

 Early Warning System

ADB-43281-013

Tanahu Hydropower Project



Quick Facts

Countries	Nepal
Specific Location	Rising, Myagde, Bhimad, and Byas municipalities, Damauli, Tanahu District
Financial Institutions	Asian Development Bank (ADB)
Status	Active
Bank Risk Rating	A
Voting Date	2013-02-21
Borrower	Government of Nepal
Sectors	Hydropower
Potential Rights Impacts	Cultural Rights, Healthy Environment, Housing & Property, Indigenous Peoples, Labor & Livelihood, Marginalized Groups
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 150.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	\$ 505.00 million



Project Description

The project will construct a 140m high concrete gravity dam with a crest length of 215 m on the Seti River, a hydropower plant of 140 megawatts with water storage facilities and associated transmission lines. The dam incorporates a 4-bay gated spillway, gated water level lowering and sediment flushing openings and a small power scheme to exploit downstream environmental water releases to generate electricity. The project will create a storage reservoir some 25 (river) km long with a surface area of 7.26 km² at FSL (EL 415m) and a gross storage capacity of some 295 million m³. The dam site is located about 2 km upstream of the confluence of the Seti and Madi rivers near to Damauli Bazaar at Vyas Municipality and an underground powerhouse is located on the right bank of the Seti River in Kahu Shivapur VDC. Other components include rural electrification and community development in the project area, and a reform and restructuring plan for the Nepal Electricity Authority (NEA).



Investment Description

- Asian Development Bank (ADB)

Co-financing:

Japan International Cooperation Agency US\$ 184 million

European Investment Bank US\$ 70 million



Private Actor 1	Private Actor 1 Role	Private Actor 1 Sector	Relation	Private Actor 2	Private Actor 2 Role	Private Actor 2 Sector
-	-	-	-	Cooperativa Muratori and Cementisti (CMC)	Contractor	-
-	-	-	-	Sinohydro Corporation	Contractor	-
-	-	-	-	Tanahu Hydropower Limited	Client	-



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Bank Documents

- [Initial Environmental Examination | August 2012](#) [Original Source]
- [Combined Resettlement and Indigenous Peoples Plan | November 2018](#) [Original Source]
- [Environmental Addendum Updated from July 2012 version](#) [Original Source]
- [Environmental Impact Assessment August 2009](#) [Original Source]
- [Environmental Monitoring Report \(January-June 2017\)](#) [Original Source]
- [Gender Equality and Social Inclusion Action Plan | January 2013](#) [Original Source]
- [Reports and Recommendations of the President | January 2013](#) [Original Source]
- [Resettlement and Indigenous Peoples Plan \(Draft\) | December 2012](#) [Original Source]
- [Social Monitoring Report \(July-December 2017\)](#) [Original Source]

Community Documents

- [Infographic from Community-led Research on Tanahu Hydropower Project \(English\)](#)
- [Infographic from Community-led Research on Tanahu Hydropower Project \(Nepali\)](#)
- [Leadership by Local Communities in Nepal Paves the Path for Development that Respects Rights](#)

Campaign Documents

- [ADB co-financed Tanahu Hydropower Project affected communities reject compensation](#)
- [Tanahu Hydropower affected communities express concerns on formation of local consultation forum and](#)
- [Tanahu Hydropower Project affected communities submit 26-point memorandum to Energy Minister](#)

Media

- [Nepali villagers make voices heard on Tanahu hydropower project](#)
- [Tanahun hydropower project victims demonstrate against unfair compensation](#)