



Voluntary National Survey for Monitoring of Progress in Asia and the Pacific towards the Implementation of the 2013 Asian and Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Population and Development and the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development

Background

This voluntary national survey will provide information on progress regarding the implementation of the 2013 Asian and Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Population and Development¹ and the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) in Asia and the Pacific.² Results from the survey will be reported and discussed at the Seventh Asian and Pacific Population Conference, in 2023.

The ICPD Programme of Action provides an invaluable framework to guide Member States in enhancing the quality of life and well-being of every individual and promoting human development by underscoring the interrelationship between development policies and programmes, human rights, and economic and social development. At the 20-year Asia-Pacific regional review of the Programme of Action, in 2013, ESCAP member States adopted the Asian and Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Population and Development. This Declaration serves as region-specific guidance on population and development in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

During the 2018 intergovernmental meeting for the Midterm Review of the Asian and Pacific Ministerial Declaration, a monitoring framework was presented to ESCAP members and associated members to monitor progress in implementing the recommendations of both documents in the region. This framework was based on existing SDG indicators and targets to reduce the reporting burden on member States. The ESCAP Committee on Social Development, during its sixth session in 2020, endorsed the monitoring framework, noting that it would serve as an essential tool for voluntary, regular assessment and reporting of progress of implementation of the ICPD Programme of Action and the 2013 Ministerial Declaration.³

At the Committee session, several member States recognized existing data gaps and lack of capacity at the national level in collecting, generating and disseminating reliable sex- and age-disaggregated data. In preparation for the Seventh Asian and Pacific Population Conference, in 2023, ESCAP, with support from UNFPA, has developed a survey based on the monitoring framework to assist member States in collecting data and monitoring the implementation of the ICPD Programme of Action and the 2013 Ministerial Declaration. The survey is highly qualitative in nature, aiming to understand countries' progress and achievements in all priority action areas, along with key challenges and lessons learned. Additionally, ESCAP has compiled quantitative information on the SDG indicators identified in the monitoring framework and is providing this information to member States along with the survey. The data are sourced from the Global SDG Indicators Database maintained by the Statistics Division of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

¹ <https://www.unescap.org/sites/default/files/Report%20of%20APPC%202013.pdf>.

² Report of the International Conference on Population and Development, Cairo, 5-13 September 1994 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.95.XIII.18), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

³ ESCAP/CSD/2020/3.

Suggestions for completing the Asia-Pacific voluntary national survey

The survey should be completed by countries, through their national focal points on population and development. The survey and attached monitoring framework⁴ are structured according to the priority actions identified in the Report of the Sixth Asian and Pacific Population Conference.⁵ As the Programme of Action of ICPD is a multi-dimensional framework, it is recommended that completion of the survey involves a consultative process with ministries and departments responsible for implementing the priority action areas and reporting the associated SDG indicators, and with the involvement of non-governmental stakeholders.

ESCAP is sending the survey to member States as a Word document and as a PDF document. Member States are invited to respond to it directly in the Word document. For the check boxes, please double click on them to insert a check mark.

The survey and associated documents can be downloaded from the ESCAP website at: www.unescap.org/events/2023/seventh-asian-and-pacific-population-conference.

The survey should be completed (and submitted/returned), together with relevant attachments by **31 March 2023**, by email, to: escap-sdd@un.org Please do not hesitate to contact **escap-sdd@un.org** should you have any questions.

I. Contact information

Please identify the office responsible for coordinating the responses to this survey and completing it and include its contact information.

Country Bhutan	
Ministry/Office/Agency Office of the Cabinet Affairs and Strategic Coordination	
Name contact persons (First and Last) [REDACTED]	Title/Position [REDACTED]
Email [REDACTED]	Telephone
Mailing address Trashichhodzong	
Please indicate whether the completed survey may be posted on the ESCAP public website of the Seventh Asian and Pacific Population Conference. Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>	

⁴ See ESCAP/CSD/2020/3 (see Annex IV).

⁵ <https://www.unescap.org/sites/default/files/Report%20of%20APPC%202013.pdf>.

II. National coordination mechanism for implementation of the 2013 Asian and Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Population and Development, and the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development

1.1	Is there a national coordination mechanism to support implementation of the 2013 Asian and Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Population and Development, and the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development? If “yes”, please provide information for the question below. If “no”, please skip section III below.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1.2	Name of the coordination mechanism and website link if available: <i>Please elaborate:</i>		
1.3	Year of establishment: <i>Please elaborate:</i>		
1.4	What level does the coordination mechanism operate at:	<input type="checkbox"/> Prime minister or highest level of government <input type="checkbox"/> Minister <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Please elaborate:</i>	
1.5	Are civil society organizations included as members of the coordination mechanism?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
1.6	Does the coordination mechanism have formalized Terms of Agreement or other formal operating agreements? If “yes”, please elaborate on the functions of the coordination mechanism:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
1.7	How often does the coordination mechanism meet?	<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly <input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly <input type="checkbox"/> Yearly <input type="checkbox"/> Ad-hoc, as needed <input type="checkbox"/> The committee has not yet met <input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>please elaborate</i>):	
1.8	Contact information, including mailing address, telephone/fax, email and website link for members of the coordination mechanism: <i>please elaborate:</i>		

III. Challenges and successes in achieving progress concerning priority action areas outlined in the 2013 Asian and Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Population and Development

The following sections cover the 11 priority action areas outlined in the 2013 Asian and Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Population and Development. Please answer the questions in regard to the specific priority area mentioned in the text. This is to help measure which priority areas are characterized by **challenges** and by **progress**, as well as identify any **achievements**, **good practices** and **lessons learned** that can be shared with other countries regarding specific areas.

A. Poverty eradication and employment

Overall policy environment		
1.A.	<p>Are any priority actions for poverty eradication and employment included in your National Development Strategy or other development plans? <i>please elaborate</i></p> <p>The poverty eradication and employment continue to be top development priority. Both 11th Five Year Plan (FYP) and 12th FYP have identified poverty reduction and employment creation as important development theme. Further, poverty eradication and employment generation targets are integrated into Local Government (LGs) Development Plans.</p> <p>If “yes”, please provide:</p> <p>(a) the strategy name/link:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11th FYP and 12th FYP <p>(b) date or time frame of the strategy/plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11th FYP (2013-2018) • 12th FYP (2018-2023) <p>(c) page number that references this action area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11th FYP (p.375, Volume I) • 12th FYP (p.92, Volume I) <p>(d) main elements of the action area</p> <p>During 11th FYP, the following programs are specifically implemented towards poverty eradication and employment generation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rural Economy Advancement Program (REAP) • National Rehabilitation Program (NRP) • Targeted Household Poverty Program (THP) • Rapid Investment in Selected Enterprises (RISE): Tourism, trade, industries, and mines, and FDI • Improving enabling working conditions • Entrepreneurship and skills development programs <p>Additionally, the 12th FYP, poverty reduction and employment creation continue to be top development agenda. The flagship program is currently being implemented are all geared towards employment creation.</p> <p>(d) its impact:</p> <p>Bhutan was successful in reducing poverty from 12% in 2012 to 8.2% in 2018</p>	<p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p>

