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Division for Conservation of Heritage Sites

Department of Culture

Ministry of Home and Cultural Affairs.

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Name of the Project: Gasa Tashithongmoen Dzong Conservation Project

Location: Gasa

Project Duration: March 2014- June 2018

Main Objectives of the Project:

- ❖ To conserve and rehabilitate *Gasa Dzong* as a significant heritage site in the country
- ❖ To consolidate and rehabilitate the *Dzong* structure while maintaining the authentic values associated with this important heritage site
- ❖ To create better living standard for the *Dzong* residents
- ❖ To build new Drasha for the monks , as the *Dzong* significantly lacks the capacity to accommodate the growing number of monks.

Main activities of the Project:

- ❖ Historical research and documentation of the *Dzong*
- ❖ Conservation and rehabilitation of the existing *Dzong* structure
- ❖ Overall site development of the *Dzong* complex including renovation of courtyard, footpath, walls and entrance gate
- ❖ New construction of Tshokhang and Drasha- five blocks with RCC toilets
- ❖ Installation of firefighting system
- ❖ Publication of the *Gasa Dzong* Conservation Project

Funding Agency:

Government of India- For the renovation of Dzong Structure

Royal Government of Bhutan- For New Construction of Drasha

Total allocated budget in 11thFYP (March 24, 2014- June 2018)

Nu. 100 million- from GoI

Nu. 66.75 million (as per the estimate)- Royal Government of Bhutan

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Executing Agency of the Project:

The Ministry of Home and Cultural Affairs is the main executing agency of the Project. Under the chairmanship of the Secretary of the Ministry of Home and Cultural Affairs, Gasa Tashithongmoen Dzong Conservation Project Steering Committee is responsible for discharging administrative, technical, financial and organizational duties of the project.

The members of the project steering committee are:

1. Secretary, Ministry of Home and Cultural Affairs
2. Dzongdag, Gasa Dzongkhag
3. Lam Neten, Gasa Rabdey
4. Director General, Department of Culture
5. Head, PPD / AFD, MoHCA
6. Representative, GNHC
7. Representative, Ministry of Finance
8. Representative, Dept. of Forest & Park Services
9. Representative, NRDCL
10. Head, DCHS, Dept. of Culture
11. Project Manager (Gasa Dzong Conservation Project), Gasa.

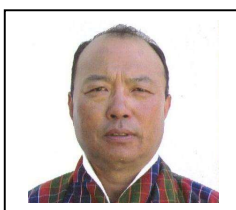
Implementing agency of the project:

Division for Conservation of Heritage Sites under the Department of Culture, Ministry of Home and Cultural Affairs is the main agency responsible for the implementation of the project.

Profile of Project team:

1. Management team.

Designation: Project Manager
Name: Kinley Gyeltshen
Age: 53 years old
Past Experience:



- Dagana Dzong Conservation Project
- Re-Construction of Taktshang Monastery
- Restoration of Changangkha Lhakhang
- Restoration of Pangrizampa Lhakhang

Designation: Accountant
Name: Sonam Tobgay
Age: 41 years old
Past Experience:



- RBA
- Ministry of Agriculture
- Lhuntse Dzong Project
- Gasa Dzong Conservation Project, MoHCA

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Designation: Project Engineer
Name: Ugyen Lhachey
Age: 26
Work Experience:

- Gasa Dzong Project



Designation: Project Driver
Name: Hasta Bdr. Bal
Age: 38 years old
Work Experience:

- Punakha Dzongkhag
- Zhemgang Dzongkhag
- Dagana Dzong Project
- Gasa Dzong Project



Designation: Project Driver
Name: Sonam Chopel
Age: 27 years old
Work Experience:

- TCB
- Gasa Dzong Project



Designation: Driver (Heavy Vehicle)
Name: Deo Kumar Gurung
Age: 27 years old
Work Experience:

- Gasa Dzong Project
- Damchen Stone crushing Unit



Designation: Project Architect
(2017 onwards)
Name: Karma Tenzin
Age: 29 years old
Work Experience:

- DCHS (6 yrs)



Designation: Project Architect
(2013- Dec 2016)
Name: Kasumi Ishida (Japanese)
Age :
Work Experience:
11 years' experience in DCHS.



