

 Early Warning System

ADB-59217-001

Inclusive and Resilient Urban Development Project



Quick Facts

Countries	Bhutan
Specific Location	Bhutan, Phuntsholing
Financial Institutions	Asian Development Bank (ADB)
Status	Proposed
Bank Risk Rating	B
Borrower	Government of Bhutan - Ministry of Finance
Sectors	Construction, Infrastructure
Investment Type(s)	Grant, Loan
Loan Amount (USD)	\$ 5.00 million
Grant Amount (USD)	\$ 5.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	\$ 10.00 million



Project Description

The proposed IRUDP will have the following outcome: municipal services in Phuentsholing, and affordable housing for low-income and vulnerable groups in Thimphu and Phuentsholing enhanced. The Ministry of Finance is the executing agency (EA).

The proposed ADB funded Inclusive and Resilient Urban Development Project (IRUDP) project is aligned with the following impact: inclusive, resilient, and sustainable human settlement promoted (Bhutan National Human Settlement Strategy 2017 and National Human Settlement Policy of Bhutan 2019). This project is in continuation of ongoing ADB funded by Green and Resilient Housing Sector Project (GRAHSP) implemented by the National Housing Development Corporation Limited (NHDCL).

Output 1: Inclusive and resilient urban infrastructure in Ammochhu Local Area Plan improved (Essential municipal infrastructure and services in Ammochhu Local Area Plan (LAP) will be newly constructed and upgraded to enhance Phuentsholing's livability, service delivery, and climate resilience. The output will be implemented by Phuentsholing Thromde).

Output 2: Adequate, affordable, and resilient housing units constructed and allotted for low-income households (Affordable and climate-resilient housing units will be constructed to improve access to safe and adequate housing for low income and vulnerable households in Thimphu and Phuentsholing. The output will be implemented by NHDCL. The housing component will be financed through a \$3 million grant from the Japan Fund for Prosperous and Resilient Asia and the Pacific. JFPR).

Output 3: Urban policies and planning, regulatory frameworks, and governance mechanisms strengthened (Targeted technical assistance (TA) will strengthen urban policies, regulatory frameworks, and governance mechanisms of Phuentsholing Thromde, Dungkha Administration, NHDCL, and other relevant agencies).



Early Warning System Project Analysis

According to the Initial Environmental Examination document, the project is unlikely to generate environmentally significant adverse impacts for three reasons: the project is located in the core of the Thromde and is surrounded by settlement on both sides, it is not located near any protected or critical or natural terrestrial habitat, and most impacts identified have been found to be predictable, manageable and temporary. Consequently, the project has been classified as Category B per ADB Safeguard Policy Statement (SPS), 2009.



Investment Description

- Asian Development Bank (ADB)

Grant (Asian Development Fund): US\$ 5.00 million

Loan (Concessional ordinary capital resources lending): US\$ 5.00 million



Contact Information

No contacts available at the time of disclosure.

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Bank Documents

- Ammochhu Local Area Plan Site, Phuentsholing Draft Land Acquisition and Involuntary Resettlement Due
- Draft Initial Environmental Examination
- Housing Unit at Core Local Area Plan Rabten in Phuentsholing (Output 2) Draft Initial Environmental
- Housing Units at Chubachu and Lungtenphu in Thimphu (Output 2) Draft Initial Environmental Examinati
- Thimphu JFPR sites Land Acquisition and Involuntary Resettlement Due Diligence Report