Global Agriculture and Food Security Program
Grant Agreement

(Food Security and Agriculture Productivity Project)

between
KINGDOM OF BHUTAN

and
INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT acting as Supervising Entity of the Global Agriculture and Food Security Program

Dated May 18, 2017
GLOBAL AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SECURITY PROGRAM
GRANT AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT dated 14 May 2017, entered into between: KINGDOM OF BHUTAN ("Recipient"); and INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT ("World Bank"), acting as Supervising Entity of the Global Agriculture and Food Security Program ("GAFSP").

The Recipient and the World Bank hereby agree as follows:

Article I
Standard Conditions; Definitions

1.01. The Standard Conditions (as defined in the Appendix to this Agreement) constitute an integral part of this Agreement.

1.02. Unless the context requires otherwise, the capitalized terms used in this Agreement have the meanings ascribed to them in the Standard Conditions, in this Agreement, or in the Appendix to this Agreement.

Article II
The Project

2.01. The Recipient declares its commitment to the objectives of the project described in Schedule 1 to this Agreement ("Project"). To this end, the Recipient shall carry out the Project through MoAF, with the assistance of the Implementing Agencies, in accordance with the provisions of Article II of the Standard Conditions.

2.02. Without limitation upon the provisions of Section 2.01 of this Agreement, and except as the Recipient and the World Bank shall otherwise agree, the Recipient shall ensure that the Project is carried out in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.

Article III
The Grant

3.01. The World Bank agrees to extend to the Recipient, on the terms and conditions set forth or referred to in this Agreement, a grant in an amount equal to eight million United States Dollars ($8,000,000) ("Grant") to assist in financing the Project.
3.02. The Recipient may withdraw the proceeds of the Grant in accordance with Section IV of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.

3.03. The Grant is funded out of the above mentioned trust fund for which the World Bank receives periodic contributions from the donors to the trust fund. In accordance with Section 3.02 of the Standard Conditions, the World Bank’s payment obligations in connection with this Agreement are limited to the amount of funds made available to it by the donors under the abovementioned trust fund, and the Recipient’s right to withdraw the Grant proceeds is subject to the availability of such funds.

Article IV
Effectiveness; Termination

4.01. This Agreement shall not become effective until evidence satisfactory to the World Bank has been furnished to the World Bank:

(a) that the Recipient has established the Project Management Unit in accordance with Section I.A.3 of Schedule 2 to this Agreement;

(b) that the Recipient has established a Project Support Team within each of the Participating RDCs in accordance with Section I.A.4 of Schedule 2 to this Agreement; and

(c) the Recipient has adopted the Project Operations Manual in accordance with Section I.B.1 of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.

4.02. Except as the Recipient and the World Bank shall otherwise agree, this Agreement shall enter into effect on the date upon which the World Bank dispatches to the Recipient notice of its acceptance of the evidence required pursuant to Section 4.01 ("Effective Date"). If, before the Effective Date, any event has occurred which would have entitled the World Bank to suspend the right of the Recipient to make withdrawals from the Grant Account if this Agreement had been effective, the World Bank may postpone the dispatch of the notice referred to in this Section until such event (or events) has (or have) ceased to exist.

4.03. This Agreement and all obligations of the parties under it shall terminate if it has not entered into effect by the date ninety (90) days after the date of this Agreement, unless the World Bank, after consideration of the reasons for the delay, establishes a later date for the purpose of this Section. The World Bank shall promptly notify the Recipient of such later date.
Article V
Recipient's Representative; Addresses

5.01. The Recipient's Representative referred to in Section 7.02 of the Standard Conditions is its Minister of Finance.

5.02. The Recipient's Address is:

Ministry of Finance
Tashichhodzong
Thimphu, Kingdom of Bhutan

Facsimile:
00975-2-323154

5.03. The World Bank's Address is:

International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
1818 H Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20433
United States of America

Telex: 248423 (MCI) or 64145 (MCI)
Facsimile: 1-202-477-6391
AGREED at Thimphu, Kingdom of Bhutan, as of the day and year first above written.

KINDGOM OF BHUTAN

By

Authorized Representative

Name: Namgay Dorji
Title: Minister, Ministry of Finance

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT
acting as Supervising Entity of the Global Agriculture and Food Security Program

By

Authorized Representative

Name: Yoshito Ishihara
Title: Resident Representative
Minister's Office
SCHEDULE 1
Project Description

The objective of the Project is to increase agricultural productivity and enhance access to markets for farmers in Selected Gewogs in south-west Bhutan.

