
5	Apr 17, 2021	JW67	City hotel sabje	Chimi Wangmo	24	Female	Student	17770531	Yes
6	Apr 17, 2021	JW66	DAMISA	Tshewangla	37	Male	ADC	17354909	Yes
7	Apr 17, 2021	JW65	DAMISA	Tashi Tenzin	46	Male	ASO	17573134	Yes
8	Apr 17, 2021	JW64	DAMISA	Sherab Gyeltshen	31	Male	Cameraman	17706695	Yes
9	Apr 17, 2021	JW63	DAMISA	Sangay Chezom	27	Female	Reporter	17336673	Yes

Example of raw data of COVID-19 samples in JOT form

Health Facilities System

HFS RCDC User

Change Password Sign Out

### Mass Screening Samples

Export to Excel

Thimphu Thromde SELECT GEWOG/ZONE 2021-04-16 2021-04-16

RT-PCR Sample ID CID / Registration No.

Gender Contact No. Filter Clear

#	Reg Dt.	Test Type	Sample ID	Dzongkhag	Gewog/Zone	Name	CID/Work Permit/Passport No.	D.O.B	Age	Gender	Contact No.	#
1	2021-04-16	RT-PCR	SD4233	Thimphu Thromde	Kawajangsa (10A)	Anuska Gurung	11309002727	2007-03-02	14	Female	17663570	Edit Delete
2	2021-04-16	RT-PCR	SD4240	Thimphu Thromde	Kawajangsa (10A)	Ashika Rai	11203003112	2002-10-18	18	Female	17579529	Edit Delete
3	2021-04-16	RT-PCR	ND3604	Thimphu Thromde	Zilukha (10B)	Bebuna Rai	.		13	Male	17606265	Edit Delete

Example of raw data of COVID-19 samples in HFS system



### 3. Download data from JOT and HFS

	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	
1	Sample ID	Sample Collection Site	Full Name	Age	Unique ID	Gender	Occupation	Contact Number	PCR	y	Purpose of Sample Collection	
2	CZ446	Namseling Boutique	Tshering	82	10706000920	Male	Farmer	17536258	Yes	No	Facilty Quarantine Testing	No
3	CZ445	Namseling Boutique	Tobgay	41	11312002199	Male	Pvt Business	77430430	Yes	No	Facilty Quarantine Testing	No
4	CZ444	Namseling Boutique	Tashi Tshering	20	12004004309	Male	Unemployed	17460992	Yes	No	Facilty Quarantine Testing	No
5	CZ443	Namseling Boutique	Tashi Dorji	22	11208000559	Male	Unemployed	17909805	Yes	No	Facilty Quarantine Testing	No
6	CZ442	Namseling Boutique	Tara bir ghishing	46	11811000139	Male	BCCL	77223062	Yes	No	Facilty Quarantine Testing	No
7	CZ441	Namseling Boutique	Suraj bhujel	25	11214003535	Male	Pvt Business	77420052	Yes	No	Facilty Quarantine Testing	No
8	CZ440	Namseling Boutique	Sonam Tshering lepcha	31	11212001098	Male	Pvt Business	17584644	Yes	No	Facilty Quarantine Testing	No
9	CZ439	Namseling Boutique	Sonam jambay	26	12003000069	Male	Unemployed	17613372	Yes	No	Facilty Quarantine Testing	No
10	CZ438	Namseling Boutique	Shail rai	18	000	Male	Student	77282331	Yes	No	Facilty Quarantine Testing	No
11	CZ437	Namseling Boutique	Sangay Yangzom	53	11105004175	Female	Housewife	77776632	Yes	No	Facilty Quarantine Testing	No
12	CZ436	Namseling Boutique	Sangay Choden	17	11206005657	Female	Student	77220856	Yes	No	Facilty Quarantine Testing	No
13	CZ435	Namseling Boutique	Rinchen Waangmo doya	17	11215004443	Female	Student	77205060	Yes	No	Facilty Quarantine Testing	No
14	CZ434	Namseling Boutique	Raju darjee	16	000	Male	Student	17999524	Yes	No	Facilty Quarantine Testing	No
15	CZ433	Namseling Boutique	Pempo	61	10713000093	Male	Farmer	17359006	Yes	No	Facilty Quarantine Testing	No
16	CZ432	Namseling Boutique	Om bdr. Adhikari	24	11801002304	Male	Private	17310667	Yes	No	Facilty Quarantine Testing	No
17	CZ431	Namseling Boutique	Nima Yoezer	21	000	Male	Unemployed	17864932	Yes	No	Facilty Quarantine Testing	No
18	CZ430	Namseling Boutique	Nidup Jamtsho	59	11512002822	Male	Farmer	17735236	Yes	No	Facilty Quarantine Testing	No
19	CZ429	Namseling Boutique	Mantra chettri	24	000	Female	Housewife	17368297	Yes	No	Facilty Quarantine Testing	No
20	CZ428	Namseling Boutique	Mon Maya Rai	26	11206004849	Female	Unemployed	77389227	Yes	No	Facilty Quarantine Testing	No
21	CZ427	Namseling Boutique	Manisha Tamang	24	000	Female	Student	17557753	Yes	No	Facilty Quarantine Testing	No
22	CZ426	Namseling Boutique	Lha Dolma Tamang	28	10201004066	Female	Housewife	77734040	Yes	No	Facilty Quarantine Testing	No
23	CZ425	Namseling Boutique	Kiran chettri	22	000	Male	Unemployed	77721057	Yes	No	Facilty Quarantine Testing	No
24	CZ424	Namseling Boutique	Karma bar chettri	19	000	Male	Student	17936817	Yes	No	Facilty Quarantine Testing	No

