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Quick Facts

Countries	Bhutan
Financial Institutions	Asian Development Bank (ADB)
Status	Active
Bank Risk Rating	U
Voting Date	2015-12-03
Borrower	Government of Bhutan
Sectors	Climate and Environment
Investment Type(s)	Grant
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 1.50 million

Project Description

The proposed multitranche financing facility will support the development of run-of-river hydropower plant and transmission system facilities in the eastern region of Bhutan. The power generated from the plant can be supplied through the eastern grid network system for dual purposes of export and domestic consumption.

According to the ADB: "The proposed investment program is to support development of the Nyera Amari run-of-river hydropower plant and a transmission system in the eastern region of Bhutan. This focus will make a geographical balance in development support from the Asian Development Bank (ADB), following the Dagachhu hydropower plant in the western region, and the Nikachhu hydropower plant in the central region. While the eastern region has the highest population among the regions, it has been less developed in overall infrastructure, and is more likely to be poor than other regions .... The government regards its continued hydropower development as the country s economic key driver that will help maximize local, national, and regional development impacts. Hydropower generation contributes to one-fifth of the country s gross domestic product. Out of Bhutan s installed generation capacity (1,614 MW), about 75% is exported to India after meeting domestic electricity demand. The hydropower exports account for one-third of government revenue; they are primary source for government spending on socioeconomic development for social services such as health, education, and rural development. Hydropower development forms the foundation of the economy and social system in Bhutan."

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Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction US$ 1.50 million

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