2.A.	<p>Have there been any amendments or improvements to legislation, or new policies or action plans relating to the 2013 Asian and Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Population and Development priority area “poverty eradication and employment” since 2013? <i>please elaborate</i></p> <p>Bhutan has formulated National Employment Policy (NEP) 2013 and its being implemented through various programs such as guaranteed employment scheme, entrepreneurship and start-ups, and skills development programs amongst others</p> <p>If “yes”, please provide:</p> <p>(a) the name of the legislation, policy and/or action plan and website link:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Employment Policy, 2013 <p>(b) date of implementation and time frame:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11th FYP (2013-2018) 12th FYP (2018-2023) <p>(c) its main elements</p> <p>The main elements of NEP 2013 include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Employment creation Employability of the labor force Aligning the employment market Improving working conditions Equal employment opportunities <p>(d) its impact</p> <p>Besides employment creation and poverty reduction, the NEP 2013 also improved coordination amongst various government agencies responsible for employment, entrepreneurship and skills development</p>	<p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
Achievements and good practices		
3.A.	<p>Aside from what is listed above, what are some key achievements in the area of poverty eradication and employment in the country since 2013?</p> <p><i>please elaborate on achievements, by providing specific examples and their impact:</i></p> <p>During the 11th FYP, following were key achievement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Population living below income poverty line reduced to 8.2% in 2018 from 12% in 2012. Likewise, people living below subsistence poverty line reduce to 1.5% in 2018 from 2.8% in 2018 The RISE created over 60,000 jobs in various economic sectors Many youths were benefited from various employment and skills development programs 	
4.A.	<p>Are there any good practices the country has developed in operationalizing poverty eradication and employment programmes that other countries may find useful?</p> <p><i>please elaborate and provide specific examples:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rural Economy Advancement Program Targeted Household Poverty Program. The program focused on providing housing, toilet and water supply and benefited close to 75 villages, and benefited 2678 households. National Rehabilitation Programme - Land rehabilitation land to poor households, housing for senior citizens, education of poor children, and commercial farming support to youths 	
Challenges		

In implementing priority actions for poverty eradication and employment, has the Government encountered any of the following challenges? [1 = never, 2 = sometimes, 3 = always]					
Challenges		1	2	3	If answer 2 or 3, have you addressed the challenge? please elaborate:
5.A.	Lack of human resources dedicated to poverty eradication and employment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
6.A.	Lack of financial resources dedicated to poverty eradication and employment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Poverty eradication measures and employment were accorded highest priority in terms of budget allocation
7.A.	Lack of capacity development for implementation of programmes on poverty eradication and employment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Poverty eradication and employment were key national concern, so it involved people from all levels of government including CSOs
8.A.	Lack of data on poverty eradication and employment, particularly disaggregated data	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	For decision making, our data particularly annual employment data is found less useful, so data ecosystem is being improved
9.A.	Lack of overall political support related to poverty eradication and employment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
10.A.	Lack of cross-ministerial coordination related to poverty eradication and employment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Re-structuring of whole-of-government systems
11.A.	Lack of international support related to poverty eradication and employment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
12.A.	Lack of development partner coordination related to poverty eradication and employment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
13.A.	Lack of public awareness and understanding of poverty eradication and employment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
14.A.	A bottom-up approach to poverty eradication and employment not followed (e.g., involvement of persons in the lowest wealth quintiles, the unemployed, etc.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
15.A.	COVID-19 and other disasters, emergencies and crises prevented implementation of programmes on poverty eradication and employment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	If “2” or “3”, please also name the disaster (s), emergency, etc. COVID-19

16.A.	Has the country experienced any other major challenges in implementation of poverty eradication and employment programmes? <i>please elaborate and provide specific examples:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resource constraint continue to be significant challenge, so prioritization is critical to implementing anti-poverty measures
Lessons learned	
17.A.	Are there any lessons learned in the area of poverty eradication and employment not already mentioned that other countries could benefit from? <i>please elaborate and provide specific examples:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The collaboration with the civil society organizations including stakeholder who has grassroot experience is critical to success of anti-poverty measures The anti-poverty programs must support enhancing capabilities of the poor to make income and sustain their long-term livelihood opportunities
Future needs: means of implementation and monitoring	
18.A.	<div> Please select any needs the country may have in order to implement the priority actions for poverty eradication and employment. Please check as many as apply. </div> <div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Capacity-building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advocacy and awareness raising <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resource mobilization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engagement with high-level politicians <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engagement with non-governmental stakeholders, civil society organizations, etc. <input type="checkbox"/> South-South cooperation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public-private partnerships <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Data for monitoring and planning <input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>please elaborate</i>): </div>
19.A.	<div> Please select any needs the country may have in order to report on progress regarding the priority actions for poverty eradication and employment. Please check as many as apply to your country. </div> <div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Capacity-building – data collection <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Capacity-building – data analysis <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of monitoring frameworks <input type="checkbox"/> Resource mobilization <input type="checkbox"/> Engagement with high-level politicians <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engagement with non-governmental stakeholders, civil society organizations, etc. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advocacy/engagement with data collection entities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> South-South cooperation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public-private partnerships <input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>please elaborate</i>): </div>

B. Health

Overall policy environment		
1.B.	<p>Are any priority actions for health included in your National Development Strategy or other development plans? <i>please elaborate</i></p> <p>The Constitution mandates free access to basic public health services and health continues to be one of the priority development agenda. During the 12th FYP, Ministry of Health was allocated Nu.3,580 million, the second highest share of budget allocation in the entire government.</p> <p>If “yes”, please provide:</p> <p>(a) the strategy name/link:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11th FYP and 12th FYP <p>(b) date or time frame of the strategy/plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11th FYP (2013-2018) 12th FYP (2018-2023) <p>(c) page number that references this action area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11th FYP (p.149, Volume I) 12th FYP (p.130, Volume II) <p>(d) main elements of the action area:</p> <p>The preventative and promotive healthcare services, and curative and rehabilitative health services continue to dominate health sector plans. Both 11th FYP and 12th FYP has focused on strengthening health governance, health workforce, and improving medical infrastructures among others</p> <p>(d) its impact</p> <p>Bhutan has made significant progress in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Life expectancy: 70.2 years Institutional delivery: 93.4% Maternal Mortality Rate: 89 Under-5 mortality rate (Per 1000): 34.1 Neonatal Mortality Rate (Per 1000): 21 Poverty Rate: 8.2% Safe drinking water: 98% Access improved sanitation: 66.3% <p>Sources: National Health Bulletin, PHCB, 2017</p>	<p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p>

2.B.	<p>Have there been any amendments or improvements to legislation, or new policies or action plans relating to the 2013 Asian and Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Population and Development priority area “health” since 2013? <i>please elaborate</i></p> <p>The National Health Policy is currently being revised with the vision to establish a sustainable, resilient and people-centered health system in the country.</p> <p>If “yes”, please provide:</p> <p>(a) the name of the legislation, policy and/or action plan and website link:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft National Health Policy <p>(b) date of implementation and time frame: NA</p> <p>(c) its main elements</p> <p>Key elements of draft national health policy include strengthening health governance, improving service efficiency, private participation in health sector, and synergizing traditional medicine system and wellness services.</p> <p>(d) its impact</p> <p>Bhutan is yet to implement the revised National Healthy Policy, so it’s difficult to determine impact of the policy</p>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>			
Achievements and good practices					
3.B.	<p>Aside from what is listed above, what are some key achievements in the area of health in the country since 2013?</p> <p><i>please elaborate on achievements, by providing specific examples and their impact:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Success stories of outreach health programs • Success stories of mass COVID-19 vaccination 				
4.B.	<p>Are there any good practices the country has developed in operationalizing health programmes that other countries may find useful?</p> <p><i>please elaborate and provide specific examples:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bhutan has shown exemplary leadership to rest of the world in fighting COVID-19 pandemic 				
Challenges					
<p>In implementing priority actions for health, has the Government encountered any of the following challenges?</p> <p>[1 = never, 2 = sometimes, 3 = always]</p>					
Challenges	1	2	3	If answer 2 or 3, have you addressed the challenge? <i>please elaborate:</i>	
5.B.	Lack of human resources dedicated to health	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The short-term requirements are met through recruitment of people on contract including foreign experts

