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Quick Facts

Countries	Bhutan
Specific Location	Nyera Amari, Samdrupjongkhar, Chukha
Financial Institutions	Asian Development Bank (ADB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	U
Voting Date	2023-11-28
Borrower	Government of Bhutan
Sectors	Energy, Hydropower
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 5.00 million
Loan Amount (USD)	$ 5.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 5.15 million

Project Description

As stated by the ADB, the project readiness financing (PRF) is proposed to complete detailed engineering studies, environmental and social impact assessments, and bid document preparation for two hydropower projects: (i) the Bunakha hydropower project (180 megawatts [MW]) and (ii) the Nyera Amari hydropower project (404 MW). In 2019, these projects were included in Bhutan's power system master plan for 2040. The PRF's scope is also aligned with the ADB country partnership strategy for Bhutan.

The reservoir type Bunakha project will be the first of its kind in Bhutan. The Nyera Amari project is a run-of-the-river type designed for peak power generation with cascaded operations,16 and is expected to consist of two plants to be installed with capacities of 112 MW and 292 MW.

Investment Description

- Asian Development Bank (ADB)

According to the ADB, Druk Green Power Corporation will invest US$ 0.15 million.

Private Actors Description

As stated on the company's website, Druk Green Power Corporation Limited (DGPC), a subsidiary of Druk Holding and Investments Limited, is the only generation utility in Bhutan. It was formed in December 2007 to develop and manage Bhutan’s hydropower resources and assets.

Private Actor 1	Private Actor 1 Role	Private Actor 1 Sector	Relation	Private Actor 2	Private Actor 2 Role	Private Actor 2 Sector
Druk Holding and Investments Limited	Parent Company	Industry and Trade	owns	DRUK GREEN POWER CORPORATION LTD	Contractor	Energy

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Bank Documents

- Loan Agreement
- Project Agreement for Loan 6051-BHU (Concessional): Green Power Project Readiness Enhancement
- Project Readiness Financing Report