Example of raw data downloaded from JOT form and HFS system

#### 4. Verified and cleaned data in the format to import all sample information into COVID-19 system

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P
1	Name	Age	Sex -Male -Female	Unique Identification Number	Occupati on Code	Occupation Detail	Mobile	Travel History	Place	SpecimenID	Collection Site Community, Flu Clinic,Close Contact, Frontliner,Traveller, HQ,FQ,OPD,IPD	Site Details	Collection Date (yyyy-mm-dd)	Receive Date (yyyy-mm-dd)	Test Date (yyyy-mm-dd)	Result
143	Trishna Raii	25	Female	17746462	25	Unemployed	17746462	No		ND4113	Facility Quarantine	Yardoling	2021-04-19	2021-04-19	2021-04-19	Negative
144	Teokla Darjee	39	Female	17947712	04		17947712	No		ND4112	Facility Quarantine	Yardoling	2021-04-19	2021-04-19	2021-04-19	Negative
145	Tenzin Wangmo	38	Female	10602000075	25	Unemployed	77780848	No		ND4111	Facility Quarantine	Yardoling	2021-04-19	2021-04-19	2021-04-19	Negative
146	Tashi Gyeltshen	24	Male	11501001766	25	Unemployed	1775195	No		ND4109	Facility Quarantine	Yardoling	2021-04-19	2021-04-19	2021-04-19	Negative
147	Tashi Gyeltshen	17	Male	17452242	25	Construction wor	17452242	No		ND4108	Facility Quarantine	Yardoling	2021-04-19	2021-04-19	2021-04-19	Negative
148	Tara Devi Chhetri	23	Female	12004001876	04		77430833	No		ND4107	Facility Quarantine	Yardoling	2021-04-19	2021-04-19	2021-04-19	Negative
149	Soenam Wangchuk	18	Male	11208002928	25	Construction	17285108	No		ND4106	Facility Quarantine	Yardoling	2021-04-19	2021-04-19	2021-04-19	Negative
150	Sherub	41	Male	11204001239	25	Unemployed	17639798	No		ND4104	Facility Quarantine	Yardoling	2021-04-19	2021-04-19	2021-04-19	Negative
151	Shekhar Uroan	20	Male	11208001251	06		17486833	No		ND4103	Facility Quarantine	Yardoling	2021-04-19	2021-04-19	2021-04-19	Negative
152	Santi Darjee	46	Male	11213004371	18		17579331	No		ND4102	Facility Quarantine	Yardoling	2021-04-19	2021-04-19	2021-04-19	Negative
153	Riya Sabatri	19	Female	17337323	25	Unemployed	17337323	No		ND4101	Facility Quarantine	Yardoling	2021-04-19	2021-04-19	2021-04-19	Negative
154	Sangay	61	Male	11211001086	18		16909303	No		ND4100	Facility Quarantine	Yardoling	2021-04-19	2021-04-19	2021-04-19	Negative
155	Rinchen Wangmo	35	Female	10706000962	04			No		ND4097	Facility Quarantine	Yardoling	2021-04-19	2021-04-19	2021-04-19	Negative
156	Rinchen Chopel	22	Male	12002000196	25	Construction	17585621	No		ND4098	Facility Quarantine	Yardoling	2021-04-19	2021-04-19	2021-04-19	Negative
157	Raj Bdr Raii	27	Male	10209000853	25	Unemployed	17410342	No		ND4097	Facility Quarantine	Yardoling	2021-04-19	2021-04-19	2021-04-19	Negative
158	Priskala	19	Female	11208003319	25	Unemployed	17472581	No		ND4096	Facility Quarantine	Yardoling	2021-04-19	2021-04-19	2021-04-19	Negative
159	Passang OM	22	Female	11910002043	25	Unemployed	17357751	No		ND4095	Facility Quarantine	Yardoling	2021-04-19	2021-04-19	2021-04-19	Negative
160	Padam Maya Darjee	53	Female	21213002691	18		17579331	No		ND4094	Facility Quarantine	Yardoling	2021-04-19	2021-04-19	2021-04-19	Negative
161	Mangali Rai	52	Female	11212003127	25		17723220	No		ND4093	Facility Quarantine	Yardoling	2021-04-19	2021-04-19	2021-04-19	Negative

## 5. Import data into COVID-19 system in RCDC website

Import Manager

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3738	8	2	10	Delete
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3735	61	76	137	Delete

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6. Generated COVID-19 report from COVID-19 system to be share to focal person after test completed

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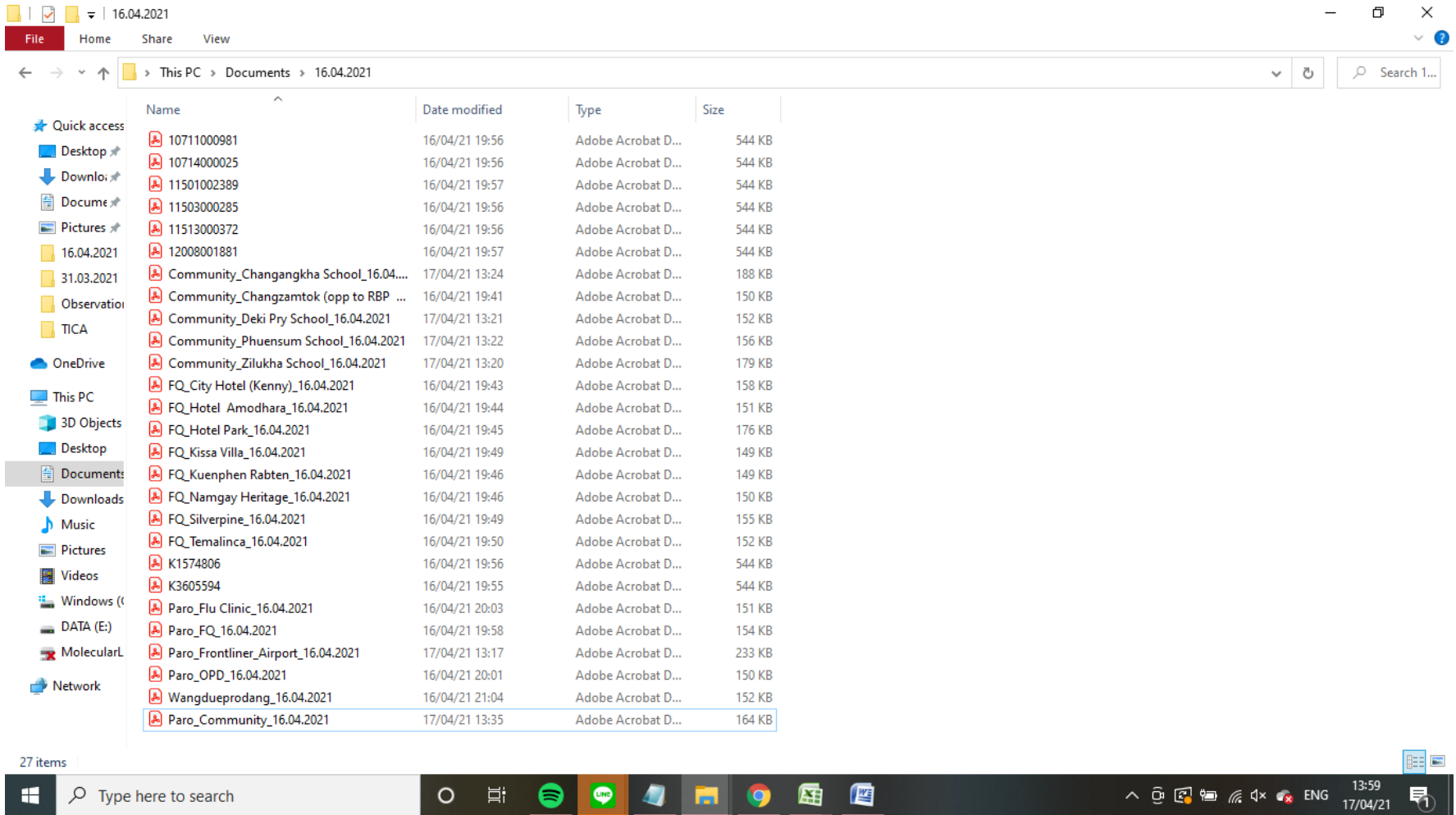
**RT-PCR Result for COVID-19**

