



## Project Data Sheet

Project 50165-001

Project Name	Amochhu Land Development and Township Project	
Project Number	50165-001	
Country / Economy	Bhutan	
Project Status	Closed	
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance	
Source of Funding / Amount	<b><u>TA 9140-BHU: Amochhu Land Development and Township Project</u></b> Technical Assistance Special Fund US\$ 500,000.00	
Strategic Agendas	Environmentally sustainable growth Inclusive economic growth	
Drivers of Change	Gender Equity and Mainstreaming Private sector development	
Sector / Subsector	<b>Agriculture, natural resources and rural development</b> / Rural flood protection <b>Water and other urban infrastructure and services</b> / Other urban services - Urban flood protection - Urban sanitation - Urban sewerage - Urban solid waste management - Urban water supply	
Gender	Some gender elements	
Description	<p>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.</p>	

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.

Impact

**Project Outcome**

---

Description of Outcome

Progress Toward Outcome

**Implementation Progress**

---

Description of Project Outputs

Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)

Geographical Location

Phuentsholing

**Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects**

---

Environmental Aspects

Involuntary Resettlement

Indigenous Peoples

**Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation**

---

During Project Design	Consultations in various modes have been conducted during project design to ensure concerns from the poor, vulnerable and excluded groups, if any, are addressed and incorporated into project design and implementation.
-----------------------	---

During Project Implementation	Consultations in various modes will be conducted throughout implementation to ensure concerns from the poor, vulnerable and excluded groups, if any, are addressed and incorporated into project design and implementation.
-------------------------------	---

**Business Opportunities**

---

Consulting Services	Project preparation consulting services
---------------------	---

Procurement	Not applicable
-------------	----------------

Responsible ADB Officer	Marsh, Suzanne
-------------------------	----------------

Responsible ADB Department	South Asia Department
----------------------------	-----------------------

Responsible ADB Division	Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture Division, SARD
--------------------------	---

Executing Agencies

*Druk Holding and Investments Limited  
Thori Lam Upper Motithang  
Thimphu, Bhutan*

### Timetable

Concept Clearance	-
Fact Finding	-
MRM	-
Approval	22 Jul 2016
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	08 Nov 2018

### TA 9140-BHU

#### Milestones

Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual
22 Jul 2016	09 Aug 2016	09 Aug 2016	31 Dec 2017	31 Dec 2019	21 Jan 2020

Financing Plan/TA Utilization							Cumulative Disbursements	
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart		Project Sponsor	Others	Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries					
500,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500,000.00	17 Jun 2022	485,226.18

© 2023 Asian Development Bank

This page was generated from /projects/50165-001/main on 06 June 2023