



## Follow-up of CONFINTEA VI:

### Reporting template for National progress reports in preparation of the *Global Report on Adult Learning and Education (GRALE)* and the end of the United Nations Literacy Decade (UNLD)

#### National progress report submitted by the Government of Bhutan

This report is submitted on behalf of the Government of Bhutan in accordance with the commitments made at the Sixth International Conference on Adult Education (CONFINTEA VI)<sup>1</sup> as laid down in the *Belém Framework for Action*<sup>2</sup>, specifically with regard to monitoring its follow-up.

This report is organised in different sections according to the key areas of CONFINTEA VI. Accompanying this are the explanatory notes<sup>3</sup>, which are meant to provide further clarification.

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<sup>1</sup> For more information about CONFINTEA VI see: <http://www.unesco.org/en/confinteavi/>

<sup>2</sup> Available in nine languages at <http://www.unesco.org/en/confinteavi/belem-framework-for-action/>

<sup>3</sup> The explanatory notes are intended to be a reference material to clarify the scope and background of the reporting template and explain some basic terms.

## Report elaboration process

Which institutions and stakeholders provided input to this report?	Mark all that apply
<p>Government Ministries</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Defence <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Education <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Foreign Affairs <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Health <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Interior/Home affairs <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Labour <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Others (please mark and specify below) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Civil society organisations <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">National non-governmental organisations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">International non-governmental organisations <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Educational or research institutions/Universities <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Private sector companies <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">United Nations agencies <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Non-UN bilateral or multilateral organisations <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Others (please mark and specify below) <input type="checkbox"/></p>	

*Briefly provide any additional information on the process by which this report has been produced, including information on: 1) which types of public authorities were consulted or contributed to its preparation; 2) how the stakeholders were consulted and how the outcomes of this consultation were taken into account; and 3) the types of references used as a basis for reporting.*

This report has been drafted by Non-Formal & Continuing Education Division under the Department of Adult & Higher Education and sent around to major stakeholders in the Ministry of Education for additional Comments and Content. Contribution were made by the Policy and Planning Division and Quality Assurance and Accreditation Division from the Education Secretary.

1. Definitions and data collection on adult learning and education		
	Yes	No
1.1 Does your country have an official definition of <b>adult education</b> ? <i>If Yes, please provide it in the space below:</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1.1.1 Are other definitions used in practice? <i>If Yes, please provide them in the space below:</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1.2 Has your country adopted or developed an official definition of <b>literacy</b> ? <i>If Yes, please provide it in the space below:</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1.2.1 Are other definitions used in practice? <i>If Yes, please provide them in the space below:</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1.3 How is literacy data obtained in your country? <i>Please select the option(s) below</i> National census School administrative data (years of schooling completed/primary certificate) Direct testing (e.g. Literacy Assessment and Monitoring Programme, LAMP) Household surveys Other methodology ( <i>please describe below</i> ):		<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
1.4 Has your country changed literacy data collection methods since the UNLD mid-term review in 2006?  <i>If Yes, please select the option(s) below that best describe the change(s)</i> New conceptual definition on literacy in place (for policy) New conceptual definition on literacy in place (for data collection only) New assessment of youth and/or adults' literacy skills Increase in the periodicity without significant conceptual changes Other changes ( <i>please provide details below</i> ):	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1.5 Has your country faced challenges in collecting literacy data?  <i>If Yes, please describe them briefly in the space below:</i> Due to Resource constraints and lack of capacity it is very difficult to collect any sort of data in regard to literacy.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.6 Please provide any additional information, explanations or comments that you consider relevant in order to clarify any potential issues regarding the information in this section.		
We use UNESCO definiton for both literacy and Adult Education		

## 2. Policy: political commitment to adult education and adult literacy

2.1 Does your country have laws, legal regulations or other public policy measures/initiatives with a primary focus of supporting lifelong learning, adult education and adult literacy? Please name them, giving the year in which they were enacted and adding documentation/evidence, if possible.

	Yes	No	<i>If Yes: name of legal/policy instrument and references (add as many lines as needed)</i>	Year
Lifelong learning	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Guidelines on Continuing Education	2010
Adult education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Constitution of Bhutan 2005	2005
Adult literacy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Constitution of Bhutan and policy directives on Non-Formal & Continuing Education	2005,1996 2007

2.2 Which target groups of learners do current national adult education and/or adult literacy policies address? Examples could include women, youth, indigenous peoples, minority linguistic/ethnic groups, migrants, individuals with disabilities, rural residents, prisoners and others (please specify). Which age groups are targeted? What is the size of the target group?

