

**Physical verification on Mobile Network Connectivity to carry out Rural Communication Programme (RCP) Phase VII**

The RCP was initiated in 2009 to provide mobile network connectivity in unconnected villages across different Dzongkhags and Gewogs. Till date, the Authority has completed 5 Phases of RCP with the RCP VI Phase ongoing which is planned to be completed in September 2022.

The main objective of these programmes is to achieve the Royal Government’s objective of “Universal Connectivity” of communication services in the country. The programmes were funded from Universal Service Fund (USF) and implemented through ‘minimum subsidy’ bidding process and on cost sharing basis.

The Authority carried out physical verification for unconnected Households to include in Future Rural Communication Programme (RCP) projects. Punakha, Bumthang, Haa, Wangduephodrang, Samtse and Sarpang Dzongkhags are physically verified and the findings are as follows:

Sl. No	Dzongkhag	Gewog	Chiwog	Village	Total HHs	Connected HHs	unconnected HHs	
1	Dagana	Tashiding	Gangab	Rangatar	3	0	3	
2		Khibisa	Gipsa	Menchuna	12	11	1	
3	Punakha	Chubu	Ngoedroob chu	Khyimchena	8	2	6	
4		Kabisa	Sirigang_ Wakoo Damchhi	Tshetednang	17	15	2	
5				Heyloog_ Tongzhoong	Heyloog	12	7	5
6					Remi	5	3	2
7					Tongzhu	12	0	12
8		Talo	Talo	Talo	57	56	1	
9		Nobgang	Nobgang	Nobgang	39	37	2	

10	Sarpang	Chhudzom	Dragchu	Hungrelthang	21	19	2
11		Gakidling	Meanchulam	Dapgoan	4	0	4
12		Senggye	Sangaythang	Wangchucklingka	23	0	23
13	Samtse	Norbugang	Dramzegang_Medgang	Norbugang	44	42	2
14			Tsherigang - Lambilamjosa	Lambi	17	9	8
15		Phuntsho-pelri	Nyonpalin g	Satergang	38	35	3

Remaining HHs without mobile network connectivity under eight Dzongkhags, will be physically verified within the next financial year and will be covered in the next RCP phase as per priority and budget availability.