



Destination Updates as on 23 July 2021

BHUTAN

The tiny Himalayan country that carried out one of the fastest vaccination drives with the 150,000 doses of AstraZeneca vaccine donated by India in March, had to halt its progress following the deadly second wave that hit India and created a shortage in the manufacture and supply of vaccines.

With over 62% of the total population having received the first dose, the government sought help from the other countries of the world who stepped up to provide relief. China, Denmark, and USA have sent millions of doses of different vaccines that have restarted Bhutan's inoculation drive. USA has sent 500,000 doses of Moderna vaccine through the 'Covax' facility, Denmark has sent 250,000 doses of AstraZeneca vaccines, China has sent 50,000 doses of Sinopharm-manufactured and developed vaccine, and over 100,000 doses of AstraZeneca vaccines have come from Bulgaria, Croatia, and few other countries. The COVAX facility has also sent over 5800 doses of Pfizer vaccines.

The Bhutanese Government has expressed its gratitude towards all the countries that have stepped up in this time of crisis and shown good faith and kindness.

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