

**Bhutan At A Glance, 2000**

**1. Land**

|                        |          |
|------------------------|----------|
| Area (sq. Km)          | 46,500   |
| Administrative Units   |          |
| Dzongkhags (districts) | 20       |
| Geogs (blocks)         | 202      |
| Currency               | Ngultrum |
| National Language      | Dzongkha |

**2. Population**

| <b>Indicators</b>            | <b>1999</b> |              |
|------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| <b>Population *</b>          | 657,548     | <b>100.0</b> |
| Sex                          |             |              |
| Male                         | 332,029     | <b>50.5</b>  |
| Female                       | 325,519     | <b>49.5</b>  |
| <b>Age Composition (%)</b>   |             | <b>100.0</b> |
| 0-14                         |             | 42.1         |
| 15-64                        |             | 53.7         |
| 65+                          |             | 4.2          |
| Urban population (%)         |             | 21.0         |
| Rural Population (%)         |             | 79.0         |
| Population density           |             | 14.1         |
| Median age                   |             | 19.4         |
| Index of aging               |             | 10.1         |
| <b>Life expectancy, 1994</b> |             | <b>66.1</b>  |
| Male (years)                 |             | 66.0         |
| Female (years)               |             | 66.2         |
| Total Fertility Rate, 1994   |             | 5.6          |

\* Based on 1996 estimates of 600,000 & growth rate=3.1% (NHS, 1994)

**3. Health**

(in numbers)

| <b>Facilities</b>       | <b>1997</b> | <b>1998</b> | <b>1999</b> |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Doctors                 | 101         | 98          | 103         |
| Hospitals               | 28          | 28          | 28          |
| BHUs                    | 145         | 145         | 145         |
| Indigenous hospitals    | 1           | 1           | 1           |
| Population per doctor   | 6124        | 6,510       | 6,384       |
| Safe drinking water (%) | 50          | 58          | 63          |
| Health coverage (%)     | 90          | 90          | 90          |

#### 4. Education

| <b>Infrastructure</b>           | <b>1997</b>   | <b>1998</b>    | <b>1999</b>    |
|---------------------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| Private schools                 | 7             | 7              | 7              |
| Community schools               | 107           | 115            | 133            |
| Primary schools                 | 150           | 128            | 121            |
| Junior high schools             | 25            | 44             | 51             |
| High schools                    | 13            | 18             | 21             |
| Institutions                    | 10            | 10             | 10             |
| <b>Total enrolment</b>          | <b>92,267</b> | <b>100,355</b> | <b>107,792</b> |
| Schools                         | 90,378        | 98,351         | 105,668        |
| Institutes                      | 1,889         | 2,004          | 2,124          |
| <b>Teachers</b>                 | <b>2,715</b>  | <b>2,785</b>   | <b>2,856</b>   |
| Schools                         | 2,422         | 2,570          | 2,632          |
| Institutes                      | 293           | 215            | 224            |
| <b>Student to teacher ratio</b> | <b>34</b>     | <b>36</b>      | <b>38</b>      |

#### 5. Gross Domestic Product

| <b>Indicators</b>            | <b>1997</b> | <b>1998</b> | <b>1999</b> |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| GDP at current market prices | 14,477.0    | 16,782.0    | 19,967.0    |
| GNP at market prices         | 13,336.0    | 14,329.0    | 17,269.0    |
| Agriculture share to GDP     | 36.4        | 36.1        | 34.8        |
| GDP real growth (%)          | 7.3         | 5.1         | 6.0         |
| Final consumption            | 8,864.2     | 13,046.0    | 16,857.0    |
| Investment                   | 6,969.7     | 6,349.4     | 7,646.1     |

Note: '\*' refers to provisional figures

#### 6. Consumer Price Indices

Percentage change over the previous year

| <b>Item</b>                           | <b>1997</b> |            | <b>1998</b> |            | <b>1999</b> |            |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|
|                                       | <b>Jun</b>  | <b>Dec</b> | <b>Jun</b>  | <b>Dec</b> | <b>Jun</b>  | <b>Dec</b> |
| Food                                  | 3.8         | 3.6        | 10.0        | 12.9       | 9.2         | 2.6        |
| Non-food                              | 14.1        | 9.6        | 7.5         | 10.6       | 9.2         | 7.9        |
| Total                                 | 7.4         | 5.7        | 9.0         | 12.1       | 9.2         | 4.5        |
| Purchasing power of<br>Ngultrum (PPN) | 0.21        | 0.20       | 0.19        | 0.18       | 0.17        | 0.17       |

