



Bhutan's Journey in Localizing the SDGs

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Outline

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GNH & SDGs

- ▶ GNH 4P: Good Governance, Sustainable Socio-economic development, Environmental Conservation and Cultural Preservation
- ▶ SDGs 3D: Economic, Social and Environmental
- ▶ 3D of SDGs are subsumed under 3P of GNH, culture is an extra pillar
- ▶ GNH at the helm of development agenda has made the adoption of SDGs a seamless process

Bhutan and SDGs



Bhutan and SDGs

- ▶ transforming our world: Agenda 2030 for sustainable development adopted at UN Summit for Sustainable Development on 25 September 2015
- ▶ Bhutan's representation in the SDG Open Working Group in 2013
- ▶ Bhutan became one of the early mover countries in the Asia Pacific region for SDG localization – identified by United Nations Development Programme in September 2015
- ▶ High level sensitization workshop on the SDGs, convened in Thimphu, 30th October 2015.
- ▶ In-house Mapping exercise conducted by RGoB
- ▶ SDG Rapid Integrated Policy Assessment by UNDP

Journey of Localization

Screening of Public Policies through the GNH lens

- All public policies tabled for adoption will have to be screened using the GNH policy screening tool

Eleventh Plan vis-à-vis SDGs

- 3 SDGs prioritized for 11FYP
- National Key Result Areas (NKRAs)
 - 16 Outcome (key Result Areas)
 - 61 Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)
- Sustainable Development Goals
 - 17 Goals
 - 169 Targets
- Internal Mapping Exercise
 - 16 Goals of the 17 SDGs already integrated in the NKRAs





Eleventh Plan and SDG- An Assessment

- ▶ **Rapid Impact Policy Assessment conducted by UNDP**
 - ▶ High level of Integration at both goal and target level
 - ▶ Target level assessment
 - ▶ 169 targets against the 11th FYP (2013-2018)
 - ▶ 143 targets found relevant for Bhutan
 - ▶ 134 targets already integrated in our 11th Plan

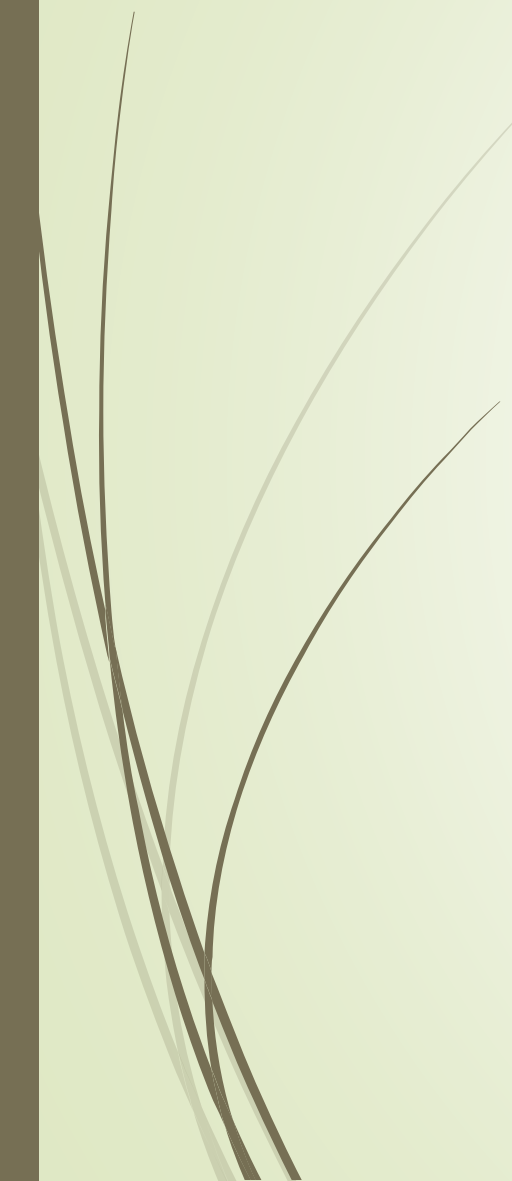


Gap Analysis findings

- At the target level, some gaps identified through RIPA are:
 - Financial inclusion
 - Migration
 - Gender and
 - Social protection



