

CHHOEKHOR GEWOG

NINTH PLAN

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BUMTHANG DZONGKHAG
ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF BHUTAN

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1 Current Situation

Chhoekhor Gewog is located in the northern part of Bumthang Dzongkhag and is the biggest of the four Gewogs in the Dzongkhag. The total area of Chhoekhor Gewog is approximately 1,533 square kilometers with altitude ranging from 2600-5800 meters above the sea level. The Gewog borders Chhume Gewog to the southwest, Ura Gewog to the southeast, Trongsa Dzongkhag to the west and Wangdue Phodrang Dzongkhag to the northwest, Tibet to the north, Lhuentse Dzongkhag to the northeast, and Tang Gewog to the east.

The gewog's primary socio economic activities are farming and livestock rearing. Being the Dzongkhag headquarter, the main urban center is located in the gewog where people run small business and small-scale industries.

Accept Chhoekhortoe areas, the geog is accessible by east-west high way, few feeder roads and telecommunication facilities. The geog has four community schools, a lower secondary school and a middle secondary school with the total students population of 1999. The gewog has good coverage of education with GPER at 121%. It has four Non-Formal Education centres with 62 candidates. Apart from the Dzongkhag Hospital, the gewog has four Out Reach Clinics (ORC) that render primary health services in the gewog. Over 70% of the population has access to drinking water supply except few households that are scattered and newly built.

The gewog has one RNR Research Centre of the central region, Regional Veterinary Laboratory, Brown Swiss Breeding Farm, Territorial Forest Division Office, National Fodder Centre, Veterinary Hospital, livestock extension centre and agriculture extension centre.

Land use in Chhoekhor Gewog

Sl.#	Land Type	Area in Hectares
1	Dry land	1473.04
2	Tseri	10.33
3	Broadleaf	49.44
4	Conifer	49155.60
5	Forest plantation	9.16
6	Scrub forest	33068.20
7	Open / eroded land	3458.88
8	Marshy land	307.81
9	Rocks	29405.90
10	Snow	23029.30
11	Water bodies	2603.77
12	Improved pasture	179.63
13	Natural pasture	10457.20
14	Settlements	50.33
	Total area of the Geog	153259.00

Source: Land Use and Statistics Section, PPD/MoA

2 Gewog Plan Outlay

Nu. in million

Sl. #	Sectors	Rec.	Cap.	Total	Remarks
1	Agriculture Program	0.000	5.956	5.956	
2	Livestock Program	0.000	2.093	2.093	
3	Forestry Program	0.000	1.141	1.141	
4	Education Program	0.000	4.200	4.200	
5	Health Program	0.000	1.690	1.690	
6	Suspension Bridges & Mule Track Program	0.000	1.425	1.425	
7	Geog Administration Program	0.475	0.700	1.175	
	Geog Grand Total	0.475	17.205	17.680	

3 Geog Development Programs

Agriculture Programs

a) *Cereal Crops Development Activities*

The people of Chhoekhor Gewog has identified wheat, barley and oilseed as priority crops for their Gewog during the Ninth Plan. Therefore, production of these crops will be given priority through conducting farmers training, demonstration, on farm trials, holding field days, discussion and supply of improved seeds.

b) *Horticulture Development Programme*

The people of Chhoekhor Gewog have identified walnut, strawberry, potato, asparagus, vegetables and apiculture as priority cash crops for their geog during the Ninth Plan. Therefore, production of these crops will be given priority through conducting farmers training, demonstration, on farm trials, holding field days, discussion, supply of improved seeds and seedlings.

c) *Construction of new irrigation channel*

About seven kilometers of new irrigation channel shall be constructed in different villages of Changwa, Tamsing, Dhur, Jakar, Dampel and Thangbee under the Gewog during the Ninth Plan. Channels will benefit 212 households and irrigate about 700 acres of land.

d) *Renovation of existing irrigation channel*

About three kilometers of existing irrigation channel shall be renovated in Changwa, Jalkhar, Thangbee and Pangre villages with about 147 households and 320 acres of land during the Ninth Plan.

