

# Bhutan Water Partnership

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## Integrated Water Resource Management (IWRM) Sensitization Workshop for NEF Instructors and ECCD Facilitators

### Background

Bhutan Water Partnership, under *BhWP CORE Budget 2019*, has a scope of pursuing the *Goal 1- Catalyst change in policy and practice, Activity1 (BhWP 2019): IWRM sensitization and education program for schools, local government leaders and other relevant institution* with the budget of Euro 2347. In order to achieve the activity, IWRM sensitization workshop is planned to be held in Punakha on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2019 aiming to sensitize Non-Formal Instructors and ECCD facilitators to the concept of Integrated Water Resource Management. With reference to the research done in Punakha, according to 91% of 273 respondents, water availability for rice irrigation has been decreasing over the last 20 years due to changing rainfall. Most of them have taken measures in response. They may, for example, invest in the maintenance of irrigation channels, develop or modify water-sharing mechanisms, or shift to crops that need less water than rice. Of these farmers, however, 88% indicate that their adaptation measures are insufficient. Punakha district has one of Bhutan's largest contiguous rice cultivation areas (NSB, 2010) and is referred to as Bhutan's rice bowl (Kusters and Wangdi, 2013), therefore, Punakha is selected as the targeted Dzonkhag for the sensitization on IWRM. The Non-Formal Instructors and ECCD facilitators were the targeted key actors for they have a direct linkage with the local community.

### The objectives of IWRM sensitization

1. To promote the principles, values and policies of GWP.
2. On a basic ground level to create awareness on IWRM that BhWP is striving on at country level.
3. Creating awareness on IWRM to the members of marginalized educational sectors.
4. Empower women (NFE Instructors and ECCD facilitators) in IWRM to take part in it proactively.
5. Fostering the participatory approach between the local community and the BhWP in addressing the IWRM and information-sharing.

### Expected output

1. The key actors targeted are expected to be sensitized on IWRM such that they become proactively driven on further raising awareness on water resource management and broadly on IWRM in different communities they come from.
2. Public participation from the marginalized sectors or communities in the water resource management through information sharing is enhanced.
3. The key actors targeted (women) are empowered to proactively participate in the Water Resource Management and in the decision-making.