

**GROSS NATIONAL HAPPINESS COMMISSION**  
**ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF BHUTAN**



**Gross National Happiness  
Policy Screening Tool**

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1. Equity			Living standard
Will negatively impact the equity of income distribution	Do not know the differential effects on equity of income distribution	Will not have any negative effects on the equity of income distribution	Will positively impact equity of income distribution
1	2	3	4
Rationale for the score			
Suggested alternatives if score is 2 or below			
2. Economic security			Living standard
Will decrease economic security	Do not know the differential effects on economic security	Will not decrease economic security	Will increase economic security
1	2	3	4
Rationale for the score			
Suggested alternatives if score is 2 or below			
3. Material wellbeing		Living standard	
Will decrease material well-being	Do not know the differential effects on material well-being	Will not decrease material well-being	Will increase material well-being
1	2	3	4
Rationale for the score			
Suggested alternatives if score is 2 or below			
4. Engagement in productive activities			Living standard
Will decrease opportunities for engaging in productive activities	Do not know the differential effects on the opportunities for engaging in productive activities.	Will not decrease opportunities for engaging in productive activities	Will increase opportunities for engaging in productive activities
1	2	3	4
Rationale for the score			
Suggested alternatives if score is 2 or below			

5. Decision-making opportunity				Good governance
Will decrease opportunities for participating in decision-making	Do not know the differential effects on opportunity for participating in decision-making.	Will not have any negative effects on opportunities for participating in decision-making	Will increase opportunities for participating in decision-making	
1	2	3	4	
Rationale for the score				
Suggested alternatives if score is 2 or below				

  

6. Corruption				Good governance
Will increase opportunities for engagement in corruption	Do not know the differential effects on opportunities for engagement in corruption	Will not increase opportunities for engagement in corruption	Will decrease opportunities for engagement in corruption	
1	2	3	4	
Rationale for the score				
Suggested alternatives if score is 2 or below				

  

7. Judiciary Efficiency				Good governance
Will decrease efficiency of judicial system	Do not know the effects on efficiency of judicial system	Will not have any negative effects on efficiency of judicial system	Will increase efficiency of judicial system	
1	2	3	4	
Rationale for the score				
Suggested alternatives if score is 2 or below				

  

8. Judiciary access				Good governance
Will decrease access to judicial services	Do not know the effects on access to judicial services	Will not decrease access to judicial services	Will increase access to judicial services	
1	2	3	4	
Rationale for the score				
Suggested alternatives if score is 2 or below				

9. Rights			Good governance
Will decrease protection of individual rights	Do not know the effects on protection of individual rights	Will not decrease protection of individual rights	Will increase protection of individual rights
1	2	3	4
<i>Rationale for the score</i>			
<i>Suggested alternatives if score is 2 or below</i>			

10. Gender Equality			Good governance
Will increase gender inequality	Do not know the effects on gender equality	Will not have any negative effects on gender equality	Will promote gender equality
1	2	3	4
<i>Rationale for the score</i>			
<i>Suggested alternatives if score is 2 or below</i>			

11. Information			Good governance
Will decrease the availability of information about government activities	Do not know the effects on the availability of information about government activities	Will not decrease the availability of information about government activities	Will increase the availability of information about government activities
1	2	3	4
<i>Rationale for the score</i>			
<i>Suggested alternatives if score is 2 or below</i>			

12. Learning			Education
Will decrease opportunities to enhance skills and learning	Do not know the effects on enhancement of skills and learning	Will not decrease opportunities to enhance skills and learning	Will create/increase opportunities to enhance skills and learning
1	2	3	4
<i>Rationale for the score</i>			
<i>Suggested alternatives if score is 2 or below</i>			

**13. Health***Health*

Will increase public health risks	Do not know the effects on public health risks	Will not increase public health risks	Will decrease public health risks
1	2	3	4
<i>Rationale for the score</i>			
<i>Suggested alternatives if score is 2 or below</i>			

