



Bhutan BLSS Economic Census (P161338)

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Implementing Agencies: Ministry of Agriculture and Forests, National Statistics Bureau

Key Dates

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Bank Approval Date:02-Feb-2017

Effectiveness Date:02-Mar-2017

Original Closing Date:31-Jul-2018

Revised Closing Date:31-Jul-2019

Project Development Objectives

Project Development Objective (from Project Appraisal Document)

The PDO is to support the National Statistics Bureau to collect, analyze and disseminate data by carrying out the Bhutan Living Standard Survey and the Economic Census and contribute to strengthening its capacity.

Has the Project Development Objective been changed since Board Approval of the Project Objective?

No

Components

Name

Overall Ratings

Name	Previous Rating	Current Rating
Progress towards achievement of PDO	● Satisfactory	● Satisfactory
Overall Implementation Progress (IP)	● Moderately Satisfactory	● Satisfactory

Implementation Status and Key Decisions

1. Bhutan Living Standard Survey (BLSS)

The field data collection was successfully completed by April 2017. The BLSS team at NSB attended a training workshop in data analysis and report writing in June 2017 and started BLSS data analysis in June 2017. The NSB team, with technical assistance with the World Bank, completed the preparation of the (a) BLSS report and (b) Poverty Analysis Report. The joint launch between the government and the World Bank was represented by the former Prime Minister of Bhutan and the Resident Representative, World Bank Bhutan Country Office on December 13, 2017.



2. Economic census

While the Economic Census fieldwork was originally scheduled in October to November 2017, the NSB requested to postpone the closing date of the TF to July 2019 in order to accommodate the delay in the preparation for Economic Census owing mainly due to the National Population and Housing Census of Bhutan (NPHCB) and the third parliamentary elections. An approval for extending the closing date by an extra year was obtained from the TF administrators with endorsement from the CMU. Although the actual field work was delayed, all necessary pre-census activities such as development of the questionnaires and manuals including the listing and pre-test activities have been successfully carried out. Two external stakeholder's consultations and several internal working discussions have been carried out to review the questionnaire and manuals with technical inputs and reviews from World Bank staffs and consultants. In order to better familiarize with Economic Censuses, a selection of NSB staffs also undertook study tours to Nepal and the Philippines under the project. This provided valuable inputs, especially into the development of the questionnaire and operational considerations. In addition, a quality assurance framework and census publicity documentation have also been additionally developed along with the World bank consultant. The actual census of data collection was carried out in December-February 2019 by 80 enumerators, supervised by the Dzongkhag Statistical Officers and staffs from the National Statistics Bureau. The census was carried out in the programed tablets which was also procured under the project (80 from the previous TFSCB and 55 from the existing TF). A working retreat was also organized in April 2019 joined by World Bank Task Team Leader and consultant for data cleaning and report writing. The report which is now finalized, is scheduled to be launched on July 8, 2019 jointly by the World Bank, and the Royal Government of Bhutan. The Hon'ble Prime Minister of Bhutan has kindly consented to grace the event. In addition to the agreed deliverable, the World Bank also prepared a documentary to inform on the importance of statistics, economic census and the World Bank engagement. The same is also planned to be screened during the launch event. All result indicators for both components (BLSS and Economic Census) have been completed except for the archiving in the Microdata Library which will be carried out soon after the launch of the Economic Census. However, a Public User File has already been created for the BLSS which the client has already started disseminating to the data users and a same will be created for the Economic Census as well. Also, as part of the ongoing support to the NSB, the bank is also working with the NSB to update the poverty map using the National Population and Housing Census and the Bhutan Living Standard Survey.

Risks

Overall Risk Rating

Risk Category	Rating at Approval	Previous Rating	Current Rating
Overall	--	● Moderate	● Low

Comments

All the deliverables have been achieved and the final delivery of the Economic Census is also scheduled to be launched in July 8 so there is no risk anticipated in any of the remaining activities of the project.

Results

Project Development Objective Indicators

► Successful completion of the 2017 BLSS field work (Text, Custom)

Baseline

Actual (Previous)

Actual (Current)

End Target



Value	2012 BLSS data	--	--	Yes
Date	30-Nov-2016	--	--	31-Aug-2017

►Successful completion of the 2017 Economic Census field work (Text, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	No	--	--	yes
Date	30-Nov-2016	--	--	28-Feb-2019

►Publication of the 2017 BLSS Report (Text, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	2012 report	--	--	Yes
Date	30-Nov-2016	--	--	31-Dec-2017

►Publication of the 2017 Poverty Analysis Report (Text, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	2012 PAR	--	--	Yes
Date	30-Nov-2016	--	--	31-Dec-2017

►Publication of the 2017 Economic Census Report (Text, Custom)



	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	No	--	--	yes
Date	30-Nov-2016	--	--	27-Jun-2019

► Archiving the 2017 BLSS in the World Bank's Microdata Library (Yes/No, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	N	--	--	N
Date	30-Nov-2016	--	--	31-Jul-2019

► Archiving the 2017 Economic Census in the World Banks Microdata Library (Yes/No, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	N	--	--	N
Date	30-Nov-2016	--	--	31-Jul-2019

Overall Comments

Intermediate Results Indicators

► Training workshops for the BLSS supervisors and enumerators (Text, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	None	--	--	Completed
Date	30-Nov-2016	--	--	31-Dec-2017