**Test Centre: Royal Centre for Disease Control**

Sl.No	Specimen ID	Sample No	Name	CID/Passport	Age	Gender	Occupation	MobileNo	Collected By	Collected From	Collection Date	PCR Result
1	JW325	1	Karma Thuji Younten	JW325	7.00	Male	Student	17933167	Royal Centre for Disease Control	Community(Sunshina Pry School)	2021-04-20	Negative
2	JW326	1	Robin Yoezer Bhandari	JW326	6.00	Male	Student	17933167	Royal Centre for Disease Control	Community(Sunshina Pry School)	2021-04-20	Negative
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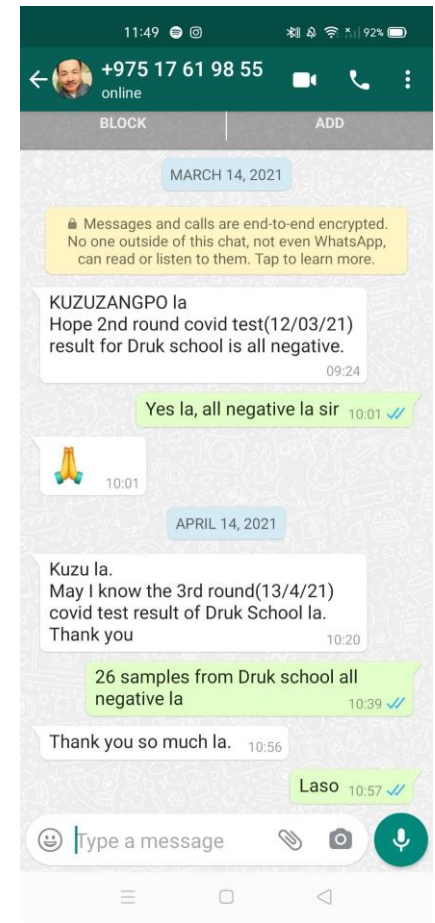
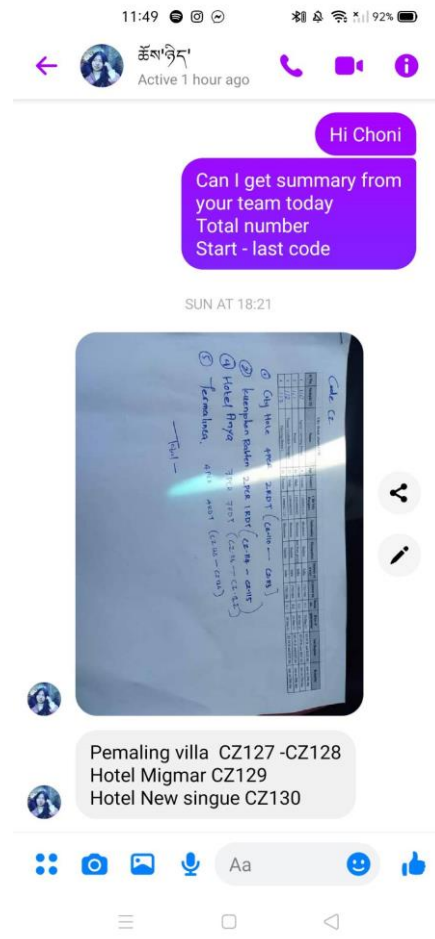
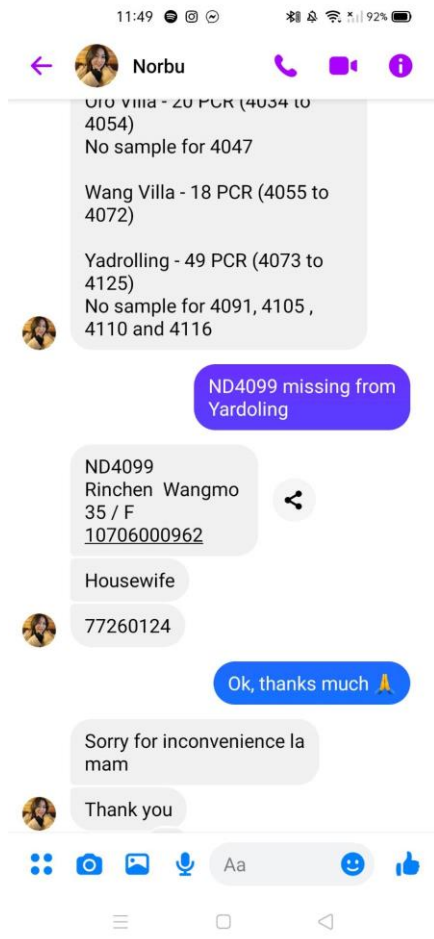
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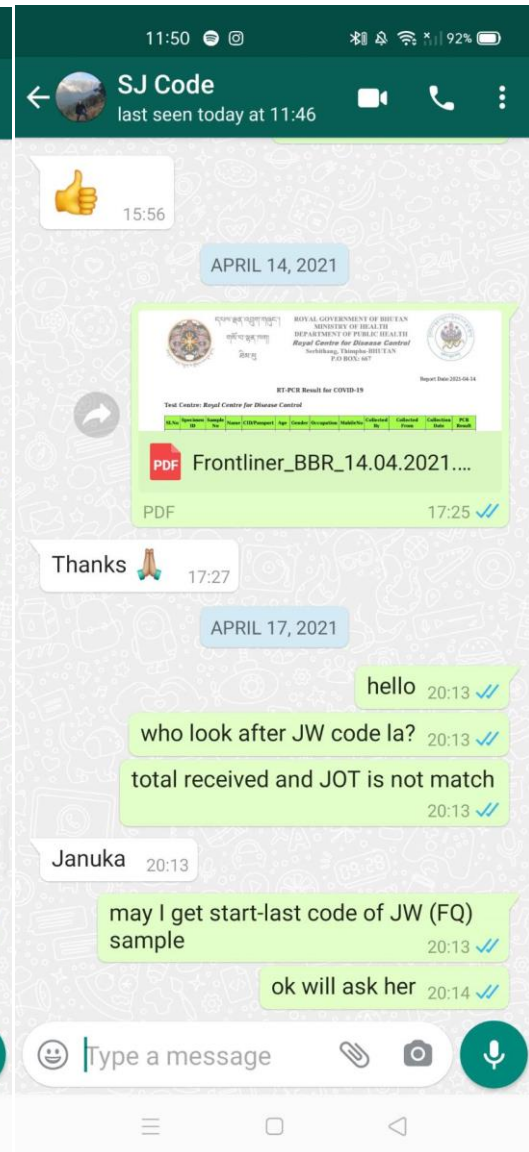
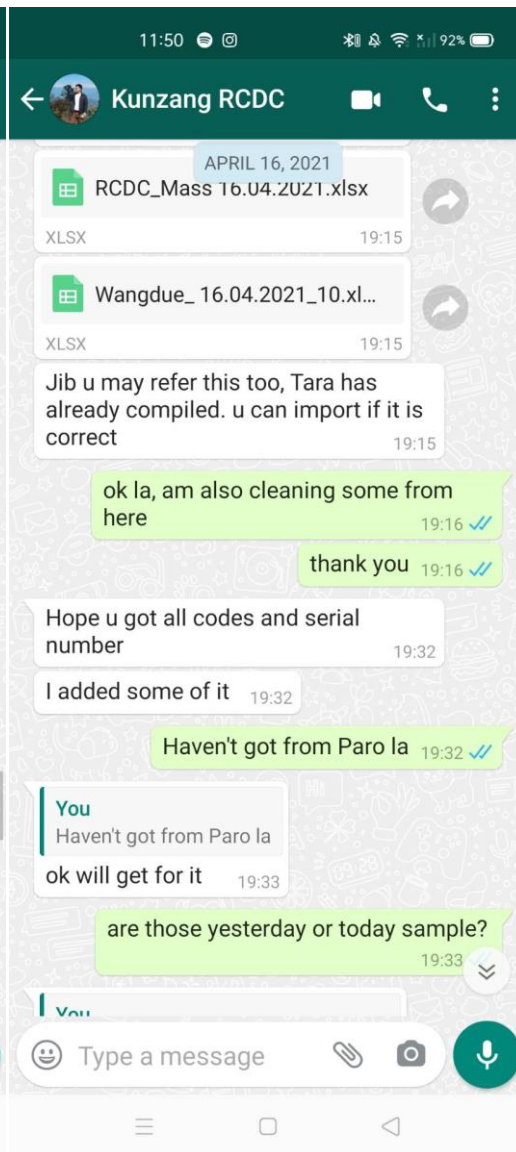
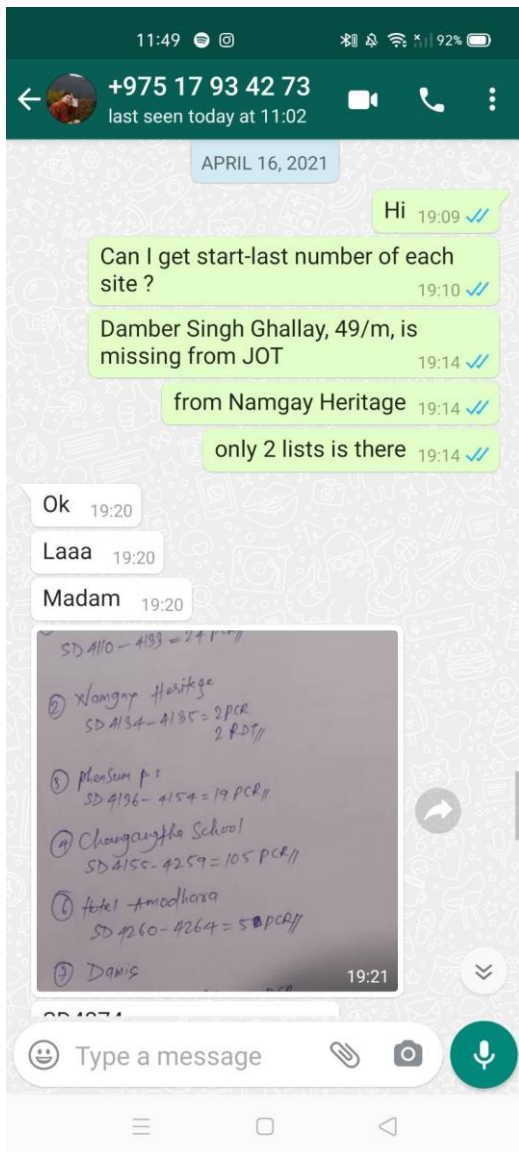
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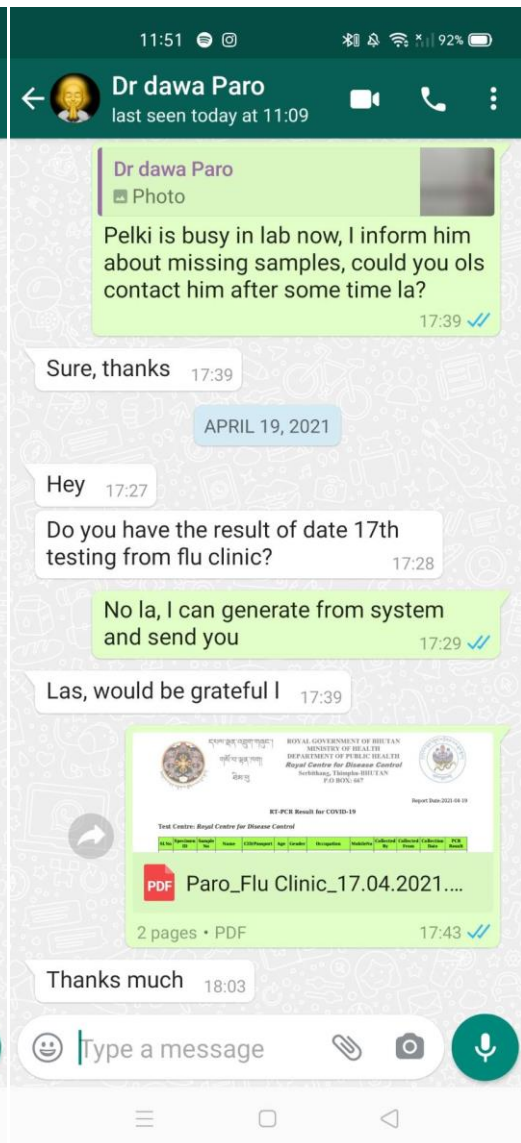
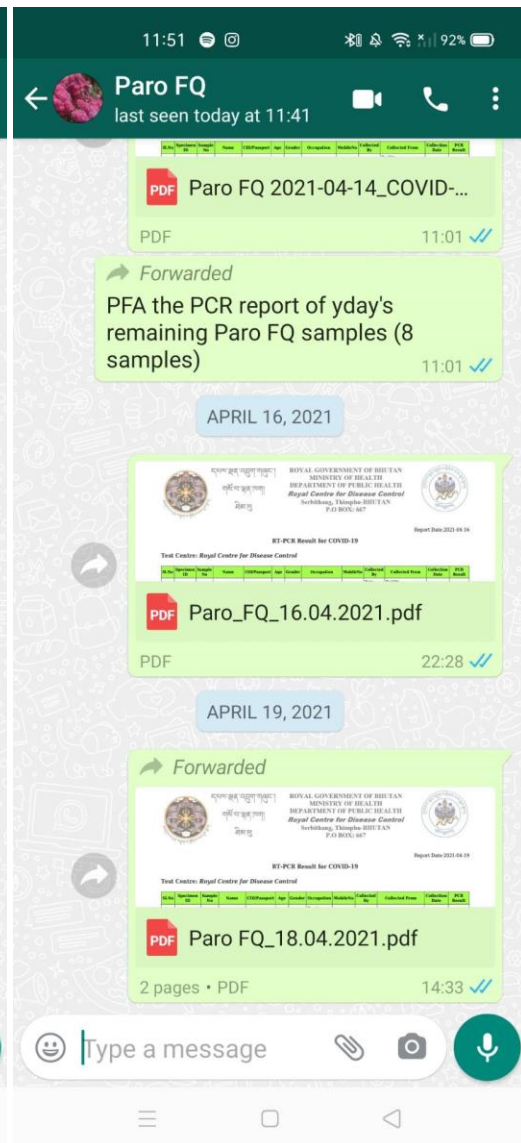