e) *Farm road construction*

About two and half kilometers of farm road is proposed for Dhur, Jakar, Dampel, Dawathang, Tamsing, Dorjibee and Dodong villages which will benefit 223 households. The farm roads will facilitate farmers in transportation of their agricultural produce and inputs.

f) *River Bank Protection*

During the monsoon, the Chamkharchu poses threat to the land along its banks and therefore, about 1.68 km of riverbank protection is proposed to save the land and property of the people.

g) *Farm mechanisation*

To mitigate the farm labour shortage and to mechanize the farming system for better productivity, people of Chhoechor Geog has requested for supply of various farm machineries like Kubota Tractor, Power Tiller, wheat/power thresher, knapsack/pump, sprayer/Gator sprayer, scatter, Flour Mill, Oil Expeller, maize thresher, machine to prepare beaten maize, Potato Weeder, potato chips machine, pruning equipment, Garden Rake, pruning saw, power chain saw, generator, etc. during the Ninth Plan.

h) *Institutional/Capacity Development Program under Agriculture*

Study tours within the Dzongkhag and to other Dzongkhags shall be organised for the farmers of the Gewog to share experiences with other farmers and to expose to other demonstrative activities to inculcate learning by seeing.

Livestock Programs

a) *Livestock Breed Improvement Program*

With an objective to improve livestock breed and its products, the Dzongkhag will procure and distribute one Brown Swiss bull, 14 yak bull, nine Jersey bull, eight rams, one Nublang, two donkey, six Mithun, three stallions and 3050 pullets as per demand of the farmers during the Ninth Plan. A total of 10580 Kgs of pasture seeds will also be distributed to the farmers to develop 920 acres of pastureland to meet the feed requirement.

To make animal health services cost effective and efficient at Gewog level, 10 Village Animal Health Workers (VAHWs) from different villages under the Gewog shall be trained in basic and simple animal treatment during the Ninth Plan.

b) *Backyard Farms*

Farmers shall be encouraged to establish small-scale livestock backyard farms. A total of 33 dairy farms with two milking cows each and 10 poultry backyard farm with 10 birds each shall be established during the Ninth plan.

c) *Institutional and capacity building program under Livestock*

A total of 1200 farmers shall be trained under different livestock management system with an objective to enhance skills and knowledge of the farmers on improved livestock management. About 504 farmers shall also be taken for study tour to different farms and Dzongkhags to share experiences and observe livestock management.

Further, advanced equipment like butter churning machine, wool processing equipment and other labour saving devices shall be made available as per demand.

Forestry Programs

a) *Private Forestry*

About 600 acres of private land shall be registered as private forest which will benefit 595 households under the Gewog. About 8000 tree seedlings will be distributed to the farmers to plant in their private forest and ownership certificate will be issued.

b) *Community Forestry*

The aim of community forestry is to hand over the government-reserved forest to the local community to manage on their own so as to reduce the pressure on the government reserve forest. The other objective is also to involve the community to participate in sustainable forest management and educate them about nature conservation. The Dzongkhag shall establish one community forestry in the Gewog during the Ninth Plan on a pilot base since the concept of community forestry is still new to the people. The government shall provide fencing and other necessary assistance.

c) *Forest Fire management*

To have an effective forest fire control, the Forestry sector will purchase fire-fighting equipment and distribute to the Gewog. It is also proposed to demarcate fire-line to prevent forest fire out break.

d) *Sokshing Management*

It is noted that private sokshings are not properly managed. Since the category of the land cannot be changed to other purposes, the degraded sokshing shall be replanted for collection of leaf for compost. Seedlings of tree shall be supplied by the Forestry sector free of cost.

e) *Watershed Management*

The Dzongkhag Forestry sector together with the Territorial Forest Division and the concerned beneficiaries will demarcate critical water source/watershed areas where the water sources are at risk from disturbance by human and animal interference. The two Tshogpa communities at Jakar and Jalkhar shall prepare a Management Plan for such water sources for protection.

f) Farmers Training

To create awareness on Forest & Nature Conservation Rules and enhancing the knowledge on Forest management among the people, following training programmes shall be carried out during the Ninth Plan:

- Farmers training on Private Forestry establishment and management
- Farmers training on Community Forestry establishment and management
- Farmers training on Rural Timber Supply rules and procedures
- Farmers training on Forest fire management

g) Farmers study tour

Forestry sector shall organize farmers study tour to both outside and within the Dzongkhag in order to enhance farmer's knowledge and familiarize themselves with the forestry activities of other Dzongkhags.