► Training workshops for data analysis, report writing and poverty measurement (Text, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	None	--	--	Completed
Date	30-Nov-2016	--	--	31-Dec-2017

► BLSS Stakeholder Consultation Meetings with the government ministries and development partners (Text, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	None	--	--	Completed
Date	30-Nov-2016	--	--	31-Dec-2017

► Development of the BLSS questionnaire in a format compatible with Computer Assisted Personal Interview (CAPI) (Text, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	No	--	--	Completed
Date	30-Nov-2016	--	--	31-Dec-2017

► Development of the BLSS sampling strategies (Text, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	No	--	--	Completed
Date	30-Nov-2016	--	--	31-Dec-2017



▶ Training workshops for the Economic Census supervisors and enumerators (Text, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	No	--	--	Completed
Date	30-Nov-2016	--	--	31-Jan-2019

▶ Economic Census Stakeholder Consultation Meetings (Text, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	No	--	--	Completed
Date	30-Nov-2016	--	--	31-Jan-2019

▶ Development of the Economic Census questionnaire in a format compatible with Computer Assisted Personal Interview (CAPI) (Text, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	No	--	--	Completed
Date	30-Nov-2016	--	--	30-Jun-2019

Overall Comments

Data on Financial Performance

Disbursements (by loan)

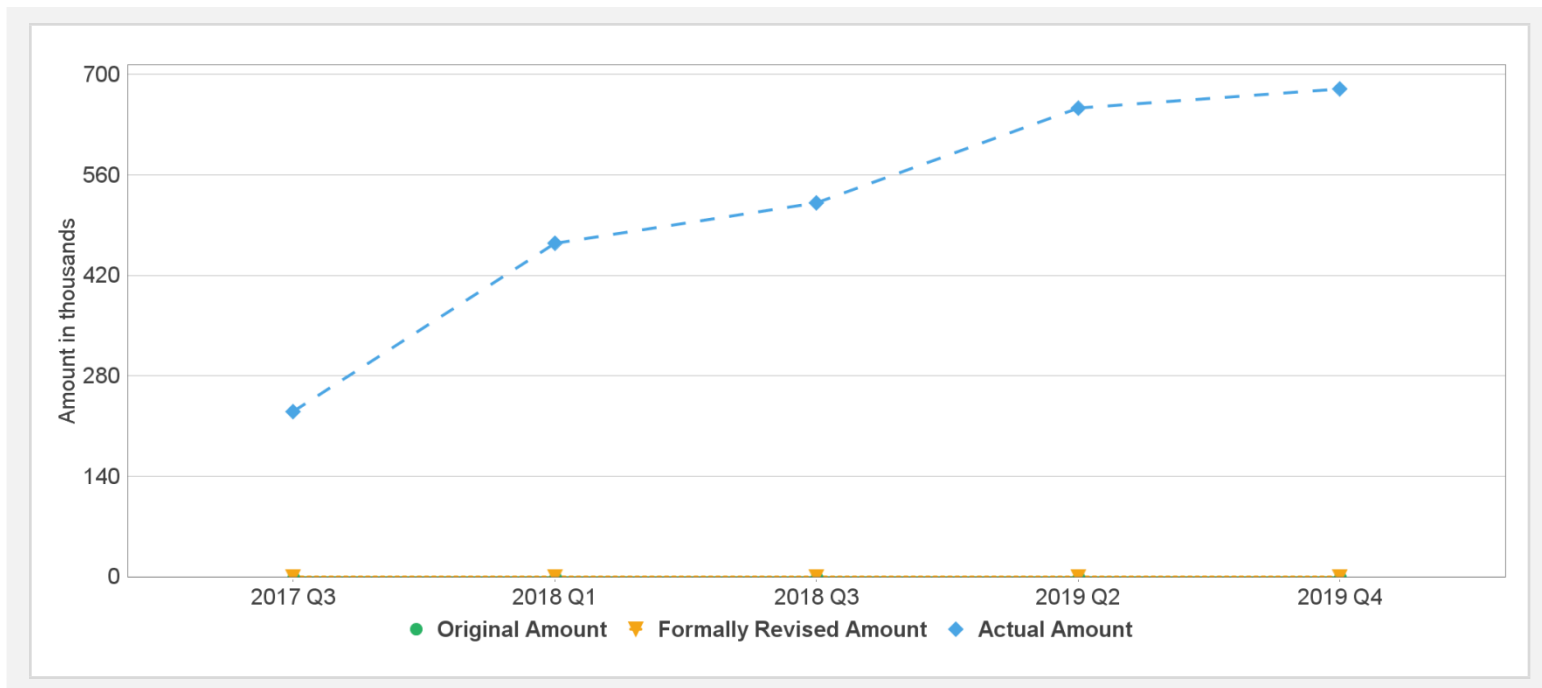
Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Currency	Original	Revised	Cancelled	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Disbursed
P161338	TF-A4200	Effective	USD	0.68	0.68	0.00	0.68	0.00	100%

Key Dates (by loan)



Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Approval Date	Signing Date	Effectiveness Date	Orig. Closing Date	Rev. Closing Date
P161338	TF-A4200	Effective	02-Mar-2017	02-Mar-2017	02-Mar-2017	31-Jul-2018	31-Jul-2019

Cumulative Disbursements



Restructuring History

Level 2 Approved on 21-Apr-2018

Related Project(s)

There are no related projects.