With the nationwide lockdown many activities related to animal, birds are being limited. While taking note of this the State Government has appraised the Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services Department to provide continuous flow of medical and nutritional assistance to various livestock, animals and birds in need. The veterinary centres and dispensary services remains open 24×7 in South district to ensure constant emergency services during the lockdown period. The veterinary officers and staff are working diligently with 50 percent staff on roster basis.

The veterinary paramedical team have also actively reached out and helped livestock and animal from minor to major health issues in the district. Thereby, providing timely medical care to livestocks such as cows having dystocia and other ailments. During the lockdown, surgical operations on dogs, goats, pigs have also been done at District Veterinary Polyclinic, Namchi. In the course of
Due to the strict restrictions of inter-state movement, the department has initiated several steps to help and support the progressive farmers in the district. The poultry farmers of Mellidara, Piayong, Sadam, Turuk and adjoining areas which has the highest poultry chicken growers and suppliers in Sikkim are being assisted by procuring these chickens from each farm at marginal rate to ease distress of selling. After dressing of these chicken at the designated slaughter house in Majhitar, East Sikkim, the meat is supplied to the markets in Gangtok, Namchi, Mangan and Dentam. In addition, the live poultry are also being supplied to Denzong Agricultural Cooperative Society Limited for Indian Army stationed in the state.

The department has also collaborated with the Sikkim Milk Union, Karfectar under the guidance of incharge Dr. Phurba Lepcha (Deputy Director) who is actively taking charge of supply and demand of cattle feeds, protein and nutrition supplements from Siliguri for the district. Dairy farmers are availing these supply from Mother Dairy farm and Sikkim Milk Union, both located in Karfectar, Jorethang on payment basis. Additionally, local samaritan and animal lovers of Namchi has taken it upon themselves to feed the strays of the surrounding area with home cooked meals during this lockdown period.