6.B.	Lack of financial resources dedicated to health	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Health is priority development agenda. Bilateral and multi-lateral donors have been supportive of our efforts. Bhutan Health Trust Fund also supports procurement of essential medicines
7.B.	Lack of capacity development for implementation of programmes on health	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Short-term targeted trainings are being provided to both program implementers and health professionals
8.B.	Lack of data on health, particularly disaggregated data	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Besides major programs on building data system, electronic patient information system is a major program
9.B.	Lack of overall political support related to health	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
10.B.	Lack of cross-ministerial coordination related to health	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Re-structuring of whole of government system
11.B.	Lack of international support related to health	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
12.B.	Lack of development partner coordination related to health	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Occasional coordination hiccups are being resolved through meetings
13.B.	Lack of public awareness and understanding of health	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Advocacy and public awareness are one of the mandatory activities in most public health programs.
14.B.	A bottom-up approach to health not followed (e.g., involvement of persons with lowest access to health care, etc.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
15.B.	COVID-19 and other disasters, emergencies and crises prevented implementation of programmes on health	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	If “2” or “3”, please also name the disaster (s), emergency, etc. COVID-19
16.B.	Has the country experienced any other major challenges in implementation of health programmes? <i>please elaborate and provide specific examples:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Health system must be resilient to future public health emergenciesRobust social protection system is essential during public health emergencies				
Lessons learned					
17.B.	Are there any lessons learned in the area of health not already mentioned that other countries could benefit from? <i>please elaborate and provide specific examples:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Leadership, unity and clarity of information during public health emergencies is critical lesson rest of the world could look up to us				
Future needs: means of implementation and monitoring					

18.B.	Please select any needs the country may have in order to implement the priority actions for health. Please check as many as apply.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Capacity-building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advocacy and awareness raising <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resource mobilization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engagement with high-level politicians <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engagement with non-governmental stakeholders, civil society organizations, etc. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> South-South cooperation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public-private partnerships <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Data for monitoring and planning <input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>please elaborate</i>):
19.B.	Please select any needs the country may have in order to report on progress regarding the priority actions for health. Please check as many as apply to your country.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Capacity-building – data collection <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Capacity-building – data analysis <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of monitoring frameworks <input type="checkbox"/> Resource mobilization <input type="checkbox"/> Engagement with high-level politicians <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engagement with non-governmental stakeholders, civil society organizations, etc. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advocacy/engagement with data collection entities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> South-South cooperation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public-private partnerships <input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>please elaborate</i>):

C. Sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights

Overall policy environment		
1.C.	<p>Are any priority actions for sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights included in your National Development Strategy or other development plans? <i>please elaborate</i></p> <p>If “yes”, please provide:</p> <p>(a) the strategy name/link</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11th FYP and 12th FYP <p>(b) date or time frame of the strategy/plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11th FYP (2013-2018) 12th FYP (2018-2023) <p>(c) page number that references this action area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11th FYP (p. p.141, 268, 275, Volume II) 12th FYP (p.138, 141, 145, Volume II) <p>(d) main elements of the action area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Both the plan focuses on continuous prevention and control of STI and HIV Case detection, treatment, and care for people living with STIs and HIV Prevention and care of teenage pregnancies or unwanted pregnancies Early identification and proper management of on high-risk pregnancies <p>(e) its impact</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early detection of pregnancies, and its proper management People living with HIV are taken good care and enjoys normal health Increase awareness on teenage pregnancies and related challenges 	<p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
2.C.	<p>Have there been any amendments or improvements to legislation, or new policies or action plans relating to the 2013 Asian and Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Population and Development priority area “sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights” since 2013? <i>please elaborate</i></p> <p>If “yes”, please provide:</p> <p>(a) the name of the legislation, policy and/or action plan and website link</p> <p>(b) date of implementation and time frame</p> <p>(c) its main elements</p> <p>(d) its impact</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
Achievements and good practices		
3.C.	<p>Aside from what is listed above, what are some key achievements in the area of sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights in the country since 2013? <i>please elaborate on achievements, by providing specific examples and their impact:</i></p>	

4.C.	Are there any good practices the country has developed in operationalizing sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights programmes that other countries may find useful? <i>please elaborate and provide specific examples:</i>				
Challenges					
In implementing priority actions for sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights, has the Government encountered any of the following challenges? [1 = never, 2 = sometimes, 3 = always]					
Challenges		1	2	3	If answer 2 or 3, have you addressed the challenge? <i>please elaborate:</i>
5.C.	Lack of human resources dedicated to sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The short-term requirements are met through recruitment of people on contract including foreign experts
6.C.	Lack of financial resources dedicated to sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bilateral and multi-lateral donors have been supportive of our efforts towards reducing SRH issues
7.C.	Lack of capacity development for implementation of programmes on sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Short-term targeted trainings are being provided to both program implementers and health professionals
8.C.	Lack of data on sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights, particularly disaggregated data	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Besides major programs on building data system, electronic patient information system is a major program
9.C.	Lack of overall political support related to sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
10.C.	Lack of cross-ministerial coordination related to sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Re-structuring of whole of government system
11.C.	Lack of international support related to sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
12.C.	Lack of development partner coordination related to sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Occasional coordination hiccups are being resolved through meetings
13.C.	Lack of public awareness and understanding of sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Advocacy and public awareness are one of the mandatory activities in most public health programs.

14.C.	A bottom-up approach to sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights not followed (e.g., involvement of persons with lowest access to sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights, etc.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
15.C.	COVID-19 and other disasters, emergencies and crises prevented implementation of programmes on sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	If “2” or “3”, please also name the disaster (s), emergency, etc. COVID-19
16.C.	Has the country experienced any other major challenges in implementation of sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights programmes? <i>please elaborate and provide specific examples:</i>				
Lessons learned					
17.C.	Are there any lessons learned in the area of sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights not already mentioned that other countries could benefit from? <i>please elaborate and provide specific examples:</i>				
Future needs: means of implementation and monitoring					
18.C.	Please select any needs the country may have in order to implement the priority actions for sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights. Please check as many as apply.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Capacity-building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advocacy and awareness raising <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resource mobilization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engagement with high-level politicians <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engagement with non-governmental stakeholders, civil society organizations, etc. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> South-South cooperation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public-private partnerships <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Data for monitoring and planning <input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>please elaborate</i>):			
19.C.	Please select any needs the country may have in order to report on progress regarding the priority actions for sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights. Please check as many as apply to your country.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Capacity-building – data collection <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Capacity-building – data analysis <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of monitoring frameworks <input type="checkbox"/> Resource mobilization <input type="checkbox"/> Engagement with high-level politicians <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engagement with non-governmental stakeholders, civil society organizations, etc. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advocacy/engagement with data collection entities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> South-South cooperation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public-private partnerships <input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>please elaborate</i>):			