Institutional mechanisms in place

- GPMD under the Office of the Prime Minister
 - APA signing
 - Annual Budget linked to APA
 - Web based online M&E system in place
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Some Major Programs targeted towards realizing these SDGs


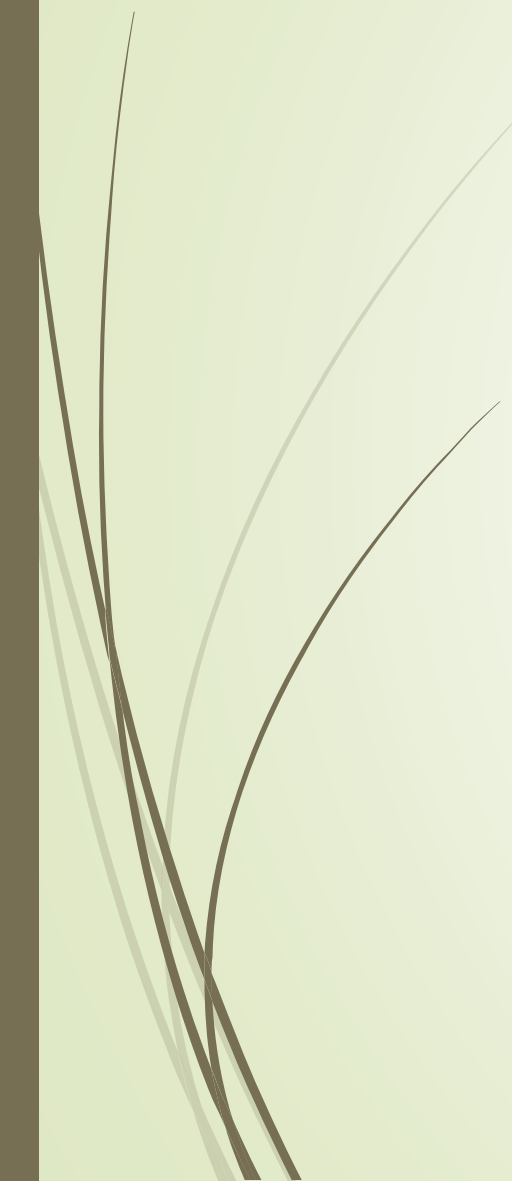
- ▶ Enhancing Sustainability and Climate Resilience of Forest and Agriculture Landscape and Community Livelihoods in Bhutan funded by GEF-LDCFC (USD 13.9 million)
 - ▶ Resilient Communities, Effective Corridors – a climate action in Bhutan, the first integrated project in Bhutan
- ▶ Bhutan for Life Initiative (USD 40 million)
 - ▶ Operationalizing the Protected Areas and Biological Corridors
- ▶ Rural Economic Advancement Program (REAP) and Targeted Household Poverty Program (THPP)
 - ▶ Targeted Poverty Intervention Program



12 FYP and SDGs

- ▶ Integration of SDGs in the 12th Plan
 - ▶ A preliminary assessment of 12th plan NKRA's vis-à-vis the SDGs reveal that 16 SDG goals have been integrated into the 16 NKRA's (except for SDG 14 life below water)
 - ▶ Approximately 63 targets have been integrated into the 12th plan KPIs for 16 NKRA's
 - ▶ 107 indicators integrated into the NKRA's
 - ▶ There will be further integration of the SDGs as we formulate the Sector and Local Government Key Result Areas and corresponding KPIs.



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- ▶ In order to ensure that no one is left behind, for the first time in the history of plan formulation, Private sector and civil society are engaged in plan formulation
 - ▶ The civil society engagement as partners in progress are given more focus by engaging them in the program implementation
 - ▶ UNDP assisted the review of the National Assembly's Strategic Plans to achieve the SDGs
 - ▶ Bhutan Vulnerability Baseline Assessment 2016 Launched on 1st Nov. 2017



Issues & Way forward

- ▶ SDG Costing exercise-Funding the SDGs
 - ▶ SDG modelling
 - ▶ Data Harmonization
 - ▶ Capacity Building
 - ▶ Awareness and sensitization program
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