Education Programs

a) Construction of new and Maintenance of existing Community Schools

Two new community schools are proposed at Dekiling and Jalkhar in order to provide schools closer to the community and to avoid congestion at Wangdicholing lower secondary school due to growing population in the area. The proposed schools at Dekiling will cover 141 households and Jalkhar will cover 103 households. About seven classrooms will be constructed to accommodate 200 students in each school. The respective communities shall construct and maintain the schools while the government shall provide roofing materials and furniture.

Further, existing Zangtherpo, Chhoekhortoe, Dhur and Thangbee Community Schools shall be renovated and furniture and other necessary office equipment shall be provided.

Health Programs

a) Re-siting of Dhur, Thangbee and Shabjethang ORCs

The existing ORC located in the middle of Dhur village shall be relocated to a convenient and centrally located place. The Thangbee ORC shall also be relocated as the present site is going to be occupied by RBA. Shabjethang ORC has to be relocated as the area is going to be taken over by Chhoekhortoe Community School.

b) Environmental Hygiene

The Dzongkhag shall stress on environmental hygiene and sanitation and the health sector shall encourage the people to dig garbage pits to dispose off non-degradable waste in each cluster of village. The existing footpath in the villages shall be improved and construction of latrine for each households and keeping the animals away from the houses shall be encouraged.

c) *RWSS and Spring Protection*

It is proposed to construct 1 new RWSS for Naspheh village and rehabilitate 9 existing RWSS of Wangdichholing, Dekiling, Pangrey, Dorjibee, Chakar, Tamsing, Tekorshong, Dawathang and Changwa during the 9th Plan. The beneficiaries shall contribute unskilled labour and the Dzongkhag shall be requested to provide materials and skilled labour. Further, about 10 Spring Protection shall be provided to the Geog.

Suspension Bridge and Mule Track Programs

a) *Construction of Suspension Bridge*

It is proposed to construct a bridge over Chamkhar-chhu at Riphu for Chhoekhortoe which will benefit all the yak herders consisting of eight households and RBA on patrolling.

b) *Maintenance of Bridges*

The existing eight bridges are proposed to be renovated during the Ninth Plan to make them safe for travel.

c) *Maintenance of Mule Tracks*

The existing mule tracks in the Gewog shall be improved during the Ninth Plan to make them more user friendly.

Gewog Administration Programs

a) *Construction of Gup's Office*

As Chhoekhor gewog does not have a proper office for the Gup, the people of the Gewog has proposed to construct a Gup's office during the Ninth Plan on priority basis.

4 Budget Estimates

Nu. in million

Sl. #	Activities	Unit	Target	Budget			Remarks
				Rec.	Cap.	Total	
1	Cereal Improvement Program						
A	Wheat Development Activities:						
a	Farmers training	HH	276	0.000	0.041	0.041	
b	Demonstration	No	8	0.000	0.040	0.040	
c	Field day	No	8	0.000	0.040	0.040	
d	On-farm trials	No	8	0.000	0.008	0.008	
e	Supply of seeds	Kg		0.000	0.000	0.000	On demand basis.
	Sub-total			0.000	0.129	0.129	
B	Oilseed Development Activities:						
a	Farmers training	HH	91	0.000	0.014	0.014	
b	Demonstration	No	5	0.000	0.025	0.025	
c	Field day	No	5	0.000	0.025	0.025	
d	On-farm trials	No	3	0.000	0.003	0.003	
e	Supply of seeds	Kg		0.000	0.000	0.000	On demand basis.
	Sub-total			0.000	0.067	0.067	
C	Barley Development Activities:						
a	Farmers training	HH	239	0.000	0.036	0.036	
b	Demonstration	No	8	0.000	0.040	0.040	
c	Field day	No	4	0.000	0.020	0.020	
d	On-farm trials	No	8	0.000	0.008	0.008	
e	Supply of seeds	Kg		0.000	0.000	0.000	On demand basis.
	Sub-total			0.000	0.104	0.104	
D	Rice Development Activities:						
a	Farmers training	HH	27	0.000	0.004	0.004	
b	Demonstration	No	3	0.000	0.015	0.015	
c	Field day	No	3	0.000	0.015	0.015	
d	Supply of seeds	Kg		0.000	0.000	0.000	On demand basis.
	Sub-total			0.000	0.034	0.034	
2	Horticulture Program						
A	Walnut Development Activities:						
a	Farmers training	HH	227	0.000	0.034	0.034	
b	Demonstration	No	8	0.000	0.040	0.040	
c	Field day	No	8	0.000	0.040	0.040	
d	Supply of seedlings	No		0.000	0.000	0.000	On demand basis.
	Sub-total			0.000	0.114	0.114	
B	Strawberry Development Activities:						
a	Farmers training	HH	80	0.000	0.012	0.012	