D. Education

Overall policy environment

1.D.	<p>Are any priority actions for education included in your National Development Strategy or other development plans? <i>please elaborate</i></p> <p>Education continues to be a top development priority, and receives major share of FYPs budget. In current plan, Ministry of Education has been allocated Nu.4000 million, the highest allocation from the entire government agencies.</p> <p>If “yes”, please provide:</p> <p>(a) the strategy name/link:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11th FYP and 12th FYP <p>(b) date or time frame of the strategy/plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11th FYP (2013-2018) • 12th FYP (2018-2023) <p>(f) page number that references this action area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11th FYP (p.73, Volume II) • 12th FYP (p.73, Volume II) <p>(d) main elements of the action area</p> <p>The 11th FYP focused on improving access to education, improving health and wellbeing of students, school infrastructure development, and SEN education programs amongst others. The plan also targeted enrolling at least 10% of children in ECCD centres.</p> <p>Likewise, the 12th FYP is centred around improving quality of both school and tertiary education, health and wellbeing of students, professional development of teaching workforce, SEN and ICTization of schools.</p> <p>(d) its impact</p> <p>Among others, Bhutan has made significant progress in the following parameters (BLSS, 2022 and AES, 2022):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Literacy rate: 70% • Net Attendance Rate (Primary): Close to 90% • Net Attendance Rate (Secondary): Over 42% • Completion Rate (Primary): Close to 80% • Completion Rate (Secondary): Close to 99% • Gross Enrolment Rate in Tertiary within Bhutan: Close to 23.3% • Net Enrolment Rate in ECCD: Close to 38.6% • 21% increased enrolment in TVET institutes (AES, 2022) 	<p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
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2.D.	<p>Have there been any amendments or improvements to legislation, or new policies or action plans relating to the 2013 Asian and Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Population and Development priority area “education” since 2013? <i>please elaborate</i></p> <p>If “yes”, please provide:</p> <p>(a) the name of the legislation, policy and/or action plan and website link:</p> <p>The most significant policy shift in education was increasing the basic education to 13 years of schooling from 11 years. Under the new policy, all those who passed grade 10 gets free education to continue until 13th year. Bhutan also implemented Education Blueprint 2014-2024. Besides, the following long-term policies are in draft stage of formulation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft National Education Policy <p>(b) date of implementation and time frame:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education Blueprint: 2014-2024 <p>(c) its main elements:</p> <p>The main elements of new proposed policies are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop nationally rooted and globally competent youth • Enhance access to and quality of education • Promote and protect child rights <p>(d) its impact</p> <p>With basic education raised to 13 years of schooling, more students have opportunity to choose different education and career pathways. It also benefited economically disadvantaged parents who could not afford to support children’s education in 12th & 13th year.</p>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
Achievements and good practices				
3.D.	<p>Aside from what is listed above, what are some key achievements in the area of education in the country since 2013?</p> <p><i>please elaborate on achievements, by providing specific examples and their impact:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishment with central schools with improved facilities to increase access to and quality of education • Every district and municipal town have at least one SEN school • ICTization of school through implementation of Education ICT Master Plan I (2014-19) and Education ICT Master Plan II (2019-23) • Curriculum reform and move towards more holistic and competency-based assessment 			
4.D.	<p>Are there any good practices the country has developed in operationalizing education programmes that other countries may find useful?</p> <p><i>please elaborate and provide specific examples:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global Citizenship Education (Education for GNH) 			
Challenges				
<p>In implementing priority actions for education, has the Government encountered any of the following challenges?</p> <p>[1 = never, 2 = sometimes, 3 = always]</p>				
Challenges	1	2	3	If answer 2 or 3, have you addressed the challenge? please elaborate:

5.D.	Lack of human resources dedicated to education	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Contract recruitment of teachers, teacher replacement, recruitment of caregivers and other support staffs
6.D.	Lack of financial resources dedicated to education	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Education receives major share of national budget.
7.D.	Lack of capacity development for implementation of programmes on education	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Short-term targeted professional developments
8.D.	Lack of data on education, particularly disaggregated data	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Revamping Education Management Information System
9.D.	Lack of overall political support related to education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
10.D.	Lack of cross-ministerial coordination related to education	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Overall re-structuring of whole of government system
11.D.	Lack of international support related to education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
12.D.	Lack of development partner coordination related to education	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Coordination mechanism are being improved
13.D.	Lack of public awareness and understanding of education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
14.D.	A bottom-up approach to education not followed (e.g., involvement of persons with lowest access to education, etc.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
15.D.	COVID-19 and other disasters, emergencies and crises prevented implementation of programmes on education	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	If “2” or “3”, please also name the disaster (s), emergency, etc. COVID-19 pandemic
16.D.	Has the country experienced any other major challenges in implementation of education programmes? <i>please elaborate and provide specific examples:</i>				
Lessons learned					
17.D.	Are there any lessons learned in the area of education not already mentioned that other countries could benefit from? <i>please elaborate and provide specific examples:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Our education system is not resilient to emergencies such as COVID-19 pandemicTechnology adoption is key to enhance education quality and provide education in emergencies				
Future needs: means of implementation and monitoring					

18.D.	Please select any needs the country may have in order to implement the priority actions for education. Please check as many as apply.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Capacity-building <input type="checkbox"/> Advocacy and awareness raising <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resource mobilization <input type="checkbox"/> Engagement with high-level politicians <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engagement with non-governmental stakeholders, civil society organizations, etc. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> South-South cooperation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public-private partnerships <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Data for monitoring and planning <input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>please elaborate</i>):
19.D.	Please select any needs the country may have in order to report on progress regarding the priority actions for education. Please check as many as apply to your country.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Capacity-building – data collection <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Capacity-building – data analysis <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lack of monitoring frameworks <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resource mobilization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engagement with high-level politicians <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engagement with non-governmental stakeholders, civil society organizations, etc. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advocacy/engagement with data collection entities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> South-South cooperation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public-private partnerships <input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>please elaborate</i>):

E. Gender equality and women's empowerment

Overall policy environment		
1.E.	<p>Are any priority actions for gender equality and women's empowerment included in your National Development Strategy or other development plans? <i>please elaborate</i></p> <p>If "yes", please provide:</p> <p>(a) the strategy name/link:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11th FYP and 12th FYP <p>(b) date or time frame of the strategy/plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11th FYP (2013-18) 12th FYP (2018-23) <p>(c) page number that references this action area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11th FYP (p.71 in Volume II) 12th FYP (p.402 in Volume II) <p>(d) main elements of the action area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Women empowerment and gender equality in 11th FYP <p>(d) its impact</p>	<p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p>

2.E.	<p>Have there been any amendments or improvements to legislation, or new policies or action plans relating to the 2013 Asian and Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Population and Development priority area “Gender equality and women’s empowerment” since 2013? <i>please elaborate</i></p> <p>If “yes”, please provide:</p> <p>(a) the name of the legislation, policy and/or action plan and website link</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Revised National Gender Equality Policy 2022 <p>(b) date of implementation and time frame</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The policy is currently being revised and cannot determine the implementation time frame. <p>(c) its main elements</p> <p>The policy is focused on promoting gender equality in the following five domains:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Political • Social • Health • Education • Economic <p>(d) its impact:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practical and strategic 	<p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<i>Achievements and good practices</i>		
3.E.	<p>Aside from what is listed above, what are some key achievements in the area of gender equality and women’s empowerment in the country since 2013? <i>please elaborate on achievements, by providing specific examples and their impact:</i></p> <p>Political participation and decision making in parliament, local government and civil service. There is about 15 percent women’s representative in the parliament. Further, there is an increased number of women <i>Gups</i> (Block leaders) in recent Local Government elections (2 in 2016 to 7 in 2021)</p>	
4.E.	<p>Are there any good practices the country has developed in operationalizing gender equality and women’s empowerment programmes that other countries may find useful? <i>please elaborate and provide specific examples:</i></p> <p>Educating adolescent, parents and caregivers on addressing Gender based violence practices. In addition, advocating for gender equality, diversity and inclusion in the private sector for the private sector is one of the good practices to contribute towards women’s empowerment. Further, educating parents, caregivers, teachers and members of community on positive parenting to address gender equality is one of Bhutan’s do able good practices to address gender equality and women’s empowerment.</p>	

Challenges					
In implementing priority actions for gender equality and women's empowerment, has the Government encountered any of the following challenges? [1 = never, 2 = sometimes, 3 = always]					
Challenges		1	2	3	If answer 2 or 3, have you addressed the challenge? please elaborate:
5.E.	Lack of human resources dedicated to gender equality and women's empowerment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Every public and private organizations have gender focal points and they supported implementation of programs.
6.E.	Lack of financial resources dedicated to gender equality and women's empowerment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NCWC rather focuses more on policy drive and various agencies were made to implement the programmes in their organizations.
7.E.	Lack of capacity development for implementation of programmes on gender equality and women's empowerment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	NCWC provided a short-term targeted training programmes to officials including gender focal points
8.E.	Lack of data on gender equality and women's empowerment, particularly disaggregated data	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
9.E.	Lack of overall political support related to gender equality and women's empowerment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
10.E.	Lack of cross-ministerial coordination related to gender equality and women's empowerment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Despite cross-ministerial challenges, programmes were implemented through annual work of the Ministries/Agencies
11.E.	Lack of international support related to gender equality and women's empowerment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
12.E.	Lack of development partner coordination related to gender equality and women's empowerment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Donor coordination issues are largely resolved largely by charting out process in the project charter
13.E.	Lack of public awareness and understanding of gender equality and women's empowerment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The gender focal points championed gender equality promotion in organizations
14.E.	A bottom-up approach to gender equality and women's empowerment not followed (e.g., involvement of women, particularly those most marginalized, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