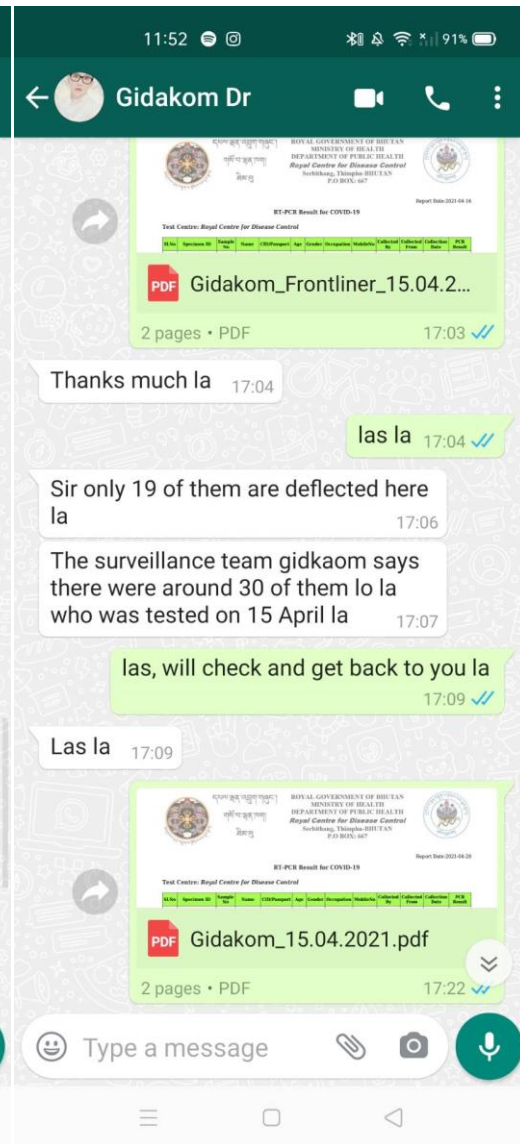
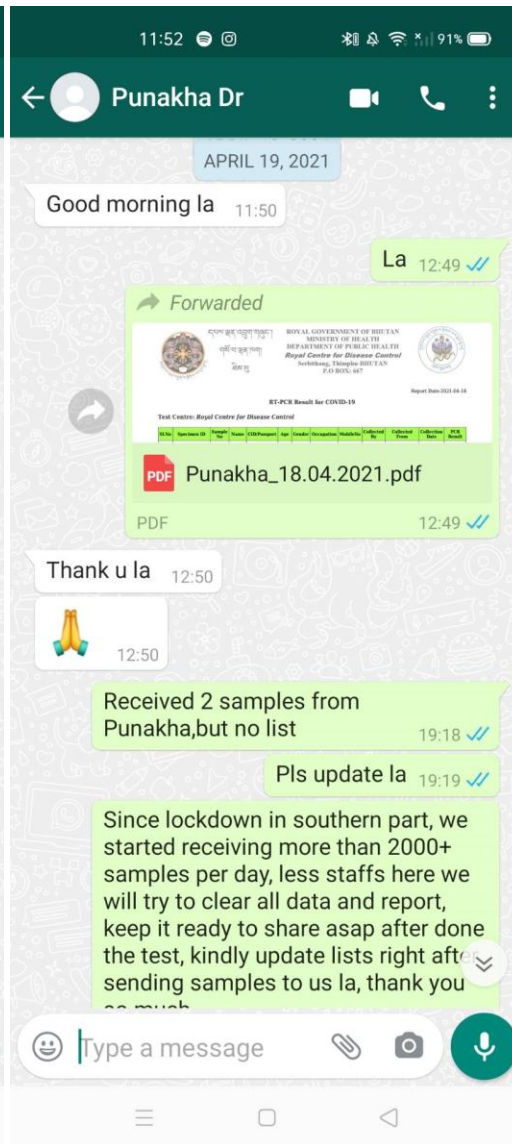
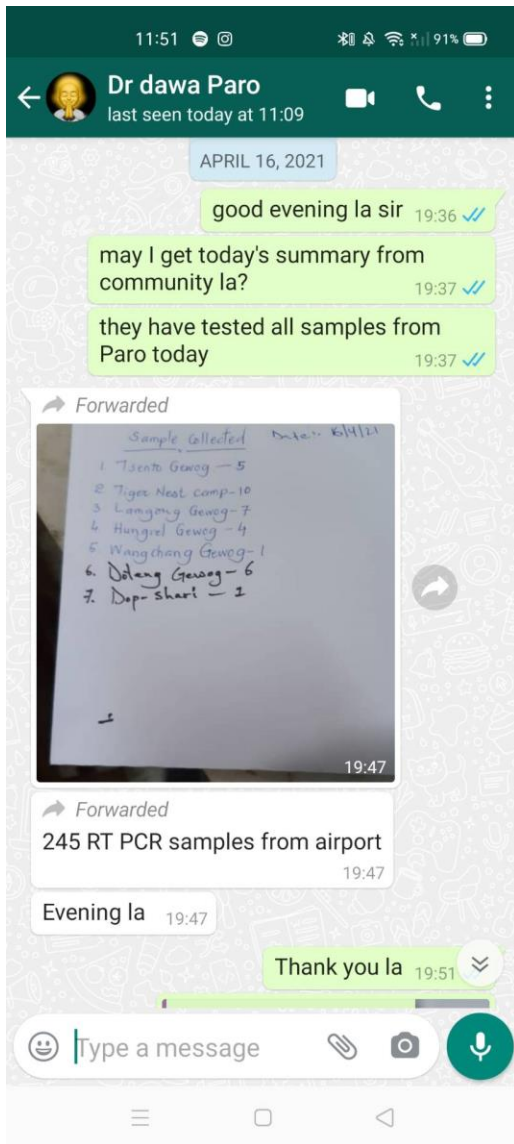
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