



Bhutan: Enhancing Aviation Sector Development Capacity

Project Name	Enhancing Aviation Sector Development Capacity		
Project Number	53278-002		
Country / Economy	Bhutan		
Project Status	Active		
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance		
Source of Funding / Amount	TA 9864-BHU: Enhancing Aviation Sector Development Capacity		
	Technical Assistance Special Fund		US\$ 2.00 million
Operational Priorities	OP3: Tackling climate change, building climate and disaster resilience, and enhancing environmental sustainability OP6: Strengthening governance and institutional capacity OP7: Fostering regional cooperation and integration		
Sector / Subsector	Transport / Transport policies and institutional development		
Gender	No gender elements		
Description	The knowledge and support technical assistance (TA) will help enhance the development capacity of the civil aviation sector in Bhutan by formulating a civil aviation strategy and by providing advisory work and hands-on support to the executing agency and respective stakeholders. The TA will have three outputs: (i) civil aviation sector strategy plan prepared; (ii) regulatory, operational, and institutional capacity enhanced; and (iii) knowledge management and capacity building improved.		
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	Bhutan is a landlocked country with a rugged and mountainous landscape that presents unique challenges to the development and maintenance of surface transport facilities. Due to the geographical features of the country, aviation has been crucial for providing linkages between the capital, Thimphu, and the various administrative and commercial centers. Most international tourists use air transport to enter Bhutan. To meet future air transport demand and to provide alternative air connectivity for the country, it is necessary to formulate a comprehensive national civil aviation sector strategy and to elaborate a master plan consistent with the government's plans. There is a need for an expansion in air transport services to other international hubs and regional centers and for the upgrade of airport facilities to meet demand targets.		
Impact	Civil aviation sector in Bhutan improved		
Project Outcome			
Description of Outcome	Planning and preparation for enhancing air transport services in Bhutan improved		
Progress Toward Outcome			
Implementation Progress			
Description of Project Outputs	Civil aviation sector strategy plan prepared Proposal for regulatory, operational, and institutional capacity enhancement prepared Knowledge management and capacity building improved		
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)			
Geographical Location	Nation-wide		
Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects			
Environmental Aspects			
Involuntary Resettlement			
Indigenous Peoples			
Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation			
During Project Design			
During Project Implementation			
Business Opportunities			
Consulting Services	The South Asia Transport and Communications Division will be responsible for the consultant's recruitment, following the ADB Procurement Policy (2017, as amended from time to time) and its associated project administration instructions and/or staff instructions. An international firm will be recruited using quality- and cost-based selection with a 90:10 quality-cost ratio.		
Procurement	Procurement will follow the ADB Procurement Policy (2017, as amended from time to time) and the Procurement Regulations for ADB Borrowers (2017, as amended from time to time).		
Responsible ADB Officer		Vico Talledo, Rocio	
Responsible ADB Department		South Asia Department	
Responsible ADB Division		Transport and Communications Division, SARD	

Timetable

Concept Clearance	27 Sep 2019
Fact Finding	06 Oct 2019 to 16 Oct 2019
MRM	-
Approval	18 Nov 2019
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	23 Sep 2022

TA 9864-BHU**Milestones**

Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual
18 Nov 2019	09 Dec 2019	09 Dec 2019	31 Aug 2022	31 Jul 2023	-

Financing Plan/TA Utilization

Financing Plan/TA Utilization							Cumulative Disbursements	
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
2,000,000.00	0.00	100,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,100,000.00	30 Aug 2022	1,460,390.37

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