15.E.	COVID-19 and other disasters, emergencies and crises prevented implementation of programmes on gender equality and women's empowerment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	If "2" or "3", please also name the disaster (s), emergency, etc.
16.E.	Has the country experienced any other major challenges in implementation of gender equality and women's empowerment programmes? <i>please elaborate and provide specific examples:</i>				

Lessons learned		
17.E.	Are there any lessons learned in the area of gender equality and women's empowerment not already mentioned that other countries could benefit from? <i>please elaborate and provide specific examples:</i>	
Future needs: means of implementation and monitoring		
18.E.	Please select any needs the country may have in order to implement the priority actions for gender equality and women's empowerment. Please check as many as apply.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Capacity-building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advocacy and awareness raising <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resource mobilization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engagement with high-level politicians <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engagement with non-governmental stakeholders, civil society organizations, etc. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> South-South cooperation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public-private partnerships <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Data for monitoring and planning <input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>please elaborate</i>):
19.E.	Please select any needs the country may have in order to report on progress regarding the priority actions for gender equality and women's empowerment. Please check as many as apply to your country.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Capacity-building – data collection <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Capacity-building – data analysis <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of monitoring frameworks <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resource mobilization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engagement with high-level politicians <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engagement with non-governmental stakeholders, civil society organizations, etc. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advocacy/engagement with data collection entities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> South-South cooperation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public-private partnerships <input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>please elaborate</i>):

F. Adolescents and young people

Overall policy environment

1.F.	<p>Are any priority actions for adolescents and young people included in your National Development Strategy or other development plans? <i>please elaborate</i></p> <p>If “yes”, please provide:</p> <p>(a) the strategy name/link</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10th FYP and 11th FYP <p>(b) date or time frame of the strategy/plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10th FYP (2013-2018) 11th FYP (2018-2023) <p>(c) page number that references this action area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11th FYP (p.273, 279, 284, 398 of Volume I) 12th FYP (p. 57, 75 of Volume I, p.138, 143, 147, of Volume II) <p>(d) main elements of the action area</p> <p>Key focus areas of both 11th FYP and 12th FYP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthening health services for Adolescent Reproductive Sexual Health including youth friendly health services, reducing prevalence of tobacco users amongst adolescents and youth Strengthening education, and TVET system, and entrepreneurship programmes Creating productive and gainful employment opportunities Improving youth development and rehabilitation services and sporting facilities for youths Engaging youth and students in civic and voter education in schools, colleges, training institutes, etc. Dissemination of legal awareness on youth related crimes <p>(d) its impact</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved access to education, training, and health and rehabilitative services Productive and gainful employment amongst youths 	<p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
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2.F.	<p>Have there been any amendments or improvements to legislation, or new policies or action plans relating to the 2013 Asian and Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Population and Development priority area “Adolescents and young people” since 2013? <i>please elaborate</i></p> <p>If “yes”, please provide:</p> <p>(a) the name of the legislation, policy and/or action plan and website link</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft National Youth Policy • Draft National Child Policy <p>(b) date of implementation and time frame: NA</p> <p>(c) its main elements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft National Youth Policy focuses on mental health and well-being, education, employment, social culture, environment, youth participation amongst others • Draft National Child Policy focuses on protecting fundamental child rights including access health, education, nutrition, legal rights amongst <p>(d) its impact: NA</p>	<p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
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Achievements and good practices					
3.F.	Aside from what is listed above, what are some key achievements in the area of adolescents and young people in the country since 2013? <i>please elaborate on achievements, by providing specific examples and their impact:</i>				
4.F.	Are there any good practices the country has developed in operationalizing adolescent and young people programmes that other countries may find useful? <i>please elaborate and provide specific examples:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Police Youth Partnership in combating community drugs and crimes issues. 				
Challenges					
In implementing priority actions for adolescents and young people, has the Government encountered any of the following challenges? [1 = never, 2 = sometimes, 3 = always]					
Challenges		1	2	3	If answer 2 or 3, have you addressed the challenge? <i>please elaborate:</i>
5.F.	Lack of human resources dedicated to adolescents and young people	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The short-term requirements are met through recruitment of people on contract including foreign experts
6.F.	Lack of financial resources dedicated to adolescents and young people	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bilateral and multi-lateral donors have been supportive of our efforts towards improving lives of adolescents and youths
7.F.	Lack of capacity development for implementation of programmes on adolescents and young people	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Short-term targeted trainings are being provided to enhance capacity of the program implementers
8.F.	Lack of data on adolescents and young people, particularly disaggregated data	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Reliable data continue to be significant challenge for decision making, but efforts but data ecosystem enhanced at the national level
9.F.	Lack of overall political support related to adolescents and young people	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
10.F.	Lack of cross-ministerial coordination related to adolescents and young people	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Re-structuring of whole of government system
11.F.	Lack of international support related to adolescents and young people	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
12.F.	Lack of development partner coordination related to adolescents and young people	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Occasional coordination hiccups are being resolved through meetings

13.F.	Lack of public awareness and understanding of adolescents and young people	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Advocacy and public awareness are one of the key activities in most public health programs.
14.F.	A bottom-up approach to adolescents and young people not followed (e.g., involvement of adolescents and young people, particularly those most marginalized, etc.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
15.F.	COVID-19 and other disasters, emergencies and crises prevented implementation of programmes on adolescents and young people	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	If “2” or “3”, please also name the disaster (s), emergency, etc. COVID-19
16.F.	Has the country experienced any other major challenges in implementation of adolescent and young people programmes? <i>please elaborate and provide specific examples:</i>				
Lessons learned					
17.F.	Are there any lessons learned in the area of adolescents and young people not already mentioned that other countries could benefit from? <i>please elaborate and provide specific examples:</i>				
Future needs: means of implementation and monitoring					
18.F.	Please select any needs the country may have in order to implement the priority actions for adolescents and young people. Please check as many as apply.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Capacity-building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advocacy and awareness raising <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resource mobilization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engagement with high-level politicians <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engagement with non-governmental stakeholders, civil society organizations, etc. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> South-South cooperation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public-private partnerships <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Data for monitoring and planning <input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>please elaborate</i>):			
19.F.	Please select any needs the country may have in order to report on progress regarding the priority actions for adolescents and young people. Please check as many as apply to your country.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Capacity-building – data collection <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Capacity-building – data analysis <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lack of monitoring frameworks <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resource mobilization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engagement with high-level politicians <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engagement with non-governmental stakeholders, civil society organizations, etc. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advocacy/engagement with data collection entities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> South-South cooperation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public-private partnerships <input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>please elaborate</i>):			

G. Ageing

Overall policy environment

1.G.	<p>Are any priority actions for ageing included in your National Development Strategy or other development plans? <i>please elaborate</i></p> <p>If “yes”, please provide:</p> <p>(a) the strategy name/link</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11th FYP and 12th FYP <p>(b) date or time frame of the strategy/plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11th FYP (2013-2018) • 12th FYP (2018-2023) <p>(g) page number that references this action area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11th FYP (p.176, Volume II) • 12th FYP (p.145, Volume II) <p>(h) main elements of the action area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11th FYP: Access to adequate, sustainable and inclusive public transport • 12th FYP: Community based care services for older persons <p>(d) its impact</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Old age home for elderly monks • Health screening of older persons 	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
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2.G.	<p>Have there been any amendments or improvements to legislation, or new policies or action plans relating to the 2013 Asian and Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Population and Development priority area “Ageing” since 2013? <i>please elaborate</i></p> <p>If “yes”, please provide:</p> <p>(a) the name of the legislation, policy and/or action plan and website link</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Senior Citizen Policy of Bhutan • Draft National Strategy and Action Plan on Healthy Ageing <p>(b) date of implementation and time frame: NA</p> <p>(c) its main elements</p> <p>Draft Senior Citizen Policy of Bhutan focuses on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family and social support, safety and security and multi-generational bonding • Economic and financial security • Health and wellbeing including mental health • Productivity and engagement including participation in decision making process • Access to infrastructure such as housing and public infrastructures • Access to media and information <p>Draft National Strategy and Action Plan on Healthy Ageing focuses on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing legal framework • Promoting healthy ageing • Enabling older persons to be independent and productive • Institute appropriate social security scheme • Developing supportive environment • Long-term care • HRD and research <p>(d) its impact: NA</p>	<p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
Achievements and good practices		
3.G.	<p>Aside from what is listed above, what are some key achievements in the area of ageing in the country since 2013?</p> <p><i>please elaborate on achievements, by providing specific examples and their impact:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health services and care for senior citizen or elderly people is given high priority at all levels of health facilities • Health screening of older persons is a high priority • Most public services and infrastructures are now older person friendly 	
4.G.	<p>Are there any good practices the country has developed in operationalizing programmes on ageing that other countries may find useful?</p> <p><i>please elaborate and provide specific examples:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preference for older persons (65+ years) to avail public services in person including public transports • Informal support system: Strong social support and family care system for older persons • Old age and destitute care services by CSOs 	
Challenges		