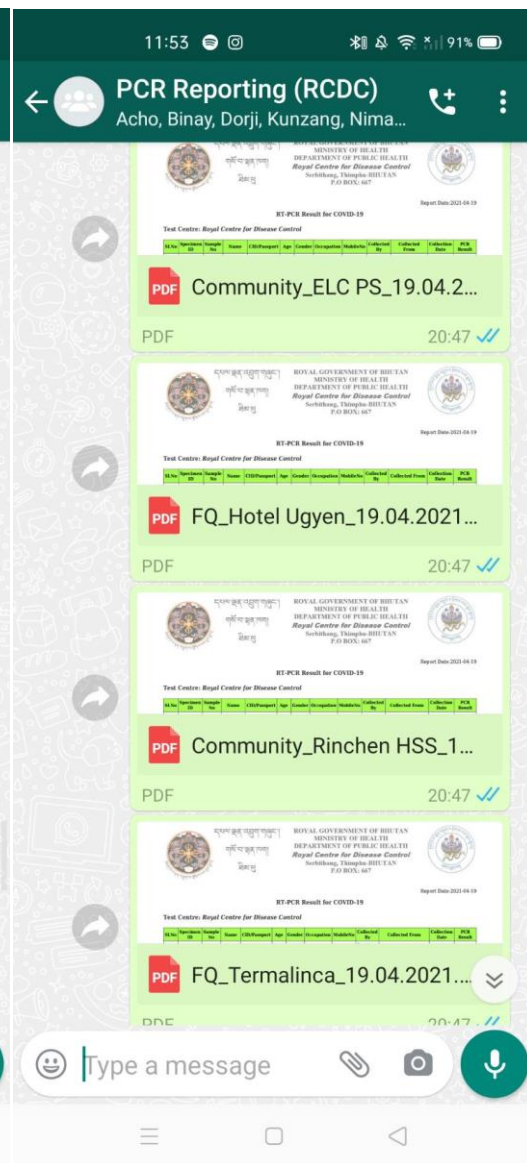
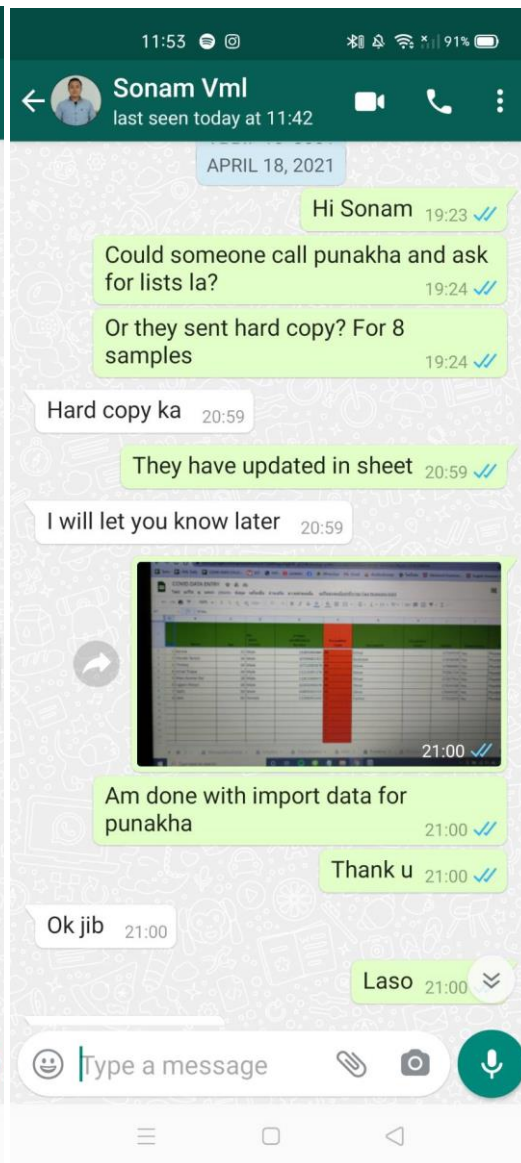
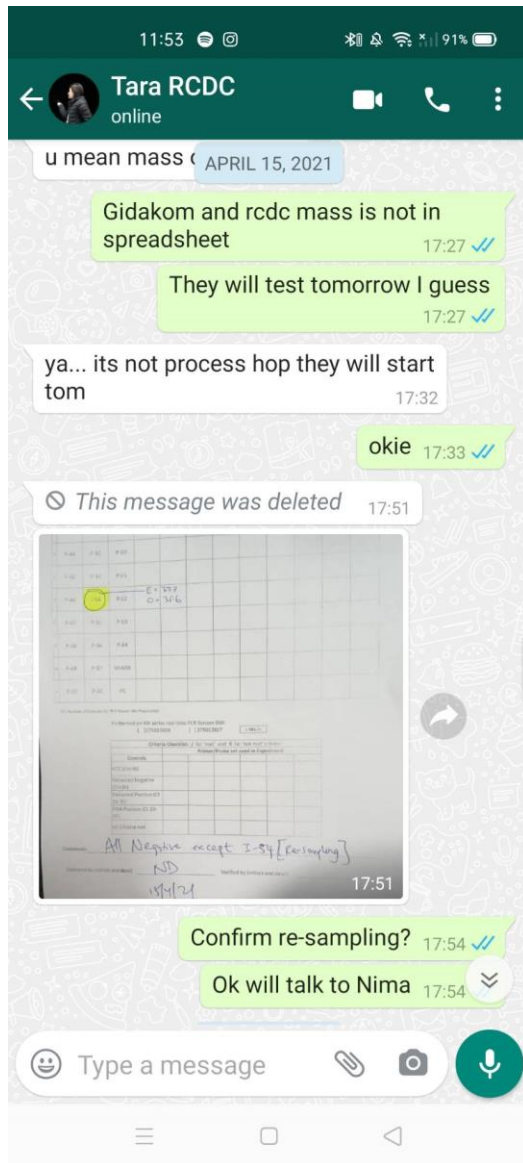