b	Demonstration	No	4	0.000	0.020	0.020	
c	Field day	No	4	0.000	0.020	0.020	
d	Supply of seedlings	No		0.000	0.000	0.000	On demand basis.
	Sub-total			0.000	0.052	0.052	
3	Potato Development Activities:						
a	Farmers training	HH	151	0.000	0.023	0.023	
b	Demonstration	No	8	0.000	0.040	0.040	
c	Field day	No	8	0.000	0.040	0.040	
d	On-farm trials	No	5	0.000	0.005	0.005	
e	Supply of seedlings	MT		0.000	0.000	0.000	On demand basis.
	Sub-total			0.000	0.108	0.108	
4	Asparagus Dev. Activities						
a	Farmers training	HH	73	0.000	0.011	0.011	
b	Demonstration	No	8	0.000	0.040	0.040	
c	Field day	No	8	0.000	0.040	0.040	
d	Supply of seedlings	No		0.000	0.000	0.000	On demand basis.
	Sub-total			0.000	0.091	0.091	
5	Apiculture Dev. Activities						
a	Farmers training	HH	10	0.000	0.002	0.002	
	Sub-total			0.000	0.002	0.002	
6	Kitchen Garden Activities						
a	Farmers training	HH	386	0.000	0.058	0.058	
b	Demonstration	No	15	0.000	0.075	0.075	
c	Field day	No	15	0.000	0.075	0.075	
d	Supply of seedlings	No		0.000	0.000	0.000	On demand basis.
	Sub-total			0.000	0.208	0.208	
7	Irrigation Dev. Program						
a	Constn. of new irrigation channel	Km	7	0.000	2.000	2.000	
b	Renovation of Irrigation Channel	Km	3	0.000	0.158	0.158	
c	Introduction of Water Harvesting	No	1	0.000	0.030	0.030	
	Sub-total			0.000	2.188	2.188	
8	Farm Road construction						
a	Farm road construction	Km	2	0.000	2.000	2.000	
	Sub-total			0.000	2.000	2.000	
9	River Bank Protection Program						
a	Protection of river banks	Km	1.68	0.000	0.555	0.555	
	Sub-total			0.000	0.555	0.555	
10	Farmers Study Tour						
a	Within the Dzongkhag	HH	348	0.000	0.104	0.104	
b	To other Dzongkhags	HH	40	0.000	0.200	0.200	
	Sub-total			0.000	0.304	0.304	
	Agriculture Total			0.000	5.956	5.956	