In implementing priority actions for ageing, has the Government encountered any of the following challenges? [1 = never, 2 = sometimes, 3 = always]					
Challenges		1	2	3	If answer 2 or 3, have you addressed the challenge? please elaborate:
5.G.	Lack of human resources dedicated to ageing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	We do not have geriatric specialists in the country. However, the geriatric services are integrated in the health system.
6.G.	Lack of financial resources dedicated to ageing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	We do not have geriatric specialists in the country. However, the geriatric services are integrated in the health system.
7.G.	Lack of capacity development for implementation of programmes on ageing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	We do have capacity development for the implementation of programmes however need consistent and necessary programs
8.G.	Lack of data on ageing, particularly disaggregated data	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The Bhutan Vaccine system and Annual screening has helped in gathering the data on ageing. However, having the accurate data is a challenge
9.G.	Lack of overall political support related to ageing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Although there are political commitments, prioritization have not been commensurate with commitments
10.G.	Lack of cross-ministerial coordination related to ageing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The issue of older people came into the main agenda recently only and with the development of National Senior Citizen Policy with the relevant stakeholders, there is an opportunity to strengthen the coordination and collaboration among the ministries
11.G.	Lack of international support related to ageing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	International agencies support government priorities. Until recently the support towards older people was not the main priority.

12.G.	Lack of development partner coordination related to ageing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
13.G.	Lack of public awareness and understanding of ageing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Considering the family values, social network, ageing has not been a major issue until recently.
14.G.	A bottom-up approach to ageing not followed (e.g., involvement of older persons, particularly those most marginalized, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The development of the policy and the guidelines are developed in consultation with the older persons
15.G.	COVID-19 and other disasters, emergencies and crises prevented implementation of programmes on ageing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>If “2” or “3”, please also name the disaster (s), emergency, etc.</p> <p>Covid-19 pandemic has affected the implementation of the programs. However, it also helped in prioritizing the services and in the institution of the elderly services in the health facilities.</p>
16.G.	Has the country experienced any other major challenges in implementation of programmes on ageing? <i>please elaborate and provide specific examples:</i>				
Lessons learned					
17.G.	Are there any lessons learned in the area of ageing not already mentioned that other countries could benefit from? <i>please elaborate and provide specific examples:</i>				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Informal social support system for senior citizens				

Future needs: means of implementation and monitoring		
18.G.	Please select any needs the country may have in order to implement the priority actions for ageing. Please check as many as apply.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Capacity-building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advocacy and awareness raising <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resource mobilization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engagement with high-level politicians <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engagement with non-governmental stakeholders, civil society organizations, etc. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> South-South cooperation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public-private partnerships <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Data for monitoring and planning <input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>please elaborate</i>):
19.G.	Please select any needs the country may have in order to report on progress regarding the priority actions for ageing. Please check as many as apply to your country.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Capacity-building – data collection <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Capacity-building – data analysis <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lack of monitoring frameworks <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resource mobilization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engagement with high-level politicians <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engagement with non-governmental stakeholders, civil society organizations, etc. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advocacy/engagement with data collection entities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> South-South cooperation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public-private partnerships <input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>please elaborate</i>):

H. International migration

Overall policy environment		
1.H.	Are any priority actions for international migration included in your National Development Strategy or other development plans? <i>please elaborate</i> If “yes”, please provide: (a) the strategy name/link (b) date or time frame of the strategy/plan (c) page number that references this action area (d) main elements of the action area (d) its impact	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.H.	Have there been any amendments or improvements to legislation, or new policies or action plans relating to the 2013 Asian and Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Population and Development priority area “International migration” since 2013? <i>please elaborate</i> If “yes”, please provide: (a) the name of the legislation, policy and/or action plan and website link (b) date of implementation and time frame (c) its main elements (d) its impact	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Achievements and lessons learned					
3.H.	Aside from what is listed above, what are some key achievements in the area of international migration in the country since 2013? <i>please elaborate on achievements, by providing specific examples and their impact:</i>				
4.H.	Are there any good practices the country has developed in operationalizing international migration programmes that other countries may find useful? <i>please elaborate and provide specific examples:</i>				
Challenges					
In implementing priority actions for international migration, has the Government encountered any of the following challenges? [1 = never, 2 = sometimes, 3 = always]					
Challenges		1	2	3	If answer 2 or 3, have you addressed the challenge? <i>please elaborate:</i>
5.H.	Lack of human resources dedicated to international migration	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
6.H.	Lack of financial resources dedicated to international migration	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
7.H.	Lack of capacity development for implementation of programmes on international migration	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
8.H.	Lack of data on international migration, particularly disaggregated data	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
9.H.	Lack of overall political support related to international migration	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
10.H.	Lack of cross-ministerial coordination related to international migration	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
11.H.	Lack of international support related to international migration	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
12.H.	Lack of development partner coordination related to international migration	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
13.H.	Lack of public awareness and understanding of international migration	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
14.H.	A bottom-up approach to international migration not followed (e.g., involvement of international migrants, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
15.H.	COVID-19 and other disasters, emergencies and crises prevented implementation of programmes on international migration	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	If "2" or "3", please also name the disaster (s), emergency, etc.
16.H.	Has the country experienced any other major challenges in implementation of international migration programmes? <i>please elaborate and provide specific examples:</i>				

17.H.	Are there any lessons learned in the area of international migration not already mentioned that other countries could benefit from? <i>please elaborate and provide specific examples.</i>	
<i>Future needs: means of implementation and monitoring</i>		
18.H.	Please select any needs the country may have in order to implement the priority actions for international migration. Please check as many as apply.	<input type="checkbox"/> Capacity-building <input type="checkbox"/> Advocacy and awareness raising <input type="checkbox"/> Resource mobilization <input type="checkbox"/> Engagement with high-level politicians <input type="checkbox"/> Engagement with non-governmental stakeholders, civil society organizations, etc. <input type="checkbox"/> South-South cooperation <input type="checkbox"/> Public-private partnerships <input type="checkbox"/> Data for monitoring and planning <input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>please elaborate</i>):
19.H.	Please select any needs the country may have in order to report on progress regarding the priority actions for international migration. Please check as many as apply to your country.	<input type="checkbox"/> Capacity-building – data collection <input type="checkbox"/> Capacity-building – data analysis <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of monitoring frameworks <input type="checkbox"/> Resource mobilization <input type="checkbox"/> Engagement with high-level politicians <input type="checkbox"/> Engagement with non-governmental stakeholders, civil society organizations, etc. <input type="checkbox"/> Advocacy/engagement with data collection entities <input type="checkbox"/> South-South cooperation <input type="checkbox"/> Public-private partnerships <input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>please elaborate</i>):