The Project consists of the following parts:


1.1 *Farmers’ Group Strengthening and Formation:* Strengthening the existing mechanism of farmers’ group formation and provision of capacity development to farmers’ groups, RNR officials, and community resource persons on farm business management such as business orientation, financial literacy, book keeping, and market assessment.

1.2 *Strengthening Producers’ Groups:* Supporting the formation of Producers’ Groups using a cluster-based approach, including through the provision of capacity building in areas such as organizational governance, value chain analysis, business development, quality control, access to finance, and marketing.

1.3 *Contributing to Improved Nutrition:* Carrying out awareness raising activities for dietary diversity and nutrition among targeted population, including through a behavior communication change strategy, communication approach, and an in-depth diagnostic analysis of dietary behaviors, development of training materials, community mobilization, and participatory training to farmers’ groups.

Part 2. Enhancing Farmer Productivity

Promoting climate smart agriculture through productivity enhancement of rice, vegetables, pulses, and potatoes for improved food security and nutrition, and key high value crops for local and export market, including:

2.1 (i) the rehabilitation/construction of four (4) irrigation facilities in Targeted Gewogs; (ii) the provision of high efficiency micro-irrigation schemes for improved horticulture and cash crops in Selected Gewogs; and (iii) the creation and strengthening of water user associations and water user groups in improved agronomic practices, water use efficiency, and in the operation and maintenance of irrigation systems;

2.2 providing technical and institutional capacity building to farmers, extension services, and selected agricultural institutions to improve farm management and sustain Project activities; and

2.3 provision of equipment and goods to Eligible Beneficiaries.
Part 3. Enhancing Access to Markets

3.1  
*Post-harvest and Market Infrastructure Support*

Provision of support to farmers to minimize post-harvest losses, improve commodity shelf life, enhance product quality, storage and packaging, and transportation including through: (a) training and exposure visits of lead farmers and Producers’ Groups; (b) the creation of, and provision of equipment and goods to, Food Processing Groups for preparation, packaging and marketing of food; and (c) the construction and rehabilitation of farm shops.

3.2  
*Linkage to Domestic and Export Markets*

(a) Provision of support to DAMC to review and upgrade the market information system;

(b) Strengthening linkages, knowledge sharing, and interactions among producers through the promotion of the use of mobile technology;

(c) Facilitating knowledge and information exchange between Producers’ Groups, traders, exporters and key stakeholders through, inter alia: (i) the organization of buyer-seller meetings; (ii) the dissemination of information such as production, market, applicable policies, international trade practices, and trade negotiation; and (iii) the facilitation of linkages for effective value chain functioning;

(d) Facilitating productive linkages between Producers’ Groups and schools through exposure visits to successful home-grown school feeding programs and developing the capacity of: (i) Producers’ Groups in establishing partnerships with schools and accessing local markets to sell their produce; (ii) schools to improve school menus based on the crop calendar; (iii) school cooks to make use of seasonal foods and increase nutrient retention.

Part 4. Project Management

Supporting Project management and implementation, including: (i) coordination; (ii) monitoring and evaluation, including baseline surveys, mid-term assessment, and end-of-Project evaluation; (iii) providing technical assistance; (iv) establishing an effective mechanism for grievance redressal; (v) conducting a capacity needs assessment of Project staff and providing requisite knowledge, management skills, exposure visits, and specific thematic/technical training in a systematic manner; (vi) Project communication and knowledge dissemination; and (vii) carrying out reviews, studies, and policy analysis.
SCHEDULE 2

Project Execution

Section I. Implementation and Other Arrangements

A. Institutional Arrangements

At the central level

1. The Recipient shall vest in MoAF the overall responsibility for Project implementation, monitoring and evaluation, with the assistance of the Implementing Agencies, all in accordance with implementation arrangements agreed with the World Bank as set forth in the Project Operations Manual.

2. No later than three (3) months after the Effective Date, the Recipient shall establish, and thereafter maintain throughout the period of implementation of the Project, a Project Steering Committee chaired by the DoA’s Director, with a mandate, terms of reference and composition satisfactory to the World Bank, as shall be required to, inter alia, provide policy guidance, direction and oversight.