Average growth of price indices over the specified period

| <b>Average growth (%)</b> | <b>December</b>  | <b>June</b>      | <b>December</b>  |
|---------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                           | <b>1979-1998</b> | <b>1980-1999</b> | <b>1979-1999</b> |
| Food                      | 8.8              | 8.9              | 8.5              |
| Non-food                  | 11.1             | 10.7             | 10.9             |
| Total                     | 9.5              | 9.5              | 9.3              |

## 7. Agriculture

| Type of land    | Percentage |
|-----------------|------------|
| Forest          | 72.5       |
| Pastures        | 3.9        |
| Agriculture     | 7.7        |
| Others          | 15.9       |
| Protected areas | 26.23      |

## 8. Industries

Number of industrial establishments

| Sectors                    | 1998  | 1999  | 2000 \$ |
|----------------------------|-------|-------|---------|
| Production & manufacturing | 447   | 486   | 506     |
| Services                   | 2,530 | 2,922 | 3,116   |
| Contact                    | 1,874 | 2,308 | 2,378   |
| All sectors                | 4,851 | 5,716 | 6,000   |

Notes: '\$' figure refers to as of June 2000

## 9. Transport & Communication

| Details                             | 1997   | 1998   | 1999   |
|-------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| All roads (km)                      | 3,376  | 3,376  | 3,636  |
| Bridges                             | 181    | 320    | 538    |
| Registered vehicles during the year | 2,559  | 2,101  | 2,659  |
| Druk Air passengers                 | 29,985 | 38,968 | 40,408 |
| Telephone connections               | 9,192  | 14,860 | 15,353 |
| Postal infrastructure               | 89     | 106    | 107    |

## 10. Energy

| Details                      | 1997  | 1998  | 1999  |
|------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Towns electrified            | 39    | 39    | 40    |
| Village electrified (nos)    | 363   | 375   | 443   |
| Consumers ('000)             | 22.9  | 31.6  | 33.7  |
| Electricity consumption (MU) | 366.4 | 375.2 | 390.8 |

Revenue generation from Chhukha hydropower (million Nu.)

| Details              | 1998    | 1999    | 2000# |
|----------------------|---------|---------|-------|
| Export               | 1,338.8 | 2,019.1 | 137.2 |
| Internal consumption | 150.8   | 122.5   | 38.4  |
| Total                | 1,489.6 | 2,141.7 | 175.6 |

Note:# Figure refers to as of March 2000

### 11. Tourism

Number of tourist arrivals by region

| Region                  | 1997  | 1998  | 1999  |
|-------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| America                 | 1,010 | 1,714 | 2,285 |
| Asia & Pacific          | 1,712 | 1,418 | 1,599 |
| Europe                  | 2,590 | 3,062 | 3,118 |
| Others                  | 51    | 9     | 156   |
| All region              | 5,363 | 6,203 | 7,158 |
| Revenue earning (US \$) | 6.50  | 7.98  | 8.88  |

### 12. Balance of payments

(million Nu.)

| Trade                          | 1996/97 | 1997/98 | 1998/99   |
|--------------------------------|---------|---------|-----------|
| Value of exports               | 3,553.8 | 4,274.1 | 4,455.6   |
| value of imports               | 4,525.2 | 4,978.0 | 5,516.4   |
| Balance of trade @             | (971.4) | (703.9) | (1,060.8) |
| Money reserves (million US \$) | 176.0   | 215.5   | 258.8     |

Note: '@' refers to negative (-)

Average exchange rates, ngultrum per US dollar

| Period        | 1998  | 1999  | 2000! |
|---------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Calender year | 41.26 | 43.32 | 43.59 |
| Fiscal year   | 38.39 | 43.18 | 43.49 |

Note: '!' figure refers to as of March 2000

### 13. Public finance

(million Nu.)

| Details           | 1996/97 | 1997/98 | 1998/99 |
|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Revenue           | 2,073.0 | 2,989.8 | 3,485.8 |
| Tax               | 868.9   | 1,246.4 | 1,265.8 |
| Non-tax           | 1,204.1 | 1,743.4 | 2,220.0 |
| Grants            | 2,232.1 | 1,816.3 | 3,262.6 |
| Total expenditure | 4,630.6 | 4,588.3 | 7,284.0 |

Source: Dept. of Budget & Accounts, Ministry of Finance