**14. Water Pollution***Ecology*

Will increase water pollution	Do not know the effects on water pollution	Will not increase water pollution	Will improve water quality
1	2	3	4
<i>Rationale for the score</i>			
<i>Suggested alternatives if score is 2 or below</i>			

**15. Air Pollution***Ecology*

Will increase air pollution	Do not know the effects on air pollution	Will not increase air pollution	Will improve air quality
1	2	3	4
<i>Rationale for the score</i>			
<i>Suggested alternatives if score is 2 or below</i>			

**16. Land Degradation***Ecology*

Will increase land degradation	Do not know the effects on land degradation	Will not increase land degradation	Will improve the quality of land
1	2	3	4
<i>Rationale for the score</i>			
<i>Suggested alternatives if score is 2 or below</i>			

**17. Conservation of Plants***Ecology*

Will decrease the diversity of plants	Do not know the effects on the diversity of plants	Will not decrease the diversity of plants	Will improve the diversity of plants
1	2	3	4
<i>Rationale for the score</i>			
<i>Suggested alternatives if score is 2 or below</i>			

**18. Conservation of Animals***Ecology*

Will decrease the diversity of animals	Do not know the effects on the diversity of animals	Will not decrease the diversity of animals	Will improve the diversity of animals
1	2	3	4
<i>Rationale for the score</i>			
<i>Suggested alternatives if score is 2 or below</i>			

**19. Social Support***Community Vitality*

Will decrease the social support available	Do not know the effects to social support available	Will not decrease the social support available	Will increase the social support available
1	2	3	4
<i>Rationale for the score</i>			
<i>Suggested alternatives if score is 2 or below</i>			

**20. Family***Community Vitality*

Will decrease time for family interaction	Do not know the effects on time for family interaction	Will not decrease time for family interaction	Will increase time for family interaction
1	2	3	4
<i>Rationale for the score</i>			
<i>Suggested alternatives if score is 2 or below</i>			

21. Nature			Time Use and Balance
Will decrease opportunities to access and enjoy nature	Do not know the effects on opportunities to access and enjoy nature	Will not decrease opportunities to access and enjoy nature	Will increase opportunities to access and enjoy nature
1	2	3	4
<i>Rationale for the score</i>			
<i>Suggested alternatives if score is 2 or below</i>			

22. Recreation			Time Use and Balance
Will decrease opportunities to spend time on recreational pursuits	Do not know the effects on opportunities to spend time on recreational pursuits	Will not decrease opportunities to spend time on recreational pursuits	Will increase opportunities to spend time on recreational pursuits
1	2	3	4
<i>Rationale for the score</i>			
<i>Suggested alternatives if score is 2 or below</i>			

23. Culture			Culture
Will decrease opportunities to participate in cultural traditions and practices	Do not know the effects on opportunities to participate in cultural traditions and practices	Will not decrease opportunities to participate in cultural traditions and practices	Will increase opportunities to participate in cultural traditions and practices
1	2	3	4
<i>Rationale for the score</i>			
<i>Suggested alternatives if score is 2 or below</i>			

24. Values			Culture
Will undermine Bhutanese values such as compassion and generosity	Do not know the effects on Bhutanese values such as compassion and generosity	Will not weaken Bhutanese values such as compassion and generosity	Will promote Bhutanese values such as compassion and generosity
1	2	3	4
<i>Rationale for the score</i>			
<i>Suggested alternatives if score is 2 or below</i>			

25. Spiritual Pursuits			Psychological Wellbeing
Will decrease opportunities to engage in spiritual pursuits	Do not know the effects on opportunities to engage in spiritual pursuits	Will not decrease opportunities to engage in spiritual pursuits	Will increase opportunities to engage in spiritual pursuits
1	2	3	4
<i>Rationale for the score</i>			
<i>Suggested alternatives if score is 2 or below</i>			

26. Stress			Psychological Wellbeing
Will increase stress levels	Do not know the effects on stress levels	Will not increase stress levels	Will decrease stress levels
1	2	3	4
<i>Rationale for the score</i>			
<i>Suggested alternatives if score is 2 or below</i>			