



Advance Contracting Notice

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Country/Borrower: Bhutan
Title of Proposed Project: **58120-001 BHU: Climate-Resilient Omchhu River Basin Project**

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Brief Description of the Project

The proposed Asian Development Bank and Bhutan-financed project will combine structural and nonstructural measures to reduce the risk of flooding and riverbank and landslide erosion, accounting for climate impacts in the Omchhu River basin, which covers about 22 km². The main objectives are to (i) design and implement climate-resilient flood protection infrastructure; (ii) develop holistic measures in the river basin to reduce landslide and sediment-related risks; (iii) strengthen the institutional capacity of Phuentsholing Thromde and Dungkhag Administration; and (iv) enable subsequent riverfront development in appropriate locations. The implementation period of the project is planned to start in November 2025 and end in November 2031.

Brief description of consulting services, works, and goods to be procured:

- (i) Civil works packages in the four priority river reaches of the Omchhu River basin encompassing a full range of measures in each reach, including nature-based/bioengineering anti-erosion solutions for slope stabilization, low check dams for grade stabilization, and various ancillary structures.
- (ii) Goods packages comprising drones, removable flood barrier, office equipment and computers, debris/sediments management vehicles (excavators, back-hoes, mini excavators, water tankers and dumpers), field vehicles (2 SUVs and 4 motorcycles), rain gauges, water level gauges, hand-held GPS, line laser levels and computers with pre-installed software.
- (iii) Various consulting services packages, including the project implementation support consultant (PISC) package (internationally-led firm).

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Under the Project, the Phuentsholing Thromde, Government of Bhutan, anticipates the procurement of the following major goods, works, and services:

Package Number	General Description	Anticipated Start of Advertisement (quarter/year)
G-1	Procurement of drones (one number in the later stage)	Q3/2025
G-2	Supply and installation of a removable flood barrier at Zone 1	Q3/2026
G-3	Procurement of office equipment and computers for the project management unit (PMU)	Q3/2025
G-4	Procurement of debris/sediment management vehicles	Q3/2025
G-5	Procurement of field vehicles	Q3/2025
G-6	Supply and Installation of Rain gauges, water level gauges, telemetry system, handheld GPS for survey, Line laser levels, and computers with pre-installed software (AutoCAD, Staad pro, Sketch up, Revit, Mida, and Microsoft Office, including Macros	Q1/2026
W-1	Construction of Counterfort RCC walls, check dams, scour protection works, footpaths & cycling tracks, and access ramp from Omchhu Bridge (Bhutan Youth Development Fund building to Old Omchhu Bridge (Mani Dungkhor)	Q2/2025
W-2	Construction of (i) riverbank and riverbed protection works, culverts, scour protection works, footpaths & cycling tracks, and access ramps for maintenance from Old Omchhu Bridge to Curvilinear Bridge; and (ii) 1 pedestrian bridge.	Q1/2026
W-3	Construction of riverbank and riverbed protection works, culverts, scour protection works, tributary check dams, bioengineering slope protection measures, access ramps, footpath & cycling tracks from Curvilinear Bridge to upstream of Bailey Bridge, including construction of Reinforced cement concrete bridge.	Q2/2026
W-4	Construction of riverbank and riverbed protection works, culverts, scour protection works, tributary check dams, bioengineering slope protection measures, access ramps, and additional sediment trapping works in the DA boundary from upstream of Bailey Bridge to the water treatment plant, including Bagotabari and Khareyphu.	Q2/2026
W-5	Renovation of office space on the fourth floor of Phuentsholing Thromde's existing building for PMU and PISC teams	Q2/2025
W-6	Landslide mitigation measures	Q3/2026
W-7	Landscaping and bioengineering works along the riverfront.	Q3/2026
CS-1	Project Implementation Support Consultant	Q2/2025