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Quick Facts

Countries	Bhutan
Financial Institutions	Asian Development Bank (ADB)
Status	Active
Bank Risk Rating	B
Voting Date	2016-06-29
Sectors	Transport
Investment Type(s)	Grant
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 4.00 million

Project Description

DESCRIPTION

The project, together with the original project, will improve safety, security, and capacity at Bumthang, Gelephu, and Yonphula domestic airports by providing infrastructure. The additional financing will further strengthen safety and security, and improve passenger convenience in terms of level of service at these airports. The overall project will support the government's plan to develop a safe, reliable, and efficient air transport system connecting urban and rural centers to help overcome the limitations of road transport, improve accessibility, and promote tourism and high-value agriculture in less-developed regions of the country.

PROJECT RATIONALE AND LINKAGE TO COUNTRY/REGIONAL STRATEGY

Bhutan is a mountainous, landlocked country with its socioeconomic development largely depending on a safe, reliable, and efficient transport network. The country has an estimated population of 745,000 and a population density of 19 persons per square kilometer, which is the smallest population and the lowest population density in South Asia. Bhutan falls within a seismic risk zone with a moderate to high risk level, and has formidable weather conditions. This makes it difficult for the country to achieve economies of scale in service delivery, and costly to build and maintain physical infrastructure, particularly roads. The high external and domestic transport costs and lack of or limited accessibility have constrained the country's economic and social development.

The overall project is in line with the strategic objective of providing safe and more efficient movement of people and goods as described in ADB's country partnership strategy, 2014 2018. The proposed additional financing is included in the country operations business plan, 2016 2018. Investments in developing a safe, reliable, and efficient domestic air transport network connecting urban and rural centers were identified as priorities for the transport sector and are in line with the government's strategies for development of the transport sector.

IMPACT

Air transport connectivity improved

CONSULTING SERVICES

Consultants will be recruited according to ADBs Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (March 2013, as amended from time to time).

PROCUREMENT

Procurement of goods and works will be undertaken in accordance with ADBs Procurement Guidelines (April 2015, as amended from time to time).

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Concessional ordinary capital resources / Asian Development Fund US$ 4.00 million

Contact Information

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