



Bhutan: Enhancing Aviation Sector Development Capacity

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| Project Name | Enhancing Aviation Sector Development Capacity | |
| Project Number | 53278-002 | |
| Country | Bhutan | |
| Project Status | Proposed | |
| Project Type / Modality of Assistance | Technical Assistance | |
| Source of Funding / Amount | TA: Enhancing Aviation Sector Development Capacity | |
| | Technical Assistance Special Fund | US\$ 2.00 million |
| Strategic Agendas | Environmentally sustainable growth Inclusive economic growth Regional integration | |
| Drivers of Change | Governance and capacity development Knowledge solutions | |
| Sector / Subsector | Transport - Transport policies and institutional development | |
| Gender Equity and Mainstreaming | No gender elements | |
| Description | The knowledge and support technical assistance (TA) will help enhance the development capacity of the civil aviation sector in Bhutan by formulating a civil aviation strategy and by providing advisory work and hands-on support to the executing agency and respective stakeholders. The TA will have three outputs: (i) civil aviation sector strategy plan prepared; (ii) regulatory, operational, and institutional capacity enhanced; and (iii) knowledge management and capacity building improved. | |
| Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy | Bhutan is a landlocked country with a rugged and mountainous landscape that presents unique challenges to the development and maintenance of surface transport facilities. Due to the geographical features of the country, aviation has been crucial for providing linkages between the capital, Thimphu, and the various administrative and commercial centers. Most international tourists use air transport to enter Bhutan. To meet future air transport demand and to provide alternative air connectivity for the country, it is necessary to formulate a comprehensive national civil aviation sector strategy and to elaborate a master plan consistent with the government's plans. There is a need for an expansion in air transport services to other international hubs and regional centers and for the upgrade of airport facilities to meet demand targets. | |
| Impact | Civil aviation sector in Bhutan improved | |
| Outcome | Planning and preparation for enhancement of air transport services in Bhutan improved | |
| Outputs | Civil aviation sector strategy plan prepared Regulatory, operational, and institutional capacity enhanced Knowledge management and capacity building improved | |
| Geographical Location | Nation-wide | |
| Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects | | |
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| Involuntary Resettlement | | |
| Indigenous Peoples | | |
| Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation | | |
| During Project Design | | |
| During Project Implementation | | |
| Business Opportunities | | |
| Consulting Services | The South Asia Transport and Communications Division will be responsible for the consultant's recruitment, following the ADB Procurement Policy (2017, as amended from time to time) and its associated project administration instructions and/or staff instructions. An international firm will be recruited using quality- and cost-based selection with a 90:10 quality-cost ratio. | |
| Procurement | Not applicable | |
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| Responsible ADB Division | Transport and Communications Division, SARD | |

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| Timetable | |
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| Fact Finding | 09 Oct 2019 to 15 Oct 2019 |
| MRM | - |
| Approval | - |
| Last Review Mission | - |
| Last PDS Update | 27 Sep 2019 |

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