3. The Recipient shall maintain throughout the period of implementation of the Project, a Project Management Unit within DoA headed by a Project Director assisted by competent staff, all with experience and qualification, in numbers and under terms of reference satisfactory to the World Bank, and provided with such powers, financial resources, functions and competences, satisfactory to the World Bank, as shall be required to, inter alia: (a) carry out of day-to-day overall Project management and implementation, including overall financial management; (b) maintain the Project’s management information systems and producing trimesterly reports; (c) prepare, update, and ensure compliance with the implementation of the Safeguard Documents and handle Project grievances; (d) monitor, supervise and report on the overall physical and financial progress achieved in carrying out the activities under the Project; (e) ensure that the Project is aligned with the respective national sectoral plans and projects; and (f) coordinate with relevant divisions and departments of MoAF and other stakeholders.

At the regional level

4. The Recipient shall maintain throughout the period of implementation of the Project, a Project Support Team within each of the Participating RDCs consisting of competent staff, all with experience and qualification, in numbers and under terms of reference satisfactory to the World Bank, including monitoring and evaluation, irrigation, infrastructure, accounting, procurement, safeguards/gender, marketing, and nutrition experts, as shall be required to, inter alia: (a) coordinate with Project stakeholders; and (b) implement the Project’s annual work plan and
budget collated from the annual work plans and budgets prepared by Participating Dzongkhags and Selected Gewogs in accordance with paragraph 5 below; and (c) guide, manage, coordinate, facilitate, provide technical inputs and back-up.

At the Dzongkhag and Gewog levels

5. The Recipient, through MoAF, shall ensure that Participating Dzongkhags and Selected Gewogs shall be responsible, in collaboration with Participating RDCs as well as district and other relevant officers, for, inter alia: (i) identifying and prioritizing Project sites and interventions; (ii) preparing annual work plans and budget and ensuring their timely implementation; (iii) identifying and fulfilling training and skills enhancement needs of Project beneficiaries; (iv) implementing Project activities within their jurisdiction in accordance with the approved annual work plans and budget; (v) providing relevant inputs, support and back up to Project beneficiaries; (vi) providing assistance to farmers and Producers' Groups, as necessary, on Project implementation; (vii) promoting nutrition awareness and behavior change for availability and consumption of nutrient-rich foods; (viii) assisting in data collection and validation, progress monitoring and reporting; and (ix) coordinating with relevant Project stakeholders.

B. Implementation Arrangements

1. The Recipient shall carry out the Project in accordance with the Project Operations Manual prepared in form and substance acceptable to the World Bank, which manual shall set forth:

(a) (i) the detailed description of Project implementation activities, their sequencing and the prospective timetable and benchmarks in relation thereto; and (ii) the detailed institutional arrangements in respect thereto, including allocation of responsibilities among Implementing Agencies, including required staff, and minimum qualifications thereof;

(b) the administrative, accounting, auditing, internal control, asset management, reporting, financial, procurement and disbursement (flow of funds) procedures for the Project; which procedures shall be consistent with those of this Agreement;

(c) (i) the procedural steps for the update of the Procurement Plan; and (ii) an outline of the mechanism for the settlement of procurement complaints and the disclosure of critical procurement information (website maintenance);

(d) the criteria for the selection of Eligible Beneficiaries;
(e) policies and procedures for the provision of goods under Parts 2(c) and 3.1(b) of the Project and the payment of Eligible Beneficiary Cash Contributions, including adequate mitigation and safeguards measures to ensure that said equipment are not misused, adequate training is provided to Eligible Beneficiaries, and arrangements for monitoring the activities involving of said equipment are in place; and

(f) the plan for implementing, monitoring and supervision of Project activities, including all technical environmental and social aspects in relation thereto.

2. In the event of conflict between the provisions of the Project Operations Manual and those of this Agreement, the provisions of this Agreement shall prevail. The Recipient shall refrain from amending, suspending, waiving, and/or voiding any provision of the Project Operations Manual, whether in whole or in part, without the prior written concurrence of the World Bank.

C. Anti-Corruption

The Recipient shall ensure that the Project is carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Anti-Corruption Guidelines.

D. Cost-Sharing Arrangements under Parts 2.3 and 3.1(b) of the Project

1. For the purpose of carrying out Parts 2.3 and 3.1(b) of the Project, the Recipient shall select Eligible Beneficiaries to receive goods in accordance with procedures acceptable to the World Bank as set forth in the Project Operations Manual.

2. The Recipient shall require each Eligible Beneficiary to provide, depending on the type of such goods as set forth in the Project Operations Manual, either a monetary contribution towards the cost of such goods (the "Eligible Beneficiary Cash Contribution") or an in-kind contribution consisting of the labor required for the installation of such goods, as the case may be.

