



Bhutan: Improved Urban Environmental Infrastructure Project

Project Name	Improved Urban Environmental Infrastructure Project								
Project Number	42229-013								
Country	Bhutan								
Project Status	Active								
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance								
Source of Funding / Amount	<table border="1"> <tr> <td colspan="2">TA 8551-BHU: Improved Urban Environmental Infrastructure Project</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Technical Assistance Special Fund</td> <td>US\$ 800,000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">TA 8551-BHU: Improved Urban Environmental Infrastructure Project (Supplementary)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Technical Assistance Special Fund</td> <td>US\$ 200,000.00</td> </tr> </table>	TA 8551-BHU: Improved Urban Environmental Infrastructure Project		Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 800,000.00	TA 8551-BHU: Improved Urban Environmental Infrastructure Project (Supplementary)		Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 200,000.00
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Strategic Agendas	Environmentally sustainable growth Inclusive economic growth Regional integration								
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development								
Sector / Subsector	Water and other urban infrastructure and services - Other urban services - Urban water supply								
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Effective gender mainstreaming								
Description	<p>The PPTA will formulate prefeasibility proposals for all physical and non-physical investments in 9 towns. For Batch 1 towns, it will also (a) screen all viable technical options, (b) complete basic engineering designs for selected infrastructure subprojects, and (c) incorporate climate-proofing and water sensitive urban development elements.</p> <p>In addition, the PPTA will cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Governance assessment of the EA and proposed IAs covering financial management, anticorruption, policy and legal, capacity and other institutional issues and mechanisms. (ii) Poverty reduction and social Impacts assessment, including identification of gender benefits and developing a Gender Action Plan (GAP) for the project. (iii) Safeguards assessment and development of frameworks and plans for environmental, involuntary resettlement and indigenous people (if applicable). 								
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	The project promotes regional balanced growth and those that have been excluded in current development activities (especially in the east and central west of Bhutan) will directly benefit. Through enhancing urban services by improving the safety, reliability and quality of water supply, sanitation, urban roads and stormwater infrastructure (to manage floods), the citizens will have access to better and affordable services.								
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Project Outcome

Description of Outcome
Progress Toward Outcome
Implementation Progress
Description of Project Outputs
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)
Geographical Location

Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects

Environmental Aspects

Involuntary Resettlement

Indigenous Peoples

Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation

During Project Design	Stakeholders include the residents of the proposed towns, relevant central government agencies, local government agencies, community leaders/ representatives and organizations, nongovernmental organizations and donors. Workshops, focus group discussions and key informant interviews will be conducted with stakeholders with separate sessions amongst the poor and vulnerable. Information about the project will be provided and discussed in detail during these sessions.
During Project Implementation	Project scoping workshop has been conducted to finalize the towns that will be covered by the project and the scope of the project. The Project Team has agreed with the Government that the following will be taken into consideration in preparing the ensuing loan which is proposed to be approved in 2017: 1. Water and sanitation critical services and priority of the government, especially addressing water security 2. Integrated planning approach to be adopted (valley-wide, urban-catchment-wide), where sectoral master plans are to be prepared and infrastructure requirements and investments to be derived from the plans 3. Explore PPP mechanisms for service delivery/ management for towns especially in Thimphu and Phuentsholing 4. Strengthening sustainability of the proposed urban centers through clustered approach management (i.e. creation of special purpose vehicles (SPV), performance-based contracts to service providers etc). 5. Institutional strengthening and reform at the Ministry, Thromde and Dzongkhag levels to build capacity for future planning, design, implementation and monitoring of projects in the Country.

Business Opportunities

Consulting Services	A firm has been engaged to undertake the necessary studies for this TA. The firm is composed of 6 international experts and 4 national expert (10 consultants). The consulting firm has been engaged following the quality- and cost-based selection method, with a quality-cost ratio of 90:10 (due to the high complexity of the assignment and the impact of the expected outputs), using full technical proposal procedures. One additional international Project Management Specialist will be engaged individually to ensure project implementation is on track. Procurement of all consultancy services used under the PPTA will be carried out in accordance with ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2013, as amended from time to time).
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Timetable

Concept Clearance	-
Fact Finding	-
MRM	-
Approval	12 Dec 2013
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	29 Mar 2017

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Milestones

Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual
12 Dec 2013	09 Jan 2014	09 Jan 2014	30 Apr 2015	31 Dec 2017	-

Financing Plan/TA Utilization						Cumulative Disbursements		
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
1,000,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000,000.00	12 Dec 2013	428,435.45

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