11	Cattle Breed Dev. Program						
a	Supply of Brown Swiss Bull	No.	1	0.000	0.012	0.012	
b	Supply of Jersey Bulls	No.	9	0.000	0.108	0.108	
c	Supply of yak bull	No.	14	0.000	0.000	0.000	Sale at full cost.
d	Supply of rams	No.	8	0.000	0.008	0.008	
e	Supply of Mithun Bulls	No.	6	0.000	0.000	0.000	Sale at full cost.
f	Supply of Nublangs	No.	1	0.000	0.000	0.000	Sale at full cost.
g	Supply of Donkey	No.	2	0.000	0.000	0.000	Sale at full cost.
h	Supply of pullets	No.	3050	0.000	0.000	0.000	Sale at full cost.
I	Cattle show	No.	3	0.000	0.090	0.090	
j	Supply of Stallion (Spiti)	No.	3	0.000	0.030	0.030	
	Sub-total			0.000	0.248	0.248	
12	Pasture & Fodder Dev. Program						
a	Pasture Development	Acre	920	0.000	0.714	0.714	
	Sub-total			0.000	0.714	0.714	
13	Animal Health Program						
a	Training of Village Animal Health Worker (VAHW)	Nos	10	0.000	0.050	0.050	
	Sub-total			0.000	0.050	0.050	
14	Farmers Training:						
a	Dairy Management	HH	400	0.000	0.060	0.060	
b	Poultry Management	HH	200	0.000	0.045	0.045	
c	Pasture Management	HH	400	0.000	0.060	0.060	
d	Yak Husbandry	HH	200	0.000	0.030	0.030	
	Sub-total			0.000	0.195	0.195	
15	Study tour	HH	504	0.000	0.756	0.756	
	Sub-total			0.000	0.756	0.756	
16	Supply of Livestock Equipment						
a	Butter Churner	No.		0.000	0.000	0.000	Full cost
b	Wool processing eqpt	set	15	0.000	0.030	0.030	
c	Scythe	No.	65	0.000	0.000	0.000	Commission Agent.
	Sub-total			0.000	0.030	0.030	
17	Formation of Milk Co-operative			0.000	0.100	0.100	
	Sub-total			0.000	0.100	0.100	
18	Establishment of Backyard Farm						
a.	Dairy	Nos	33	0.000	0.000	0.000	At farmer's cost.
b.	Poultry	Nos	10	0.000	0.000	0.000	At farmer's cost.
	Sub-total			0.000	0.000	0.000	
	Livestock Total			0.000	2.093	2.093	

19	Private Forestry Activities:						
a	Supply of Seedlings	No	8000	0.000	0.052	0.052	
b	Issue of ownership certificate	No	595	0.000	0.030	0.030	
	Sub-total			0.000	0.082	0.082	
20	Community Forestry Activities:						
a	Purchase of fencing materials	Hec	50	0.000	0.425	0.425	
b	Preparation of Management Plan	No	1	0.000	0.025	0.025	
	Sub-total			0.000	0.450	0.450	
21	Fire Management Program:						
a	Supply of fire fighting equipment	Set	2	0.000	0.060	0.060	
b	Demarcation of fire line	Km	3	0.000	0.045	0.045	
c	Refreshment for fire fighters			0.000	0.060	0.060	
	Sub Total			0.000	0.165	0.165	
22	Farmers Training						
a	Training on Private Forestry	No	250	0.000	0.038	0.038	
b	Training on Community Forestry	No	250	0.000	0.038	0.038	
c	Training on Rural Timber Supply	No	20	0.000	0.015	0.015	
d	Training on Forest fire M' ment	No	20	0.000	0.023	0.023	
	Sub Total			0.000	0.114	0.114	
23	Farmers Study tour						
a	To other Dzongkhags	No	60	0.000	0.300	0.300	
b	Within the Dzongkhag	No	6	0.000	0.030	0.030	
	Sub Total			0.000	0.330	0.330	
	Forestry Total			0.000	1.141	1.141	
24	Dekiling new Com. School						
a	Supply of construction materials			0.000	0.500	0.500	
b	Supply of furniture			0.000	0.200	0.200	
	Sub Total			0.000	0.700	0.700	
25	Jalkhar new Com. School						
a	Supply of construction materials			0.000	0.500	0.500	
b	Supply of furniture			0.000	0.200	0.200	
	Sub Total			0.000	0.700	0.700	
26	Zangtherpo Com. School						
a	Supply of construction materials			0.000	0.500	0.500	
b	Supply of furniture			0.000	0.200	0.200	
	Sub Total			0.000	0.700	0.700	
27	Chhoekhorte Com. School						
	Supply of Const. Materials			0.000	0.500	0.500	
	Supply of furniture			0.000	0.200	0.200	
	Sub Total			0.000	0.700	0.700	