3. The Recipient shall ensure that the goods provided to Eligible Beneficiaries under Part 2.3 and 3.1(b) of the Project are utilized by each Eligible Beneficiary in such manner as to accomplish the objectives of the Project and protect the interests of the Recipient and the World Bank.

E. Safeguards

1. The Recipient shall implement the Project and cause the Project to be implemented in accordance with the ESMF including mitigation measures set forth therein and the required plan(s) and assessment(s), including ESMP(s), LARP(s), and/or GVCDP(s) prepared, and/or to be prepared pursuant to paragraph 2 of this sub-
section, in accordance with the provisions set forth in the ESMF (together, the "Safeguard Documents"), in each case in a manner satisfactory to the World Bank.

2. The Recipient shall:

(a) ensure that the environmental and social screening criteria set forth in the ESMF are consistently applied at all times in a manner satisfactory to the World Bank;

(b) refrain from taking any action which would prevent or interfere with the implementation of the Safeguard Documents, including any amendment, suspension, waiver, annulment and/or voidance of any provision of the Safeguard Documents, whether in whole or in part, without the prior written concurrence of the World Bank;

(c) refrain from tendering any civil works contract until and unless:

(i) the proposed activities have been screened in accordance with the guidelines, standards and procedures set forth in the ESMF;

(ii) the respective environmental and social assessments, ESMP(s), LARP(s) and/or GVCDF(s) required for such activities pursuant to the ESMF has/have been prepared in a manner and substance acceptable to the World Bank; and

(iii) the foregoing Safeguard Documents have been publicly disclosed by the Recipient, including an executive summary thereof in local language(s) at the relevant Project's sites.

(d) maintain policies and procedures adequate to enable it to monitor and evaluate, in accordance with guidelines acceptable to the World Bank, the implementation of the ESMF, and the achievement of its objectives; and

(e) without limitation to the provisions of paragraph (d) above, take all the measures necessary to regularly collect, compile, and submit to the World Bank as part of the Project reports, information on the status of compliance of the ESMF and any plan(s) to be prepared thereunder providing details of:

(i) measures taken in furtherance of such framework and plans;

(ii) conditions, if any, which interfere or threaten to interfere with the smooth implementation of such framework and plans; and

(iii) remedial measures taken or required to be taken to address such conditions.
3. In the event of any conflict between the provisions of any of the Safeguard Documents, on the one hand, and the provisions of this Agreement on the other hand, the provisions of this Agreement shall prevail.

F. Grievance Redress Mechanism

By no later than 6 (six) months after the Effective Date, the Recipient shall establish, and thereafter maintain and operate throughout the period of Project implementation, a grievance redress mechanism (the "GRM") at the local level for the handling of any stakeholder complaints arising out of the implementation of Project activities. The operation and procedures of the GRM shall be subject to guidelines agreed between the Recipient and the World Bank as set forth in the Project Operations Manual.

G. Donor Visibility and Visit

1. The Recipient shall take or cause to be taken all such measures as the World Bank may reasonably request to identify publicly the Donors' support for the Project.

2. For the purposes of Section 2.09 of the Standard Conditions, the Recipient shall, upon the World Bank's request, enable the representatives of the Donor(s) to visit any part of the Recipient's territory for purposes related to the Project.

Section II. Project Monitoring, Reporting and Evaluation

A. Project Reports; Completion Report

1. The Recipient shall monitor and evaluate the progress of the Project and prepare Project Reports in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.06 of the Standard Conditions and on the basis of indicators acceptable to the World Bank. Each Project Report shall cover the period of one calendar semester, and shall be furnished to the World Bank not later than forty-five (45) after the end of the period covered by such report.

2. The Recipient shall prepare the Completion Report in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.06 of the Standard Conditions. The Completion Report shall be furnished to the World Bank not later than six (6) months after the Closing Date.

B. Financial Management; Financial Reports; Audits

1. The Recipient shall ensure that a financial management system is maintained in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.07 of the Standard Conditions.
2. The Recipient shall ensure that interim unaudited financial reports for the Project are prepared and furnished to the World Bank as part of the Project Report not later than forty-five (45) days after the end of each calendar semester, covering the semester, in form and substance satisfactory to the World Bank.

3. The Recipient shall have its Financial Statements for the Project audited in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.07 (b) of the Standard Conditions. Each such audit of the Financial Statements shall cover the period of one fiscal year of the Recipient. The audited Financial Statements for each such period shall be furnished to the World Bank not later than six (6) months after the end of such period.

