

## **Situation Report (SitRep)1: Trashigang forest fire**

Bhutan Disaster Response

Situation Report No: 1

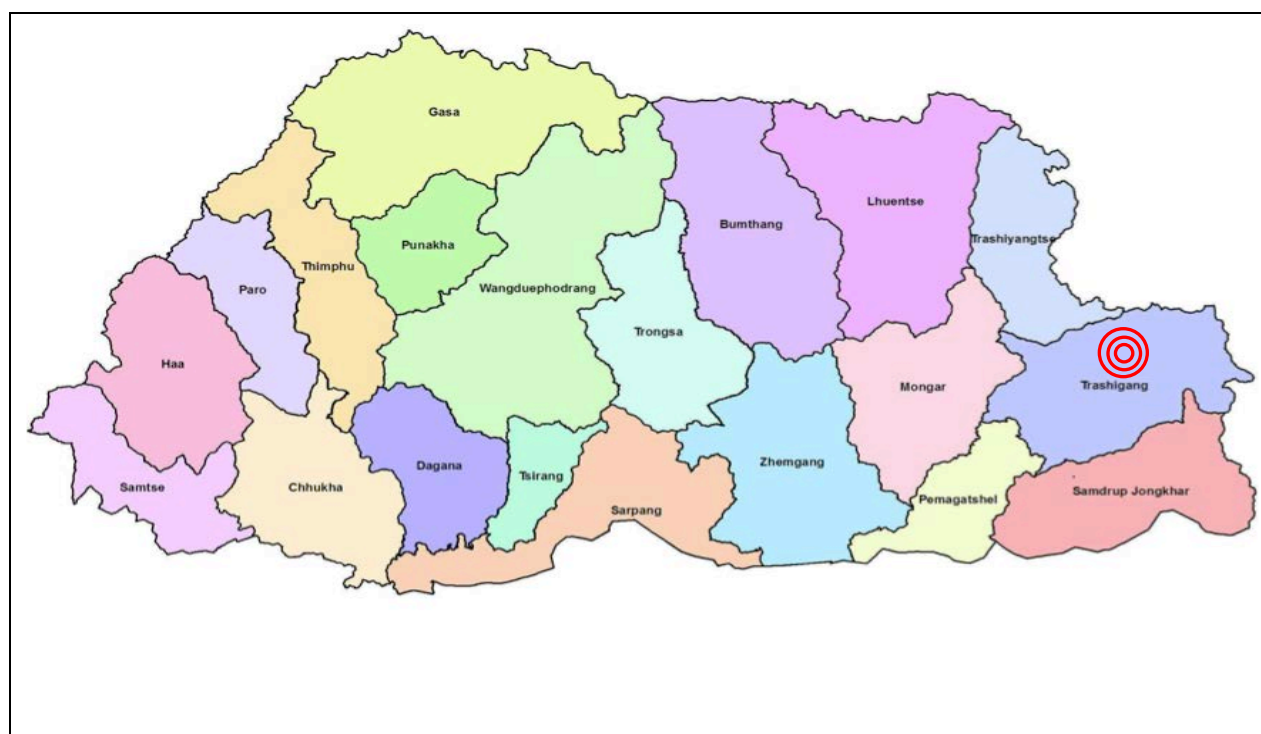
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### **Situation Overview**

- A forest fire occurred towards afternoon on February 29, 2016 in Trashigang Dzongkhag.
- The fire completely razed a mechanical workshop, a canteen and a pickup truck and several hectares of forest cover in the district.
- Several volunteers, including Dzongkhag staff, Armed Forces, foresters, desuups, and fire volunteers battled the fire for several hours.
- While the fire spreading towards the Dzong and Rangshikhar was successfully contained around 4.45 am on March 1, 2016, however the fire continue to burn in Mangdung around Kanglung area.
- No casualties have been reported.

**Bhutan, Dzongkhag (District) Affected**



### Description of disaster

A forest fire occurred towards afternoon in Trashigang Dzongkhag on February 29, 2016. Although the fire started spreading towards the Dzong, it was completely contained around 4.45 am on March 1, 2016. However the fire continue to burn in Mangdung around Kanglung area. Several volunteers, including Dzongkhag staff, Armed Forces, foresters, desuups, and fire volunteers battled the fire for several hours. At this time of reporting, the actual casue of the fire is still not determined and an investigation is being initiated.

### Impact

The fire has completely razed a mechanical workshop, a canteen and a pickup truck and several hectares of forest cover in the district.

Although the fire started spreading towards the Dzong, with effort and proper coordination among the armed forces, foresters, Desuups and Dzongkhag Administration officials the fire was contained. However, the forest fire continue to burn around Mangdung in Kanglung area.

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## Humanitarian needs and responses

With support from several hundreds of armed forces, foresters, DeSunngs and locals the fire towards the Trashigang Dzong was brought under control.

The victims of the fire were given immediate relief and compensation from the office of Gyalpoi Zimpon. No formal request for humanitarian support has been received from the Dzongkhag at the time of reporting.

Next SitRep: (as and when required)

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