28	Dhur Com. School						
a	Supply of Construction materials			0.000	0.500	0.500	
b	Supply of furniture			0.000	0.200	0.200	
	Sub Total			0.000	0.700	0.700	
29	Thangbee Com. School						
a	Supply of Construction materials			0.000	0.500	0.500	
b	Supply of furniture			0.000	0.200	0.200	
	Sub Total			0.000	0.700	0.700	
	Education Total			0.000	4.200	4.200	
30	Health Program:						
a	Resiting/construction of ORC	No.	3	0.000	0.330	0.330	Dhur, Thangbi & Shabthang.
b	Constn. of new Rural Water Supply Scheme (RWSS)	No.	1	0.000	0.132	0.132	Nasphel
c	Rehabilitation of RWSS	No.	9	0.000	1.098	1.098	
d	Spring Source Protection	No.	10	0.000	0.130	0.130	
	Sub Total			0.000	1.690	1.690	
	Health Total			0.000	1.690	1.690	
31	Suspension Bridge & Mule Track Program:						
a	Constn. of new S'pension Bridge	No	1	0.000	0.955	0.955	Chamkharchu
b	Maintenance of S'pension Bridges	No	8	0.000	0.320	0.320	
c	Maintenance of Mule Tracks	km	40	0.000	0.150	0.150	
	Sub Total			0.000	1.425	1.425	
	SB & Mule Track Total			0.000	1.425	1.425	
32	Geog Administration						
a	Construction of Gup's Office	No.	1	0.000	0.500	0.500	
b	Electrification of Gup's Office			0.000	0.050	0.050	
c	Office equipment and Furniture			0.000	0.150	0.150	
d	Establishment Cost			0.475	0.000	0.475	
	Sub Total			0.475	0.700	1.175	
	Geog Adm. Total			0.475	0.700	1.175	
	Geog Grand Total			0.475	17.205	17.680	

5. PLAN IMPLEMENTATION, MONITORING AND EVALUATION

The GYT *Chathrim* 2002 delineates specific roles and responsibilities to all functionaries involved in development administration and management in the Gewog. It is, however, deemed necessary to underscore some essential processes that must be observed in executing the above roles and responsibilities.

The financial powers and authority of the Gewog Administration for the implementation of the planned activities are also enshrined in the GYT *Chathrim* 2002.

Plan implementation

The Gup, GYT *Tshokpas* and the community as a whole will take on full accountability and ownership of gewog development activities. The clear delineation of implementation time frames, responsibilities and contributions from the community should be developed for the effective implementation of geog activities.

Annual and Quarterly Plans

Based on the Five-Year Plan, the Gup will prepare Annual Plans and Budgets (AP&B) in consultation with the gewog sectoral staff and submit it to GYT. After the GYT discusses and approves the Draft AP&B, it will be put up for approval to the DYT.

Once the DYT approves the AP&B, the GYT will develop a Quarterly Work Plan and Budget in consultation with the sectoral staffs and other functionaries in the geog such as Mangmi, Chimi and Tshogpas. The implementation of the Quarterly Work Plan will be the responsibility of the Gup and the Tshogpas with technical support from the staff of the concerned sectors.

Based on the Quarterly Work Plan, the concerned sectoral staff responsible for the implementation of any planned activity will elaborate a detailed implementation plan and budget for approval and budget release by the Gup. Copy of this plan will be sent for information to the concerned sectoral heads and relevant agencies. Upon completion of the activity, the responsible person will submit a report to the Gup and the concerned sectoral heads and relevant agencies.

Monitoring and Evaluation

Monitoring

The GYT in the Gewog will be responsible for progress and performance monitoring of the planned activities. The GYT should convene monthly meetings with technical staff and other responsible persons for implementation to review the progress in the implementation of every activity and to take timely corrective actions when required. The Gewog will seek technical back-up services from the Dzongkhag Administration when necessary.

Based on the received reports and monthly meetings the Gup will submit a quarterly report to the Dzongkhag administration. Technical reports from the different sectors will be attached to the Gup's quarterly report.

The Gup will verify the travel claims of all sectoral personnel in the geog so that the performance of the Gewog staff can be monitored.

Evaluation

To assess the impact and benefit of development programs and projects in the Gewogs, the Government will launch periodic evaluation missions in coordination with the Dzongkhag Administration.