I. Urbanization and internal migration

Overall policy environment

1.I.	<p>Are any priority actions for urbanization and internal migration included in your National Development Strategy or other development plans? <i>please elaborate</i></p> <p>If “yes”, please provide:</p> <p>(a) the strategy name/link</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11th FYP and 12th FYP <p>(b) date or time frame of the strategy/plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11th FYP (2013-2018) 12th FYP (2018-2023) <p>(c) page number that references this action area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11th FYP (p.90 of Volume II) 12th FYP (p.92 of Volume I and p.225 of Volume II) <p>(d) main elements of the action area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sustainable human settlement plans Enhance rural infrastructures such as road, agriculture, schools, health centres as positive deterrent of forced internal migration <p>(d) its impact</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The migrant population are quickly re-integrated into urban areas 	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
2.I.	<p>Have there been any amendments or improvements to legislation, or new policies or action plans relating to the 2013 Asian and Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Population and Development priority area “Urbanization and internal migration” since 2013? <i>please elaborate</i></p> <p>If “yes”, please provide:</p> <p>(a) the name of the legislation, policy and/or action plan and website link</p> <p>(b) date of implementation and time frame</p> <p>(c) its main elements</p> <p>(d) its impact</p>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Achievements and good practices				
3.I.	<p>Aside from what is listed above, what are some key achievements in the area of urbanization and internal migration in the country since 2013? <i>please elaborate on achievements, by providing specific examples and their impact:</i></p>			
4.I.	<p>Are there any good practices the country has developed in operationalizing urbanization and internal migration programmes that other countries may find useful? <i>please elaborate and provide specific examples:</i></p>			
Challenges				
<p>In implementing priority actions for urbanization and internal migration, has the Government encountered any of the following challenges? <i>[1 = never, 2 = sometimes, 3 = always]</i></p>				
Challenges	1	2	3	<i>If answer 2 or 3, have you addressed the challenge? please elaborate:</i>

5.I.	Lack of human resources dedicated to urbanization and internal migration	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Normally, inadequate human resources are met through programme specific contract requirements, and outsourcing and delegation of implementation works
6.I.	Lack of financial resources dedicated to urbanization and internal migration	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The human settlement development often suffers from financial scarcity, prioritization has reduced financial burden.
7.I.	Lack of capacity development for implementation of programmes on urbanization and internal migration	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The capacity constraint is major issue toward delivery of quality programme results, so
8.I.	Lack of data on urbanization and internal migration, particularly disaggregated data	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The data ecosystem is currently being improved
9.I.	Lack of overall political support related to urbanization and internal migration	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
10.I.	Lack of cross-ministerial coordination related to urbanization and internal migration	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Re-structuring of the whole-of-government system
11.I.	Lack of international support related to urbanization and internal migration	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
12.I.	Lack of development partner coordination related to urbanization and internal migration	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The occasional coordination issues are solved from time to time
T	Lack of public awareness and understanding of urbanization and internal migration	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
14.I.	A bottom-up approach to urbanization and internal migration not followed (e.g., involvement of urban migrants, etc.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
15.I.	COVID-19 and other disasters, emergencies and crises prevented implementation of programmes on urbanization and internal migration	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	If “2” or “3”, please also name the disaster (s), emergency, etc. COVID-19
16.I.	Has the country experienced any other major challenges in implementation of urbanization and internal migration programmes? <i>please elaborate and provide specific examples:</i>				
Lessons learned					
17.I.	Are there any lessons learned in the area of urbanization and internal migration not already mentioned that other countries could benefit from? <i>please elaborate and provide specific examples:</i>				
Future needs: means of implementation and monitoring					

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19.I.	Please select any needs the country may have in order to report on progress regarding the priority actions for urbanization and internal migration. Please check as many as apply to your country.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Capacity-building – data collection <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Capacity-building – data analysis <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lack of monitoring frameworks <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resource mobilization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engagement with high-level politicians <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engagement with non-governmental stakeholders, civil society organizations, etc. <input type="checkbox"/> Advocacy/engagement with data collection entities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> South-South cooperation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public-private partnerships <input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>please elaborate</i>):

J. Population and sustainable development

Overall policy environment

1.J.	<p>Are any priority actions for population and sustainable development included in your National Development Strategy or other development plans? <i>please elaborate</i></p> <p>If “yes”, please provide:</p> <p>(a) the strategy name/link</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11th FYP and 12th FYP <p>(b) date or time frame of the strategy/plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11th FYP (2013-2018) 12th FYP (2018-2023) <p>(c) page number that references this action area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11th FYP (p.273 of Volume II) 12th FYP (p. 99,132 etc. of Volume I) <p>(d) main elements of the action area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In both 11th and 13th FYP, population dynamics are mainstreamed across many development fields including health, education, infrastructure and human settlement (including water and sanitation), environment and productive and gainful employment amongst others In the 12th FYP, population was used as important criteria for budget allocation for local government development plans. <p>(d) its impact</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The population is at the heart of the development, both as beneficiary and first responder to any spillover impact of development 	<p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
2.J.	<p>Have there been any amendments or improvements to legislation, or new policies or action plans relating to the 2013 Asian and Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Population and Development priority area “Population and sustainable development” since 2013? <i>please elaborate</i></p> <p>If “yes”, please provide:</p> <p>(a) the name of the legislation, policy and/or action plan and website link</p> <p>(b) date of implementation and time frame</p> <p>(c) its main elements</p> <p>(d) its impact</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
<i>Achievements and good practices</i>		
3.J.	<p>Aside from what is listed above, what are some key achievements in the area of population and sustainable development in the country since 2013? <i>please elaborate on achievements, by providing specific examples and their impact:</i></p>	

4.J.	Are there any good practices the country has developed in operationalizing population and sustainable development programmes that other countries may find useful? <i>please elaborate and provide specific examples:</i> Bhutan has considered population as primary budget allocation criteria for local development plans. For example, in the 12 th FYP, Bhutan used district population as important decision criteria																																																										
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14.J.	A bottom-up approach to population and sustainable development not followed (e.g., involvement of those most affected, or most marginalized populations, etc.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
15.J.	COVID-19 and other disasters, emergencies and crises prevented implementation of programmes on population and sustainable development	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	If “2” or “3”, please also name the disaster (s), emergency, etc. COVID-19
16.J.	Has the country experienced any other major challenges in implementation of population and sustainable development programmes? <i>please elaborate and provide specific examples:</i>				
Lessons learned					
17.J.	Are there any lessons learned in the area of population and sustainable development not already mentioned that other countries could benefit from? <i>please elaborate and provide specific examples:</i>				
Future needs: means of implementation and monitoring					
18.J.	Please select any needs the country may have in order to implement the priority actions for population and sustainable development. Please check as many as apply.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Capacity-building		
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Advocacy and awareness raising		
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Resource mobilization		
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Engagement with high-level politicians		
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Engagement with non-governmental stakeholders, civil society organizations, etc.		
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	South-South cooperation		
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public-private partnerships		
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Data for monitoring and planning		
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (<i>please elaborate</i>):		
19.J.	Please select any needs the country may have in order to report on progress regarding the priority actions for population and sustainable development. Please check as many as apply to your country.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Capacity-building – data collection		
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Capacity-building – data analysis		
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lack of monitoring frameworks		
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Resource mobilization		
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Engagement with high-level politicians		
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		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public-private partnerships		
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (<i>please elaborate</i>):		

