

**INTEGRATED SAFEGUARDS DATA SHEET
APPRAISAL STAGE**

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I. BASIC INFORMATION

1. Basic Project Data

Country:	Bhutan	Project ID:	P159600
Project Name:	Strategic Program for Climate Resilience (P159600)		
Task Team Leader(s):	Poonam Pillai, Dechen Tshering		
Estimated Appraisal Date:		Estimated Board Date:	25-Jan-2017
Managing Unit:	GSU18	Lending Instrument:	Investment Project Financing
Is this project processed under OP 8.50 (Emergency Recovery) or OP 8.00 (Rapid Response to Crises and Emergencies)?			No
Financing (In USD Million)			
Total Project Cost:	1.50	Total Bank Financing:	0.00
Financing Gap:	0.00		
Financing Source			Amount
Climate Investment Funds			1.50
Total			1.50
Environmental Category:	C - Not Required		

2. Project Development Objective(s)

The proposed project development objective (PDO) of this project is to support Bhutan's capacity to develop a programmatic multi-sector and climate resilient investment plan. This will be done through the development of the SPCR document, that identifies a strategic framework for integrating climate resilience into national development planning, puts in place a coordination mechanism for resilience and develops a roadmap of investment priorities over the short, medium and long term. The SPCR, developed through a consultative process, will lay out a national vision for addressing climate resilience and preparedness, one that is closely linked to the NAP and in line with INDC priorities and will facilitate its implementation.

Project beneficiaries (namely persons who have access to improved services developed by the project) includes general public, stakeholders from key agencies with improved technical capacity and awareness in climate resilience.

⇒ At the national level, developing a programmatic framework will benefit Bhutan's

general public particularly the most vulnerable rural poor communities and urban households. The development of an integrative strategic national consensus will help define long term programmatic approach for mainstreaming resilience into developmental activities.

⇒(§ At the institutional level, by strengthening the information base for resilience, it will benefit Bhutan's key government agencies responsible for planning and climate coordination including GNHC, NEC, DDM and NCHM.

⇒(§ At the sector level, it will benefit key climate sensitive sectors both at the central and local offices responsible for integrating resilience into sector plans and programs such as Ministry of Agriculture and Forest which is responsible for management of watersheds, climate change issues in the Renewable Natural Resources (RNR) sector; Ministry of Works and Human Settlements responsible for human settlements, infrastructure, flood mitigation and other climate change initiatives both at watershed level and urban areas, Ministry of Home and Cultural Affairs for coordination and management of disaster risk and Ministry of Health that carries out environmental health programs to reduce adverse impacts of climate change and other environmental issues on health.

3. Project Description

The preparation of the SPCR will be informed by extensive consultations with stakeholders and by background technical studies. The intent is to develop both a longer-term framework for addressing climate resilience while also identifying a roadmap and investment strategy laying out key priorities to support its implementation, and to build capacity through the process, increasing awareness of climate risk related challenges, opportunities and technical tools. This project has two components:

Component A: Development of the SPCR (US\$ 1.1 million). The main objective of this component is to develop the SPCR. It will fund preparation of the SPCR document, roadmap and strategies for key technical studies in key weather, water and climate vulnerable sectors. Component A will be implemented by the GNHC and will fund consultancy services, travel costs and incremental operating costs.

Component B: Capacity Building, Consultations, Institutional Coordination, and Project Management (US\$ 0.4 million). This main objective of this component is to strengthen capacity of the RGOB on climate resilience and to support the preparation of the SPCR. It will be implemented by GNHC and will support training and capacity strengthening of the relevant agencies in the process of preparing the SPCR, workshops, consultancies, project management, and monitoring and evaluation. The SPCR development process will be consultative and iterative drawing on the technical studies developed in component A and enhanced through the consultation and coordination in component B. This component will therefore support activities related to consultation and coordination among various relevant agencies and key stakeholders.

4. Project location and salient physical characteristics relevant to the safeguard analysis (if known)

NA

5. Environmental and Social Safeguards Specialists

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6. Safeguard Policies	Triggered?	Explanation (Optional)
Environmental	No	Project supports capacity building activities and technical

Assessment OP/BP 4.01		studies as inputs to development of strategy for climate resilience. Review by safeguard team concluded that there is no downstream environmental and social impact expected. Hence, project is Category C, and no further safeguard action is needed.
Natural Habitats OP/BP 4.04	No	No activities envisaged that affect NH.
Forests OP/BP 4.36	No	Project does not envisage any activity that affect health and quantity of forest/ trees.
Pest Management OP 4.09	No	Use of pesticide is not envisaged.
Physical Cultural Resources OP/BP 4.11	No	Project does not have civil work.
Indigenous Peoples OP/ BP 4.10	No	Project supports capacity building activities and technical studies as inputs to development of strategy for climate resilience. No civil work is needed.
Involuntary Resettlement OP/BP 4.12	No	No involuntary resettlement is expected.
Safety of Dams OP/BP 4.37	No	There is no dam construction activity, or activity that depend on existing dam.
Projects on International Waterways OP/BP 7.50	No	No activity using or affecting international water quantity or quality.
Projects in Disputed Areas OP/BP 7.60	No	No activity in disputed area.

II. Key Safeguard Policy Issues and Their Management

A. Summary of Key Safeguard Issues

1. Describe any safeguard issues and impacts associated with the proposed project. Identify and describe any potential large scale, significant and/or irreversible impacts:
Project is unlikely to cause adverse environmental and social impact as it only supports capacity building activities and technical studies as inputs to development of strategy for climate resilience. Hence the Project is Category 'C'. Total cost of the project is US\$ 1.5 million.
2. Describe any potential indirect and/or long term impacts due to anticipated future activities in the project area:
No indirect and or long-term adverse impact is anticipated as Project is category C.
3. Describe any project alternatives (if relevant) considered to help avoid or minimize adverse impacts.
Not applicable.
4. Describe measures taken by the borrower to address safeguard policy issues. Provide an assessment of borrower capacity to plan and implement the measures described.
As category 'C' project, no safeguard documents needs to be prepared.
5. Identify the key stakeholders and describe the mechanisms for consultation and disclosure on safeguard policies, with an emphasis on potentially affected people.
Not applicable.

B. Disclosure Requirements

If the project triggers the Pest Management and/or Physical Cultural Resources policies, the respective issues are to be addressed and disclosed as part of the Environmental Assessment/Audit/or EMP.

If in-country disclosure of any of the above documents is not expected, please explain why:

NA

C. Compliance Monitoring Indicators at the Corporate Level

The World Bank Policy on Disclosure of Information			
Have relevant safeguard policies documents been sent to the World Bank's Infoshop?	Yes []	No []	NA [×]
Have relevant documents been disclosed in-country in a public place in a form and language that are understandable and accessible to project-affected groups and local NGOs?	Yes []	No []	NA [×]
All Safeguard Policies			
Have satisfactory calendar, budget and clear institutional responsibilities been prepared for the implementation of measures related to safeguard policies?	Yes []	No []	NA [×]
Have costs related to safeguard policy measures been included in the project cost?	Yes []	No []	NA [×]
Does the Monitoring and Evaluation system of the project include the monitoring of safeguard impacts and measures related to safeguard policies?	Yes []	No []	NA [×]
Have satisfactory implementation arrangements been agreed with the borrower and the same been adequately reflected in the project legal documents?	Yes []	No []	NA [×]

III. APPROVALS

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