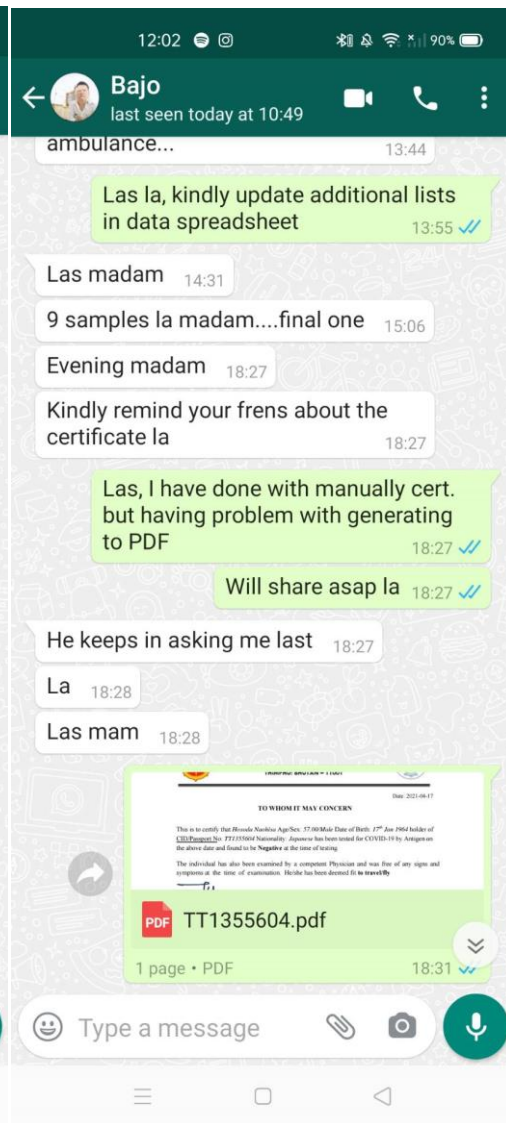
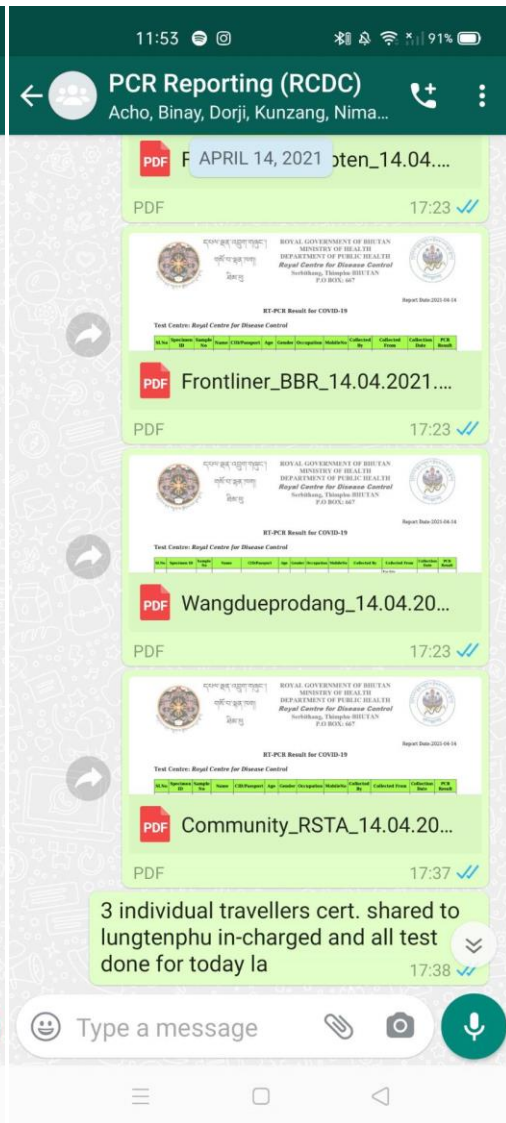
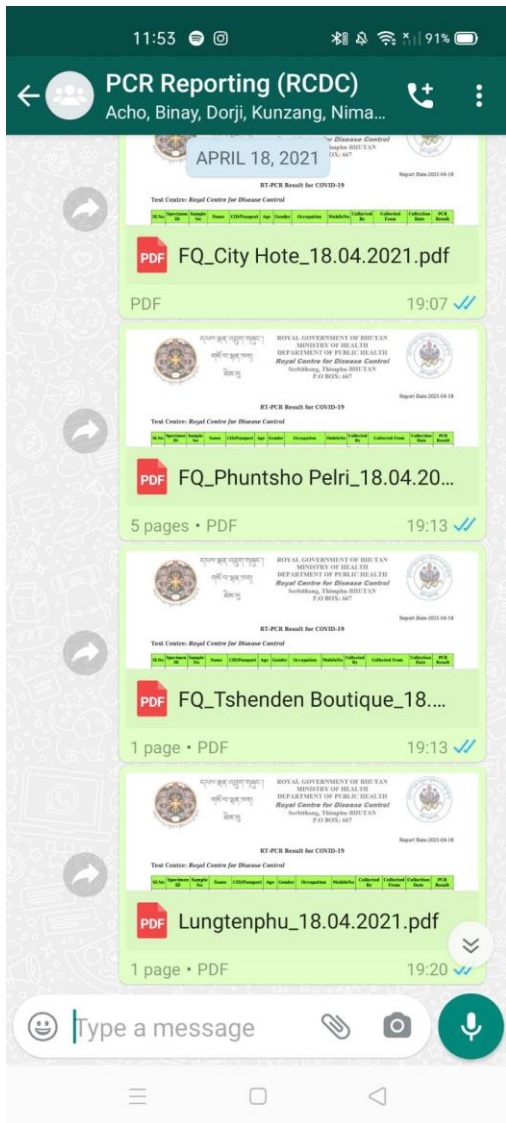












