

 Early Warning System

ADB-43281-013

Tanahu Hydropower Project



Quick Facts

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| Countries | Nepal |
| Specific Location | Rising, Myagde, Bhimad, and Byas municipalities, Damauli, Tanahu District |
| Financial Institutions | Asian Development Bank (ADB), European Investment Bank (EIB) |
| Status | Approved |
| Bank Risk Rating | A |
| Voting Date | 2013-02-21 |
| Borrower | Government of Nepal |
| Sectors | Energy, Hydropower |
| Potential Rights Impacts | Cultural Rights, Healthy Environment, Housing & Property, Indigenous Peoples, Labor & Livelihood, Marginalized Groups |
| Investment Type(s) | Advisory Services, Loan |
| Investment Amount (USD) | \$ 150.00 million |
| Project Cost (USD) | \$ 505.00 million |



Project Description

The project will construct a 140m high concrete gravity dam with a crest length of 215 m on the Seti River, a hydropower plant of 140 megawatts with water storage facilities and associated transmission lines. The dam incorporates a 4-bay gated spillway, gated water level lowering and sediment flushing openings and a small power scheme to exploit downstream environmental water releases to generate electricity. The project will create a storage reservoir some 25 (river) km long with a surface area of 7.26 km² at FSL (EL 415m) and a gross storage capacity of some 295 million m³. The dam site is located about 2 km upstream of the confluence of the Seti and Madi rivers near to Damauli Bazaar at Vyas Municipality and an underground powerhouse is located on the right bank of the Seti River in Kahu Shivapur VDC. Other components include rural electrification and community development in the project area, and a reform and restructuring plan for the Nepal Electricity Authority (NEA).



Investment Description

- Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- European Investment Bank (EIB)

Co-financing:

Japan International Cooperation Agency- US\$ 184 million

European Investment Bank- US\$ 70 million

Kfw Bankengruppe- US\$ 33.55 million



| Private Actor 1 | Private Actor 1 Role | Private Actor 1 Sector | Relation | Private Actor 2 | Private Actor 2 Role | Private Actor 2 Sector |
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| - | - | - | - | Cooperativa Muratori and Cementisti (CMC) | Contractor | - |
| - | - | - | - | Kalika Group | Contractor | Construction |
| - | - | - | - | KEC International | Contractor | Industry and Trade |
| - | - | - | - | Sinohydro Corporation | Contractor | Hydropower |
| - | - | - | - | Song Da Corporation | Contractor | - |
| - | - | - | - | Tanahu Hydropower Limited | Client | Hydropower |



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Bank Documents

- [Initial Environmental Examination | August 2012](#) [Original Source]
- [1st Complaint to the European Investment Bank Complaint Mechanism](#)
- [2nd Complaint to European Investment Bank Complaint Mechanism](#)
- [2nd Complaint to European Investment Bank Complaint Mechanism](#)
- [Addendum to the Initial Assessment Report by EIB-CM for 2nd Complaint](#)
- [Combined Resettlement and Indigenous Peoples Plan | November 2018](#) [Original Source]
- [EIB-CM Initial Assessment Report for 1st Complaint](#)
- [EIB-CM Initial Assessment Report for the 2nd Complaint](#)
- [Environmental Addendum Updated from July 2012 version](#) [Original Source]
- [Environmental Impact Assessment August 2009](#) [Original Source]
- [Environmental Monitoring Report \(January-June 2017\)](#) [Original Source]
- [Final Review and Assessment Report of the Special Project Facilitator](#)
- [Gender Equality and Social Inclusion Action Plan | January 2013](#) [Original Source]
- [Reports and Recommendations of the President | January 2013](#) [Original Source]
- [Resettlement and Indigenous Peoples Plan \(Draft\) | December 2012](#) [Original Source]
- [Social Monitoring Report \(July-December 2017\)](#) [Original Source]
- [Why Nepal's Indigenous Magar Are Opposing Tanahu Hydropower Project?-Til Bahadur Thapa](#)

Community Documents

- [1st Complaint to Accountability Mechanism, Asian Development Bank](#)
- <https://www.adb.org/sites/default/files/page/632626/nep-43281-013-complaint-letters.pdf>
- [Infographic from Community-led Research on Tanahu Hydropower Project \(English\)](#)
- [Infographic from Community-led Research on Tanahu Hydropower Project \(Nepali\)](#)
- [Leadership by Local Communities in Nepal Paves the Path for Development that Respects Rights](#)

Campaign Documents

- [ADB co-financed Tanahu Hydropower Project affected communities reject compensation](#)
- [Community-led Responses Timeline](#)
- [Land Older Than Government Documentary \(Produced by INWOLAG\)](#)
- [Magar women use Indigenous knowledge to mitigate climate change impacts](#)
- [Tanahu Hydropower affected communities express concerns on formation of local consultation forum and](#)
- [Tanahu Hydropower Project affected communities submit 26-point memorandum to Energy Minister](#)
- [What Will Our Children Get?Communities in Tanahu assert their right to land for land compensation an](#)
- [Why Nepal's Indigenous Magars are opposing Tanahu Hydropower Project? - Yam Kumari Rana](#)

Media

- [Nepali villagers make voices heard on Tanahu hydropower project](#)
- [Tanahun hydropower project victims demonstrate against unfair compensation](#)