

Stakeholder Engagement Plan

**Royal Government of Bhutan
Sustainable Hydropower Development Project
(P174327)**

Project Implementing Entity: Druk Green Power Corporation Limited

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Background and Context

The Sustainable Hydropower Development Project (SHDP) is a technical assistance project (TA Project) that is supporting the Royal Government of Bhutan (RGoB) to strengthen the capacity of the power sector agencies to plan and prepare regional hydropower and transmission line projects following international good practices.

The TA Project aims to: (i) support the update of the Detailed Project Report for Dorjilung Hydropower Project (Dorjilung HPP), a greenfield hydropower project in the pipeline, to be consistent with the Bhutan Hydropower Guidelines and the World Bank Environmental and Social Framework, and (ii) support capacity building in the power sector in Bhutan. The proposed implementing entity of the TA Project is Druk Green Power Corporation (DGPC) Limited, a state-owned holding company which manages and operates Bhutan's hydropower assets and participates in new hydropower development. Further information regarding the project description, components and activities can be found in the Project Paper on the World Bank website.

As part of the TA Project, terms of reference (TOR) for updating and completing the environmental and social (E&S) assessment and planning were developed and disclosed on DGPC's and the World Bank's websites.

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The scope of stakeholder engagement for the TA Project is limited and has therefore been integrated into the project's Environment and Social Commitment Plan (ESCP).

A Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) will be developed for Dorjilung HPP as part of the deliverables under the TA Project. The SEP will guide meaningful stakeholder consultations on the project, including all E&S documents that will be developed/updated such as Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) and Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP), Labor Management Procedure (LMP), Resettlement Plan (RP) and SEP. The finalized documents will describe how the feedback of the stakeholders will be taken into account.

The specific stakeholder engagement requirements for the TA project are captured below. For further details on the SEP requirements, please consult the project ESCP document on the World Bank website.

MATERIAL MEASURES AND ACTIONS		TIMEFRAME	RESPONSIBLE ENTITY/AUTHORITY
ESS 1: ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL RISKS AND IMPACTS			
1.3	<p>MANAGEMENT TOOLS AND INSTRUMENTS</p> <p>Implement E&S activities of the TA according to the approved TORs for the updating of the ESIA and ESMP, including Cumulative Impact Assessment (CIA).</p>	<i>Throughout the implementation of the TA.</i>	Druk Green Power Corporation Limited
1.4	<p>ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL ASSESSMENT</p> <p>Update the ESIA and ESMP, including integrating pertinent parts of the CIA into the ESIA, according to the TOR agreed in 1.3 above.</p> <p>Disclose acceptable draft E&S documents (ESIA, ESMP, RP, SEP) for stakeholder consultations further outlined in section 10.3 of ESS10.</p>	<i>Updated ESIA/ESMP to be finalized, approved and disclosed prior to the end of the TA Project</i>	Druk Green Power Corporation Limited
ESS 10: STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE			

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10.1	<p>STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN PREPARATION</p> <p>a) For the TA project, ensure that technical assistance provided incorporates stakeholder engagement and information disclosure in a manner consistent with ESS10, including the preparation of a SEP for the Dorjilung HPP.</p> <p>b) Prepare and disclose an SEP for the proposed Dorjilung HPP.</p>	<p><i>a) Maintained throughout the implementation of the TA</i></p> <p><i>b) To be completed and delivered by the end of the TA.</i></p>	Druk Green Power Corporation Limited
10.2	<p>PROJECT GRIEVANCE MECHANISM</p> <p>Design a grievance mechanism for the Dorjilung HPP and describe it in the SEP.</p>	<i>To be developed and delivered by the end of the TA.</i>	Druk Green Power Corporation Limited
10.3	<p>CONSULTATION ON E&S DOCUMENTS</p> <p>Conduct stakeholder consultations on all E&S documents (ESIA, ESMP, RP, SEP) that will be prepared under the TA project in line with the requirements of ESS10. Describe how the feedback of the stakeholders will be taken into account in the finalized version of the E&S documents.</p>	<i>When draft documents are available and prior to finalizing the E&S documents</i>	Druk Green Power Corporation Limited