

 Early Warning System

ADB-50165-001

Amochhu Land Development and Township Project



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## Quick Facts

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| <b>Countries</b>               | Bhutan                       |
| <b>Financial Institutions</b>  | Asian Development Bank (ADB) |
| <b>Status</b>                  | Active                       |
| <b>Bank Risk Rating</b>        | U                            |
| <b>Voting Date</b>             | 2016-07-22                   |
| <b>Sectors</b>                 | Agriculture and Forestry     |
| <b>Investment Type(s)</b>      | Grant                        |
| <b>Investment Amount (USD)</b> | \$ 0.50 million              |



## Project Description

### DESCRIPTION

The proposed Amochhu Land Development and Township Project will develop 160 hectares (ha) of riparian land near the city of Phuentsholing that is located adjacent to the Amochhu River on Bhutans southwestern border with India. The project will provide protection from floods and erosion, and construct smart urban infrastructure to allow phased urban expansion. A modern township will be designed on modern sustainable principles of equity, livability, and competitiveness, and it will be integrated into the fabric of the existing municipality and preserve Bhutans unique architectural heritage. The project will also protect the existing and new towns from floods and riverbank erosion which currently threatens lives and livelihoods and disrupts connectivity with nearby communities.

### PROJECT RATIONALE AND LINKAGE TO COUNTRY/REGIONAL STRATEGY

Bhutan is a mountainous country with limited suitable land for urban growth. This particularly applies for Phuentsholing which has reached its limits for expansion, being constrained by the Amochhu River and surrounding steep terrain and conservation areas. Phuentsholing is Bhutans busiest border city with India, located on two South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation trading corridors, and is the countrys largest commercial and industrial hub. This Project will develop a modern township designed on modern sustainable principles of equity, livability, and competitiveness, and it will be integrated into the fabric of the existing municipality and preserve Bhutans unique architectural heritage. The Project will also protect the existing and new towns from floods and riverbank erosion which currently threatens lives and livelihoods and disrupts connectivity with nearby communities.

### CONSULTING SERVICES

Project preparation consulting services

### PROCUREMENT

Not applicable



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## Investment Description

- Asian Development Bank (ADB)

TA 9140-BHU: Amochhu Land Development and Township Project

Technical Assistance Special Fund US\$ 500,000.00



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## Contact Information

### ACCOUNTABILITY MECHANISM OF ADB

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## Bank Documents

- [Amochhu Land Development and Township Project: Initial Poverty and Social Analysis](#) [Original Source]
- [Amochhu Land Development and Township Project: Project Preparatory Technical Assistance Report](#) [Original Source]
- [Project Disclosure PDF](#)



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**Other Related Projects**

- ADB-50165-002 Phuentsholing Township Development Project