

A vibrant, stylized illustration of a natural landscape. In the foreground, a large, grey elephant with white tusks stands on a green field. Behind it, a river flows through a valley, flanked by green hills and mountains. The sky is blue with white clouds, and a large tree with brown bark and green leaves stands on the right. The overall scene is bright and cheerful, representing a harmonious environment.

**MDG EXPERIENCES FOR SDG
TRANSITION
BHUTAN**

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BHUTAN MDG STATUS

- EITHER ACHIEVED OR ON TRACK TO ACHIEVE THE MDG GOALS AND TARGETS
- ONLY FEW TARGETS REMAIN OF CONCERN (HIV Youth Unemployment, Ratio of Females to Males in Tertiary Institutes, Underweight)

SUCCESS ATTRIBUTES

- POLITICAL WILL AND GOOD GOVERNANCE
- ALIGNMENT /HARMONY OF GLOBAL (MDG) GOALS AND NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT GOALS (GNH)
- SUPPORTIVE POLICY ENVIRONMENT

MDG AND GNH : SYNERGIES

Table 1.2

GNH and MDGs – Synergistic Linkages

Key GNH Pillars and Domains of GNH	Corresponding MDGs
The Four Pillars of GNH	
1. Sustainable & Equitable Socio-Economic Development	Encompasses virtually all of the MDGs but particularly relevant to Goal 1 pertaining to eradication of extreme poverty and hunger
2. Conservation of Environment	Goal 7 pertaining to environmental sustainability
3. Preservation and promotion of Culture	No direct corresponding MDGs but strong linkages with environmental sustainability, health and education MDGs
4. Good Governance	Good governance widely recognized to be critical for achievement of MDGs
The GNH Domains	
Education	Goals 2 and 3 pertaining to achieving universal primary education and promoting gender equality
Health	Goals 4, 5 and 6 pertaining to reducing child mortality, improving maternal health and combating HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases
Economic Standard of Living	Goal 1 pertaining to eradicating extreme poverty and hunger and Goal 7 for targets relating to household access to secure tenure
Ecological Diversity and Resilience	Goal 7 pertaining to environmental sustainability and Goal 1 pertaining to reducing extreme poverty and hunger
Time Use	Goal 3 pertaining to gender equality and Goal 8 for targets pertaining to youth unemployment
Psychological Well Being	Various psychological well being factors identified such as income security, health & education, basic needs (water and sanitation) are linked to several MDG targets
Good Governance	Deemed critical for achieving the MDGs
Cultural Diversity and Resilience	No corresponding MDGs or targets but strong linkages with environmental sustainability, health and education MDGs
Community Vitality	No corresponding MDGs

SUCCESS ATTRIBUTES

- NATIONAL MDG TASK FORCE
- INTEGRATION INTO NATIONAL PLANNING FRAMEWORK
- MAINSTREAMING MDG GOALS AND TARGETS INTO NATIONAL TARGETS
- PUBLIC INFORMATION AND ADVOCACY

CHALLENGES

- RESOURCES: SUSTAINING THE FINANCING
- GEOGRAPHICAL CHALLENGES
- INSTITUTIONAL AND HUMAN CAPACITY

CHALLENGES

- YOUTHFUL POPULATION
- MONITORING and EVALUATION: DATA ISSUES
- PARTNERSHIP: RHETORIC VS ACTION

RECOMMENDATION ON CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT AND PARTNERSHIP

- STRENGTHEN NATIONAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTION: (VERTICAL AND HORIZONTAL INTEGRATION)
- HARMONISATION OF MONITORING AND EVALUATION SYSTEM

RECOMMENDATION ON CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT AND PARTNERSHIP

- IMPROVE DATA COLLECTION, ANALYSIS AND DISSEMINATION
- LDCS NEEDS SUPPORT FOR BUILDING THE PRODUCTIVE CAPACITY TO BECOME ECONOMICALLY SELF-RELIANT
- UNTIE ODA: BUDGETARY SUPPORT

KEY TRANSFORMATIVE INITIATIVES IN BHUTAN

- NATIONAL REHABILITATION PROGRAMME
- REAP: RURAL ECONOMIC ALLEVIATION PROGRAMME
- THPP: TARGETTED HOUSEHOLD POVERTY REDUCTION PROGRAMME
- SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT: EV INITIATIVE



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