Section III. Procurement

All goods, works, non-consulting services and consulting services required for the Project and to be financed out of the proceeds of the Grant shall be procured in accordance with the requirements set forth or referred to in the Procurement Regulations and the provisions of the Procurement Plan.

Section IV. Withdrawal of Grant Proceeds

A. General

1. The Recipient may withdraw the proceeds of the Grant in accordance with the provisions of: (a) Article III of the Standard Conditions; (b) this Section; and (c) such additional instructions as the World Bank may specify by notice to the Recipient (including the “Disbursement Guidelines for Investment Project Financing” dated February 2017, as revised from time to time by the World Bank and as made applicable to this Agreement pursuant to such instructions), to finance Eligible Expenditures as set forth in the table in paragraph 2 below.

2. The following table specifies the categories of Eligible Expenditures that may be financed out of the proceeds of the Grant (“Category”), the allocations of the amounts of the Grant to each Category, and the percentage of expenditures to be financed for Eligible Expenditures in each Category:
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<th>Category</th>
<th>Amount of the Grant Allocated (expressed in USD)</th>
<th>Percentage of Expenditures to be Financed (inclusive of Taxes)</th>
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<td>(1) Goods, works, non-consulting services, consulting services, Training and Incremental Operating Costs under the Project (other than Parts 2.3 and 3.1(b) of the Project)</td>
<td>7,250,000</td>
<td>100%</td>
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<td>(2) Goods under Parts 2.3 and 3.1(b) of the Project</td>
<td>750,000</td>
<td>100% (excluding any Eligible Beneficiary Cash Contribution)</td>
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<td>TOTAL AMOUNT</td>
<td>8,000,000</td>
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B. Withdrawal Conditions; Withdrawal Period

1. Notwithstanding the provisions of Part A of this Section no withdrawal shall be made for payments made prior to the date of this Agreement.

2. The Closing Date referred to in Section 3.06 (c) of the Standard Conditions is December 30, 2022.
APPENDIX
Definitions

1. “Affected Persons” means persons who, on account of the execution of the Project, have experienced or would experience direct economic and social impacts caused by: (a) the involuntary taking of land, resulting in: (i) relocation or loss of shelter; (ii) loss of assets or access to assets; or (iii) loss of income sources or means of livelihood, whether or not such persons must move to another location; or (b) the involuntary restriction of access to legally designated parks and protected areas, resulting in adverse impact on the livelihoods of such persons.

2. “AMC” means Agriculture Machinery Centre, the center of the MoAF responsible for, inter alia, the research and development of improved agriculture equipment, promotion of improved agriculture technology, and capacity development of the farmers in the use of improved technology and farming practices.


4. “Category” means a category set forth in the table in Section IV of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.

5. “DAMC” means Department of Agricultural Marketing and Cooperatives, the department of the MoAF responsible for promoting marketing of RNR products, facilitating institutional linkages, and strengthening farmers groups and cooperatives; or any successor thereto.

6. “DoA” means Department of Agriculture, or any successor thereto.


8. “Eligible Beneficiaries” means groups/individuals that meet the criteria acceptable to the World Bank and set forth in the Project Operations Manual for participation in Parts 2.3 and 3.1(b) of the Project.

9. “Eligible Beneficiary Cash Contribution” means the monetary contribution to be provided by Eligible Beneficiaries, as the case may be, in accordance with the cost-sharing arrangements set forth in the Project Operations Manual.

10. “ESMF” means the Environmental and Social Management Framework satisfactory to the World Bank, dated April 2016, which includes the Land Acquisition and Rehabilitation Framework and which sets forth the principles and
procedures governing, *inter alia*, the environmental and social aspects of Project implementation and mitigation and adaptive measures to offset, reduce to acceptable levels, or eliminate, any adverse environmental and social impacts under the Project.

11. "ESMPs" means, collectively, the Environmental and Social Management Plans to be prepared pursuant to Section I.E.1 of Schedule 2 to this Agreement, in accordance with the provisions of the ESMF, setting out mitigation, enhancement, monitoring and institutional measures, including capacity building through training, required to: (i) eliminate adverse environmental and social impacts of activities to be implemented under the Project; (ii) offset them, or reduce them to acceptable levels; (iii) enhance any positive impacts thereof; as such plans may be revised, updated or supplemented from time to time with the prior written concurrence of the World Bank.

12. "Food Processing Groups" means community producer groups within the Project area who collectively utilize food processing centers for the preparation, processing, packaging, and marketing of locally produced food.

