Integrating GNH Values into Public Policies

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Guiding Development Philosophy: ‘Gross National Happiness’
The Constitution of The Kingdom of Bhutan

Article 9
Principles of State Policy

1. The State shall endeavour to apply the Principles of State Policy set out in this Article to ensure a good quality of life for the people of Bhutan in a progressive and prosperous country that is committed to peace and amity in the world.

2. The State shall strive to promote those conditions that will enable the pursuit of Gross National Happiness.
GNH Index
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- Education
- Health
- Living Standards
- Ecological Diversity
- Time Use
- Culture
- Psychological Well-Being
- Community Vitality
- Good Governance
GNH Surveys
GNH Survey Results

Data Source: CBS, GNH survey 2015. Chart created by Sonam Tobgyal
GNH Index by Dzongkhag

Data source: CBS, GNH Survey 2015. Map created by Sonam Tobgyal
Culture

Community Vitality

Good Governance
Translating GNH Values into Plans
JUST, HARMONIOUS AND SUSTAINABLE SOCIETY THROUGH ENHANCED DECENTRALISATION

GNH INTEGRATION FRAMEWORK

Education
Health
Living Standards
Ecological Diversity and Resilience
Time Use
Culture
Psychological Well-Being
Community Vitality
Good Governance

KEY RESULT AREAS AND KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS
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Integrating GNH Values into Policies
9 GNH Domains
1. Living standard
2. Good Governance
3. Education
4. Health
5. Ecology
6. Community vitality
7. Time use and balance
8. Culture
9. Psychological wellbeing

22 variables
1. Equity
2. Economic Security
3. Material wellbeing
4. Engagement in productive activities
5. Decision-making opportunity
6. Anti Corruption
7. Legal Recourse
8. Rights
9. Gender
10. Transparency
11. Skills and Learning
12. Public Health
13. Water and Air Pollution
14. Land degradation
15. Bio-Diversity Health
16. Social support
17. Family Interaction
18. Leisure
19. Culture
20. Values
21. Spiritual pursuits
22. Stress
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Threshold Score: 66 (22 indicators times 3)
GNHCS Variable Scores
3. VISION

A green and self-reliant economy sustained by a knowledge based society guided by the philosophy of GNH.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POLICY
Royal Government of Bhutan
December 2016
1. Policy Statement

The nation’s long term development is guided by the concept of maximizing Gross National Happiness. The spirit and intent of this concept as articulated in the Bhutan Vision 2020 document is to “maximise the happiness of all Bhutanese and to enable them to achieve their full and innate potential as human beings.” This is envisaged through the adoption of policies and programs that operationalizes the four pillars of GNH namely sustainable socio-economic development, conservation of natural environment, preservation of culture and good governance.

In pursuance of the above, the Royal Government adopts the FDI Policy 2010 to achieve the objectives as set out in the Economic Development Policy 2010.

2. FDI Focus Areas

The FDI shall be encouraged in areas that contribute to the following;

i) Development of green and sustainable economy
ii) Promotion of socially responsible and ecologically sound industries
iii) Promotion of culturally and spiritually sensitive industries
iv) Investments in services that promote Brand Bhutan
v) Creation of a knowledge society
Structure of Economy

Sectoral Share of GDP in Four Periods

Agriculture
Comy./Soc.Services
Construction
Electricity and Water
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate
Manufacturing
Mining & Quarrying
Transport and Communications
Wholesale & Retail Trade, Hotels

Percentage

Sectoral Share of GDP in 1980

Agriculture 11
Comy./Soc.Services 8
Construction 0
Electricity and Water 6
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate 3
Manufacturing 1
Mining & Quarrying 4
Transport and Communications 11
Wholesale & Retail Trade, Hotels 56

Sectoral Share of GDP in 1990

Agriculture 11
Comy./Soc.Services 10
Construction 6
Electricity and Water 9
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate 9
Manufacturing 7
Mining & Quarrying 1
Transport and Communications 8
Wholesale & Retail Trade, Hotels 6

Sectoral Share of GDP in 2000

Agriculture 27
Comy./Soc.Services 17
Construction 14
Electricity and Water 11
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate 7
Manufacturing 8
Mining & Quarrying 2
Transport and Communications 9
Wholesale & Retail Trade, Hotels 5

Sectoral Share of GDP in 2013

Agriculture 16
Comy./Soc.Services 11
Construction 17
Electricity and Water 14
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate 8
Manufacturing 9
Mining & Quarrying 3
Transport and Communications 9
Wholesale & Retail Trade, Hotels 8

Data compiled from Public Accounts Report 2014 and charts created by author
THANK YOU