9. Bhutan government announced lockdown southern cities due to community transmission, so huge amount of COVID-19 samples from southern Bhutan communities sent to RCDC started from 17<sup>th</sup> April 2021, volunteer engaged in data and reporting as usual until 23<sup>th</sup> April 2021



tracing flu samtse - Microsoft Excel

sl.no.	Name	cid_no	Contact	Age/ Sex	Present address	Place for test	Date of test
1	Chenga Dawa	11514000463	17289802	38/M	SCOE	flu clinic, Samtse	tested on 18.04.2021
2	Choley Tamang	11213001024	17110678	65/M	Daragon	flu clinic, Samtse	tested on 18.04.2021
3	Tilak Bdr Ghalley	11204001974	77215816	39/M	Mechetar	flu clinic, Samtse	tested on 18.04.2021
4	Ruden Tamang	11211000665	77210220	39/M	Gairigon	flu clinic, Samtse	tested on 18.04.2021
5	Reeta Bdr Ghalley	11204002453	77215816	28/M	Buduney	flu clinic, Samtse	tested on 18.04.2021
6	singye la	11510001236	17972471	62/M	AWP Colony	flu clinic, Samtse	tested on 18.04.2021
7	Dawa Dema	11604002275	17398709	28/F	Bazar	flu clinic, Samtse	tested on 18.04.2021
8	Dema		77244727	59/F	Nimaling	flu clinic, Samtse	tested on 18.04.2021
9	Chandra Bdr Ghalley	11212002902	17369054	35/M	Dorpani	flu clinic, Samtse	tested on 18.04.2021
10	Khem Raj Ghalley	11213001934	77216683	30/M	Dorpani	flu clinic, Samtse	tested on 18.04.2021
11	Tshering Dorji	11203001180	17664483	42/M	Dorpani	flu clinic, Samtse	tested on 18.04.2021
12	Tenzin Wangdi	11606002125	17483408	39/M	Bazar	flu clinic, Samtse	tested on 18.04.2021
13	Bupendra Ghalley	11204000641	77283638	31/M	Dhamdhum	flu clinic, Samtse	tested on 18.04.2021
14	Neraj Tamang	11305002902	17235917	21/M	Daurpani	flu clinic, Samtse	tested on 18.04.2021
15	Pema Deki	10705001727	17661633	48/M	Devithang	flu clinic, Samtse	tested on 18.04.2021
16	Thinley Doma	10103001791	17676909	50/F	Devithang	flu clinic, Samtse	tested on 18.04.2021
17	Damcho Pemo	11002001317	17768913	52/F	Gawadong	flu clinic, Samtse	tested on 18.04.2021
18	Namgay la	12004002709	17236588	33/m	Gawadong	flu clinic, Samtse	tested on 18.04.2021
19	Nidup Dorji	11312002834	77320392	26/M	Gawadong	flu clinic, Samtse	tested on 18.04.2021
20	Yonten phuntsho	11510001242	77862018	23/m	Awp coliny	flu clinic, Samtse	tested on 18.04.2021
21	Zhenphen Norbu	111106000552	17534048	31/m	Khandothang	flu clinic, Samtse	tested on 18.04.2021
22	Karsel Dawa	10903002685	17400047	48/m	khandothang	flu clinic, Samtse	tested on 18.04.2021

tracing panbari - Microsoft Excel

sl.no.	Name	Age/sex	cid_no	Contact	Present address	Place for test	Date of test
1	bumpa delma	32/f	11601001958	17720539	PPS	Panbari PHC	tested 18/04/21
2	sonam lhamo	25/f	10702000618	17596584	PPS	Panbari PHC	tested 18/04/21
3	dorji wangmo	21/f	10902000328	17838632	PPS	Panbari PHC	tested 18/04/21
4	norgay lham	24/f	11215002207	17285001	ngawang dramtoe	Panbari PHC	tested 18/04/21
5	tshering zam doya	39/f	11215002264	no	ngawang dramtoe	Panbari PHC	tested 18/04/21
6	penden zam doya	28/f	11215002328	77378721	ngawang dramtoe	Panbari PHC	tested 18/04/21
7	phub zam doya	38/f	11215002197	77458143	ngawang dramtoe	Panbari PHC	tested 18/04/21
8	thinly bidha	36/f	10302002307	17533353	ngawang dramtoe	Panbari PHC	tested 18/04/21
9	namgay dem doya	29/f	11215002246	17963730	ngawang dramtoe	Panbari PHC	tested 18/04/21
10	tsheltrim doya	18/f	11215004479	17913661	ngawang dramtoe	Panbari PHC	tested 18/04/21
11	tandin om	32/f	11215002326	17936418	ngawang dramtoe	Panbari PHC	tested 18/04/21
12	tamo doya	24/f	11215002260	17351681	ngawang dramtoe	Panbari PHC	tested 18/04/21
13	zang jem doya	28/f	11215002362	77354040	ngawang dramtoe	Panbari PHC	tested 18/04/21
14	tsechu doya	50/m	11215002240	77380607	ngawang dramtoe	Panbari PHC	tested 18/04/21
15	shey mo doya	40/f	11215002256	17729500	ngawang dramtoe	Panbari PHC	tested 18/04/21
16	ugyen wangchuk	42/m	11913000497	17665583	TDLSS	Panbari PHC	tested 18/04/21
17	Dijey doya	34/f	11215002265	17680489	ngawang dramtoe	Panbari PHC	tested 18/04/21
18	rinchen namgay doya	6/m	under age	17680489	ngawang dramtoe	Panbari PHC	tested 18/04/21
19	bhuda maya newar	33/f	Dha(DCRC-28)2020	16936324	lower panbari	Panbari PHC	tested 18/04/21
20	chencho wangmo doya	20/f	11215004432	17543481	ngawang dramtoe	Panbari PHC	tested 18/04/21
21	khuchu doya	40/f	-	77219166	ngawang dramtoe	Panbari PHC	tested 18/04/21
22	budhi doya	50/f	11215002131		ngawang dramtoe	Panbari PHC	tested 18/04/21

Example of raw data from community & contact tracing from Samtse district and southern Health Unit to response COVID-19 outbreak in south of Bhutan, volunteer had to clean data and import into COVID-19 system for more than 1,500 samples line lists per day started from 17<sup>th</sup> April 2021



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### Update

Three staff, one female and two males, tested positive for COVID-19 at a quarantine facility in Thimphu today.

One of the positive cases had breached the quarantine protocols and exited the centre on three occasions. On two of those occasions, the person had left the facility to play cricket matches at Pelkhil School and Dechencholing.

As of 7pm, 30 primary contacts have been quarantined and are being tested. More contact tracing is being carried out. Health workers and surveillance team have stepped in to assess and determine the viral shedding and transmission in the community.

As we wait for the outcome, we would like to urge people to stay home and avoid gathering. If you are one of those who have played cricket on April 17 and 18 at the specified venues and have not been contacted by the health officials, please call 2121 or 6060.

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On 20<sup>th</sup> April 2021, Ministry of Health, Royal Government of Bhutan updated 3 community COVID-19 cases detected in Thimphu, contact tracing more than 300 individuals were tested COVID-19 in the same day in RCDC laboratory

# Conclusions

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In about 2 weeks after returned home land, volunteer had been served COVID-19 Bhutan National Laboratory by using online in data and reporting. Total 12,446 samples has been tested and reported for RT-PCR. This job could help and reduce workload for laboratory staffs who work at the station especially during the outbreak (Southern border cities lockdown from 16<sup>th</sup> April 2021 and Thimphu community outbreak which has been started from 20<sup>th</sup> April 2021).

Volunteer coordinated with more than 10 health workers including nurses, doctors and sample collection team leaders from 8 sites of COVID-19 collection about sample shipment, data problem and reporting.