13. "GVCDPs" means the Gender and Vulnerable Community Development Plans to be prepared pursuant to Section I.E.1 of Schedule 2 to this Agreement, in accordance with the provisions of the ESMF, with the objective of avoiding cultural, social and economic adverse effects on women and vulnerable communities caused or likely to be caused by the Project, and through a process of informed consultation and participation, involving concerned women and vulnerable communities in the design and implementation of relevant Project activities; as such plans may be revised, updated or supplemented, from time to time, with the prior written concurrence of the World Bank.


15. "Implementing Agencies" means, collectively, DoA, DAMC, Participating RDCs, Participating Dzonkhags, and Selected Gewogs.

16. "Incremental Operating Costs" means the incremental operating costs arising under the Project on account of local contractual staff salaries, travel and other travel-related expenditures, equipment rental and maintenance, vehicle maintenance and other reasonable costs related to vehicle operation, vehicle rental, bank charges and advertising expenses, materials and supplies and utilities and communications expenses, but excluding salaries of the Recipient’s civil servants.

17. "LARF" means the Land Acquisition and Rehabilitation Framework, satisfactory to the World Bank, for compensation, resettlement, and rehabilitation of Affected Persons, setting forth the guidelines, principles and procedures for mitigating any
adverse impact that may arise from resettlement under the Project, and incorporated in the section of the ESMF entitled “Land Acquisition”; as such framework may be modified from time to time with the prior written agreement of the World Bank.

18. “LARPs” means the Land Acquisition and Rehabilitation Plans to be prepared pursuant to Section I.E.1 of Schedule 2 to this Agreement, in accordance with the provisions of the LARF, identifying Affected Persons on account of implementation of Project activities, and setting forth the terms and conditions for providing them with resettlement assistance and/or compensation, as well as the procedures to be applied in the identification, assessment and mitigation of potential Project related social impacts, including the protocols for consultation, the processing of complaints and grievance redressal, monitoring and reporting requirements; as such plans may be revised, updated or supplemented, from time to time, with the prior written concurrence of the World Bank.

19. “MoAF” means the Recipient’s Ministry of Agriculture and Forests, or any successor thereto.

20. “Participating Dzonkhags” means, collectively, the Chukha, Dagana, Haa, Samtse, and Sarpang Dzonkhags; and any other Dzongkhag acceptable to the World Bank.

21. “Participating RDCs” means, collectively, the RDCs located at Bajo, Bhur, and Thimpu; and any other RDC acceptable to the World Bank.

22. “Procurement Plan” means the Recipient’s procurement plan for the Project, dated October 20, 2016 and provided for under Section IV of the Procurement Regulations, as the same may be updated from time to time in agreement with the World Bank.


24. “Producers Groups” means group of members deriving economic benefits from one or more economic enterprises related to the RNR sector and legally constituted and registered in accordance with the Recipient’s Cooperative Rules and Regulations, 2010, and/or the Recipient’s Cooperative (amendment) Act, 2009.

25. “Project Operations Manual” means the manual to be developed for the implementation of the Project and referred to in Section I.E.1 of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.

26. “Project Steering Committee” means the committee referred to in Section I.A.2 of Schedule 2 to this Agreement, or any successor thereto.
“RDCs” means Renewable Natural Resources Research and Development Centers, the centers established by MoAF at the regional level to provide support to agricultural development and serve as offices and housing for extension staff of the MoAF, or any successor thereto.

“RNR” means renewable natural resources.

“Safeguard Documents” means collectively, the ESMF (including the LARF), the screening reports and assessments, ESMPs, GVCDDs, and any other documents (to be) prepared, disclosed and implemented pursuant to Section I.E of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.

“Selected Gewogs” means, collectively, the Bongo, Dungna, Getana, Metakha, Sampheling, Drujeygang, Kana, Karmaling, Lhamoizingkha, Nichula, Gakiling, Usue, Samar, Sangbaykha, Dophuchen, Norbugang, Sangngagcholing, Tading, Tendruk, Gakidling, Shompangkha, Dekiling, Samtenling, and Tareythang Geogs; and any other Gewog acceptable to the World Bank.


“Targeted Gewogs” means, collectively, the Dekiling, Gakidling, Norbugang, and Dophuchen Gewogs targeted for participation under Part 2.1 of the Project.

“Training” means workshops and training, as defined in the training plan of the Recipient for the Project, including expenditures for the cost of design, planning and implementation of the trainings, training materials, facilities, course fees, travel, accommodation, allowances and subsistence for trainees in connection with these events.