



DOLPO TULKU CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

Statement about the cancellation of the Dolpo Winter Clinic 2022

With the aim to provide easy access to health services to the people of Dolpo, the Dolpo Tulku Charitable Foundation (DTCF) has been organising the *Free Winter Clinic in Kathmandu* in collaboration with *Stupa Community Hospital* for more than a decade now. It has proven to have a significant impact on providing better healthcare to the marginalised people of the Dolpa district, especially women, the elderly, and children, with preventive and curative treatment approaches.

But this year, considering the pandemic's unfavourable circumstances and possible risk created by the pandemic, the board of the foundation has decided not to organise its 14th Annual Dolpo Winter Clinic in Kathmandu. Further, the foundation's board members noticed that the number of Dolpopas coming to Kathmandu are very few compared to previous years, because of the pandemic. It was also felt that there could be challenges to convince the medical staff to work in the Clinic during these unusual circumstances. Hence, the Dolpo Winter Clinic 2022 was called off, but it will continue to give access to health services for underprivileged people in the coming years.

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