



Bhutan's Climate Adaptation and Investment Plan -Water Sector-

3rd CAIP Forum, September 15-16, 2026
ADB HQ, Manila, Philippines.

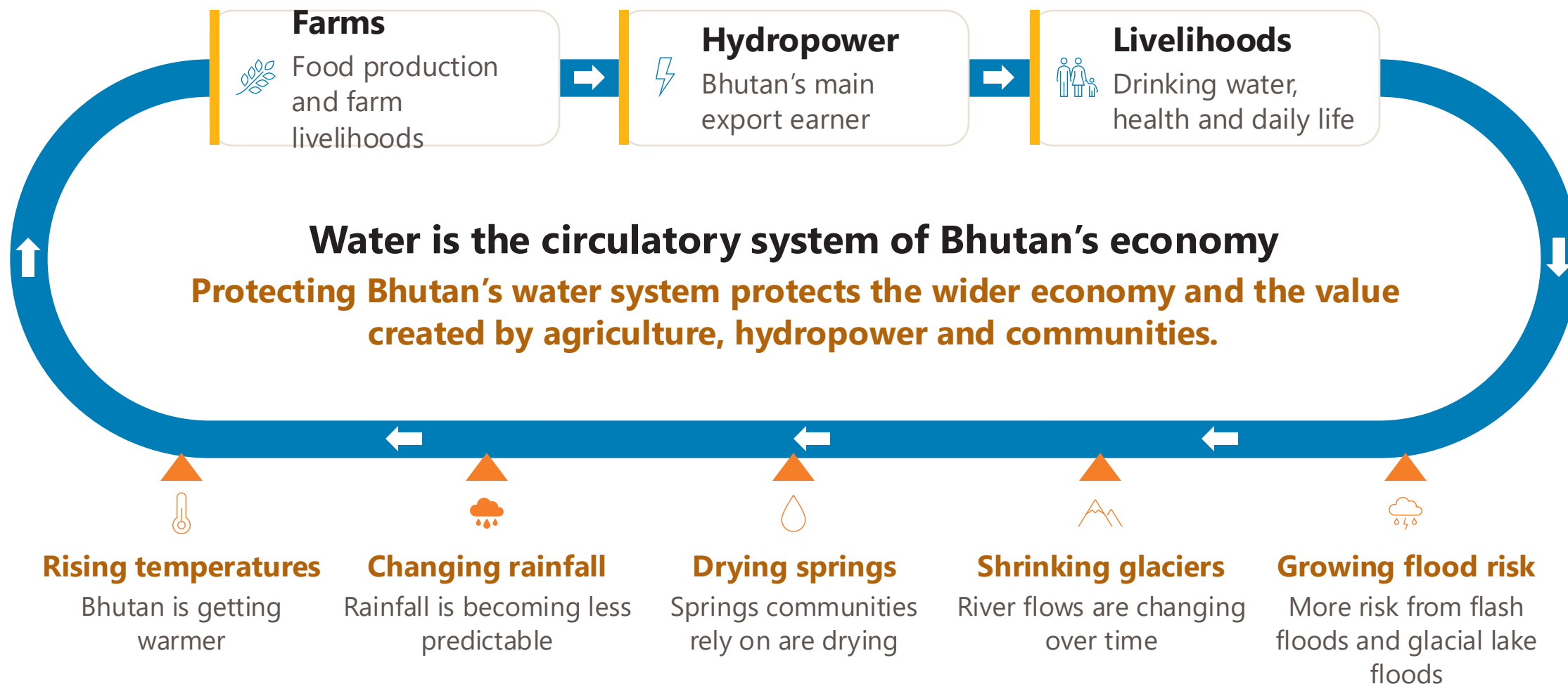


WHY THIS MATTERS

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Bhutan is carbon negative but not climate-proof

BHUTAN'S WATER CAIP · LAUNCHED 31 JULY 2026 · ANCHORED IN THE NAP AND NDC · 15–20 YEAR HORIZON

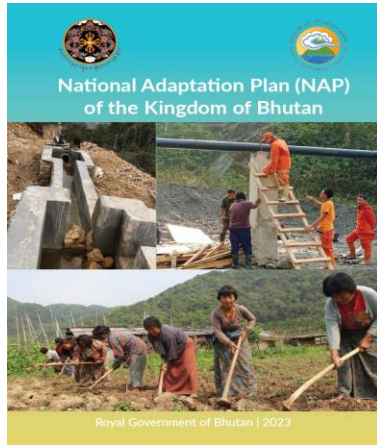




OVERVIEW

- Financial gap.
- Transformative.

NAP Adaptation Priorities



Cross-Cutting Enabling Conditions

1. Country sector and planning context
2. Climate diagnostic (risks and uncertainty)
3. Adaptation sequencing and prioritization
4. Economics and Public Financial Management
5. Finance matchmaking

Programmatic Approach for Mobilizing Financing from Global and Bilateral Climate Funds

Inform country programming of development partners

Identify capacity building needs and enabling activities

Set of concepts for detailed project preparation

Engagement of private sector in adaptation

Adaptation Investment Plan

- Strategic pipeline of adaptation investments
- Resource mobilization and financing actions
- Enabling actions
- Monitoring framework



Govt. launches USD 847M water adaptation plan to bridge climate financing gap

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**THIRTEENTH
FIVE YEAR PLAN**
2024-2029

Royal Government of Bhutan



INVESTMENT PACKAGES

From 187 actions to 11 water investment packages

One national investment portfolio: \$847 million in estimated needs across 11 packages over 15–20 years

\$847
million

Estimated investment
needs over the next 15–20
years

11 investment
packages

Shown here in six themes
for discussion with
partners



Water governance, policy and knowledge

Covers Packages 1–3 · \$35.8
million: IWRM; adaptation
policy and planning; research
and education



Flood risk and emergency response

Covers Packages 4 and 6 ·
\$88.1 million



Urban stormwater and green infrastructure

Covers Package 5 · \$225
million



Climate services and early warning

NO-/LOW-REGRET INVESTMENT
Covers Package 7 · \$61.7
million



Climate-resilient water systems

Covers Package 8 · \$159
million



Agriculture, energy and forests

Covers Packages 9–11 · \$277.6
million



FORWARD LOOKING

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i. Trilogy of launch

-National level: 31 July 2026

-ADB HQ: September 2026

-Upcoming UN Climate COP: November 2026

ii. Initiate implementation plan

-Already in progress





**Thank you,
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