K. Data and statistics

Overall policy environment		
1.K.	<p>Are any priority actions for data and statistics included in your National Development Strategy or other development plans? <i>please elaborate</i></p> <p>If “yes”, please provide: the strategy name/link:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11th FYP (2013-2018) 12th FYP (2018-2023) <p>(b) date or time frame of the strategy/plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11th FYP (2013-2018) 12th FYP (2018-2023) National Strategy for Development of Statistics (2019-23) <p>(c) page number that references this action area:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12th FYP (p.432 in Volume II) <p>(d) main elements of the action area:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhance the quality and timely statistics <p>(d) its impact</p> <p>Conducted the surveys and censuses and strengthened administrative data, developed statistical standards for quality assurance, leverage on the use of new technologies for statistical purposes.</p>	<p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
2.K.	<p>Have there been any amendments or improvements to legislation, or new policies or action plans relating to the 2013 Asian and Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Population and Development priority area “Data and statistics” since 2013? <i>please elaborate</i></p> <p>If “yes”, please provide:</p> <p>(a) the name of the legislation, policy and/or action plan and website link</p> <p>(b) date of implementation and time frame</p> <p>(c) its main elements</p> <p>(d) its impact</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
Achievements and good practices		
3.K.	<p>Aside from what is listed above, what are some key achievements in the area of data and statistics in the country since 2013?</p> <p><i>Please elaborate on achievements, by providing specific examples and their impact:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Population and Housing Census of Bhutan in 2017 Economic Census of Bhutan 2018-19 Bhutan Living Standard Surveys 2022 	
4.K.	<p>Are there any good practices the country has developed in operationalizing data and statistics programmes that other countries may find useful?</p> <p><i>please elaborate and provide specific examples:</i></p> <p>National Strategy for the Development of Statistics (NSDS 2019 -23)</p>	
Challenges		

In implementing priority actions for data and statistics, has the Government encountered any of the following challenges? [1 = never, 2 = sometimes, 3 = always]					
Challenges		1	2	3	If answer 2 or 3, have you addressed the challenge? please elaborate:
5.K.	Lack of human resources dedicated to data and statistics	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Recruited staffs on contract to address the human resources shortages
6.K.	Lack of financial resources dedicated to data and statistics	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Support/funding from the external donors
7.K.	Lack of capacity development for implementation of programmes on data and statistics	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Technical assistance from the World Bank and Asian Development Bank
8.K.	Lack of information for tracking of progress on data and statistics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
9.K.	Lack of overall political support related to data and statistics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
10.K.	Lack of cross-ministerial coordination related to data and statistics	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The National Strategy for the Development of Statistics (NSDS 2019 - 23)
11.K.	Lack of international support related to data and statistics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
12.K.	Lack of development partner coordination related to data and statistics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
13.K.	Lack of public awareness and understanding of data and statistics	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
14.K.	A bottom-up approach to data and statistics not followed (e.g., involvement of those collecting, disseminating and analyzing data and statistics.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not able to collect data in person due to COVID-19 pandemic.
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17.K.	Are there any lessons learned in the area of data and statistics not already mentioned that other countries could benefit from? please elaborate and provide specific examples:				
Future needs: means of implementation and monitoring					

18.K.	Please select any needs the country may have in order to implement the priority actions for data and statistics. Please check as many as apply.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Capacity-building <input type="checkbox"/> Advocacy and awareness raising <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resource mobilization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engagement with high-level politicians <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engagement with non-governmental stakeholders, civil society organizations, etc. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> South-South cooperation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public-private partnerships <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Data for monitoring and planning <input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>please elaborate</i>):
19.K.	Please select any needs the country may have in order to report on progress regarding the priority actions for data and statistics. Please check as many as apply to your country.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Capacity-building – data collection <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Capacity-building – data analysis <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lack of monitoring frameworks <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resource mobilization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engagement with high-level politicians <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engagement with non-governmental stakeholders, civil society organizations, etc. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advocacy/engagement with data collection entities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> South-South cooperation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public-private partnerships <input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>please elaborate</i>):

IV. Summary questions

Extraneous influences			
<i>Has the COVID-19 pandemic, or other national emergencies, disasters, or crises, resulted in:</i>			
2.1	Building in more resilience when developing population programmes?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<i>If “yes” or “somewhat”, please elaborate:</i>
2.2	Increased prioritization (or mainstreaming) of population issues in policymaking?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat <input type="checkbox"/> No	<i>If “yes” or “somewhat”, please elaborate:</i> Population concerns are mainstreamed into major programs like health, education, employment and social protection systems.
2.3	Diversion of funds or resources from population programmes to support other programmes?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<i>If “yes” or “somewhat”, please elaborate:</i>
Priority areas for further action			
2.4	Please rank the priority action areas outlined in the 2013 Asian and Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Population and Development from highest to lowest priority in the country at the current point in time. Please use ‘1’ as the highest priority and ‘11’ the lowest priority.	<input type="checkbox"/> Poverty eradication and employment [3] <input type="checkbox"/> Health [1] <input type="checkbox"/> Sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights [7] <input type="checkbox"/> Education [2] <input type="checkbox"/> Gender equality and women’s empowerment [9] <input type="checkbox"/> Adolescents and young people [4] <input type="checkbox"/> Ageing [5] <input type="checkbox"/> International migration [11] <input type="checkbox"/> Urbanization and internal migration [8] <input type="checkbox"/> Population and sustainable development [6] <input type="checkbox"/> Data and statistics [10]	
Additional comments			
2.5	Are there any topics that are not covered in the 2013 Asian and Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Population and Development that have become critically significant in the country since 2013? For example: food security, climate change or digital transformation? <i>please elaborate:</i> NA		
2.6	Are there any other lessons learned , achievements, challenges or needs that can be shared in regard to priority action areas outlined in the 2013 Asia and Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Population and Development that have not already been addressed in this survey? <i>please elaborate:</i> NA		

V. Overall achievements/challenges in population and development

The Seventh Asian and Pacific Population Conference will be held from 16 to 18 November 2023. The intergovernmental meeting will coincide with the 60-year commemoration of the first Asian Population Conference, which was held from 10 to 20 December 1963 in New Delhi, India, the 30-year regional review of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development in Asia and the Pacific, and the 10-year anniversary of the adoption of the 2013 Asian and Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Population and Development. It will also mark the half-way point in achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific.

<i>With the above in mind, please share the country's biggest achievement and challenge in the area of population and development:</i>	
3.1	<p>Over the last 60 years (since the first Population Conference)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Achievement <i>please elaborate</i>: Bhutan has made significant progress in terms of poverty alleviation, employment, improved health and education services to the public, improving human settlements, and mainstreaming population in development programs. Challenge <i>please elaborate</i>: Bhutan has made significant progress in all socioeconomic development parameters but ensuring the quality of education and health services remains a challenge. Providing productive and gainful employment to youths remains a significant challenge.
3.2	<p>Over the last 30 years (since the adoption of the ICPD Programme of Action)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Achievement <i>please elaborate</i>: Bhutan has made significant progress in all areas of ICPD Programme of Action. <p>Besides ICPD Programme of Action, Bhutan has made commendable effort in combating pandemic. During the pandemic, the government adopted measures to ensure un-interrupted public service delivery particularly the health services. The most significant achievement was vaccination of almost all eligible (age) population.</p> <p>The government also provided relief support (financial measures) to those people whose livelihood and employment were affected by the pandemic particularly to those layoff and vulnerable sections of the society.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Challenge <i>please elaborate</i>: The lessons from the pandemic suggests that building a resilient economy is necessary. Our health and education systems need to be more resilient. We also need shock-responsive social protection systems for our people during such emergencies.
3.3	<p>Over the last 7 years since adopting the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Achievement <i>please elaborate</i>: A rapid integrated assessment conducted by UNDP in October 2015 indicated high level of integration of the SDG targets with 11FYP of Bhutan. Out of 143 relevant SDG targets, 134 were found to be included in the 11FYP. Bhutan is also amongst the first few countries that began early implementation of the SDGs since its adoption in 2015. While all 17 Goals are important, Bhutan prioritized three SDGs (Goal 1 – No Poverty; Goal 13 - Climate Action; and Goal 15–Life on Land) for implementation during the 11FYP. These goals were prioritized on the basis of urgency to address issue of poverty reduction, to fulfil Bhutan's commitment to remain

	<p>carbon neutral at all times; and to champion and show-case Bhutan's success in preserving its biodiversity. Similarly, preliminary assessment of the 12th FYP NKRA's and Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) with the SDGs reveals high degree of alignment. The 17 NKRA's are closely aligned to the SDGs and their targets and indicators are integrated into the 12FYP.</p> <p>b. Challenge <i>please elaborate</i>: Bhutan will be graduating from the list of Least Developed Countries by December 2023, so ensuring smooth transition and maintaining sustainable graduation will remain a challenge.</p>
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