2. Craftsmen.

Designation: Zopen (Head Carpenter)
Name: Shacha
Age: 57 years old
Work Experience: 18 yrs

- Punakha Dzong
- Talo Dzong and Pangkarpo lhakhang
- Simtokha Dzong
- Mithrup Lhakahng



Designation: Zopen
Name: Tshagay
Age: 41 years old
Work Experience: 11 yrs

- Chukha Dzong
- Daga Trashiyangtse Dzong



Designation: Dozo Lopen
Name: Phuntsho
Age: 58 years old

Work Experience: 25 yrs

- Tango Monastery
- Dagana Dzong
- Dechenphug Lhakhang
- Tsirang Dzong



Designation: Dozo Lopen
Name: Dal Bdr. Tamang
Age: 49 years old

Work Experience:

- Tsengor, Limithang (PWD)
- Trongsa, Tshangkha
- Daga Trashiyangtse Dzong

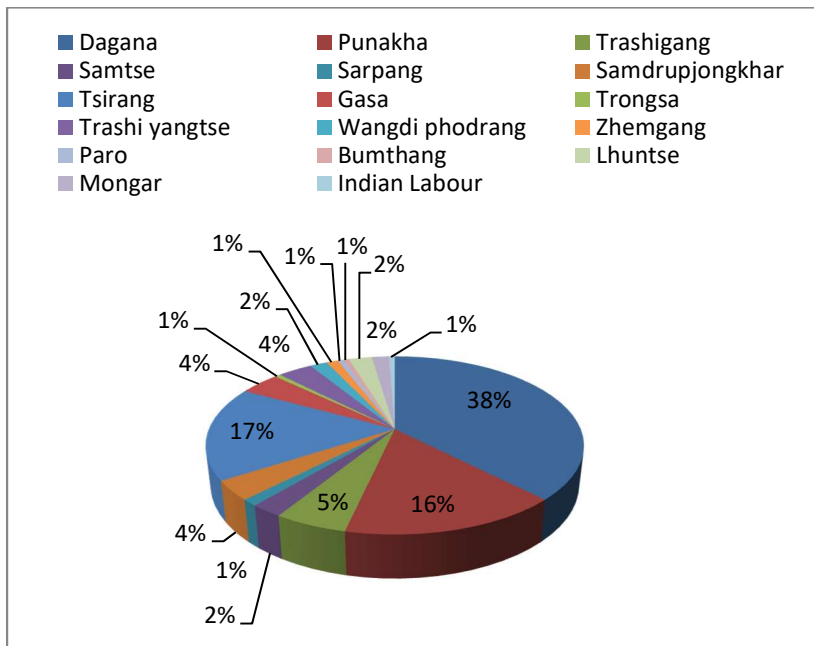


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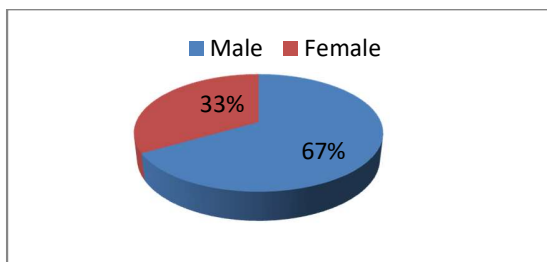
3. Skilled Workers

Zopoen: 2
 Dozo Lopen: 2
 Electrician: 2
 Night Guard: 1
 Plumber: 1
 Store Incharge: 1
 Timber In charge: 1
 Project Clerk: 1
 Office Assistant: 1
 Open Air Prisoner: 8
 Bhutanese Labour: 151
 Total labour strength: **170 heads**

Dzongkhag wise labour count:



Male and Female ratio:



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1. Physical Progress:

Over all physical progress- 54.5 % completed

A. Work Completed

- Renovation Of changzoe Lhakhang
- New Construction of Drasha Phase I

B. Ongoing Work

- Renovation of Utse- 85 % completed
- Renovation of Dasho Dzungda's Office Block- 40% completed
- Renovation of Lami Singyes block- 15 % completed
- Timber fabrication work and dressing of stones- On going
- Collection of raw materials- On going

Pictorial Documentation



Figure 1: Drasha Phase I



Figure 2: Changzoe Lhakhang

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Figure 3: Utse renovation work



Figure 4: Dasho Dzongda's Office block- under renovation

Financial Progress-

Expenditure till date- 66.07 million (under GoI funding)

-43.557 million (under RGoB funding)