	<i>Specific target groups, including age range (add as many lines as needed)</i>	<i>Total number of individuals in the group</i>
Adult education	Out of School , School drop outs & employees	2000
Adult literacy	15years and above adult both male and female	13587

2.3 Has your country set any goals and deadlines that national policy/ies in adult education and/or adult literacy are expected to reach? If yes, please specify the goal and, if applicable, relevant timeframe.

	Yes	No	<i>Specify goal</i>	<i>Specify timeframe</i>
Adult education	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Adult literacy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	70% by 2013	2008-2013

2.4 Does your country have a policy on the language of instruction in adult education?

Yes No

*If Yes, please provide a brief explanation and references in the space below including when it was put in place:*

Basic Literacy Course : National Language

Post Literacy Course : National Language and English

2.5 Does your country have a policy framework to recognise, validate and accredit non-formal and informal learning?	Yes	No
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p><i>If Yes, please provide a brief explanation and references in the space below, including when this policy framework was put in place:</i></p> <p>We have the Bhutan Qulaification Framework to cater to this which is just developed</p>		

2.6 Have action plans been formulated or updated since CONFINTEA VI (December 2009) at national or sub-national level?	Yes	No
<b>Adult education</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<p><i>If Yes, please provide a brief explanation and references:</i></p>		
<b>Adult literacy</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p><i>If Yes, please provide a brief explanation and references:</i></p> <p>Reviewed &amp; Revised entire NFE curriculum</p>		

2.7 Have adult education and adult literacy been included in other national plans/strategies?			
<b>Adult education:</b>	<i>Mark all that apply</i>	<i>Timeframe</i>	<i>References</i>
National Development Plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2008-2013	10 <sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan
Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Education strategy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2008-2013	Youth Development Fund of Bhutan
Skills development (including vocational education and training) strategy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2005	
Education For All Fast Track Initiative (EFA FTI) Education Sector Plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2002 -2015	Vision 2020
Sustainable development strategy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2002–2007	National Sustainable Development of Bhutan
<i>Other (specify in the space below)</i> Educating for Gross Natioanl Happiness	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2010	
<b>Adult literacy:</b>	<i>Mark all that apply</i>	<i>Timeframe</i>	<i>References</i>
National Development Plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5years	2008-2013
Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Education strategy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2008-2013	Youth Development Fund of Bhutan
Skills development (including vocational education and training) strategy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2005	

Education For All Fast Track Initiative (EFA FTI) Education Sector Plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2015	Education Sector Strategy
Sustainable development strategy	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Other (specify in the space below)</i> Educating for Cross National Happiness	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2010	

2.8 Have adult learners and/or adult literacy learners been involved in discussions about your policy and or plans?

	Yes	No	<i>Specify policy/plan (add as many lines as needed)</i>	<i>References</i>
Adult education	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Adult literacy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

*If Yes, please elaborate how they have been involved.*

2.9 Please provide any additional information, explanations or comments that you consider relevant in order to clarify any potential issues regarding the information in this section.

### 3. Governance: governance and cooperation in adult education and adult literacy

3.1 Please list the names of organisations, institutions or agencies that are involved in planning, implementing and evaluating policies for adult education and adult literacy. Please mark/tick the level(s) at which they operate (national, sub-national).

**Governmental:**

<i>Institution (add as many lines as needed)</i>	<i>Geographical scope (mark all that apply)</i>		<i>Is it involved in the implementation of programmes/courses? (mark all that apply)</i>	
	<b>National</b>	<b>Sub-national</b>	<b>On adult education</b>	<b>On adult literacy</b>
Ministry of health	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ministry of Agriculture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
NGOs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
District	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Ministry of Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Private Providers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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**Non-Governmental:**

<i>Institution (add as many lines as needed)</i>	<i>Geographical scope (mark all that apply)</i>		<i>Is it involved in the implementation of programmes/courses? (mark all that apply)</i>	
	<b>National</b>	<b>Sub-national</b>	<b>On adult education</b>	<b>On adult literacy</b>
Youth Development Fund	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Private Companies	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3.2 Is there any entity at national level responsible for ensuring the coordination of adult education and/or adult literacy activities?

Yes      No

**Adult education**

    

If Yes, please provide name and contact details:

Non-Formal & Continuing Education Division Ministry of Education

**Adult literacy**

*If Yes, please provide name and contact details:*  
Non-Formal and Continuing Education



3.3 Does the national government conduct specific actions intended to facilitate cooperation among the different stakeholders in...	Yes	No
<b>...adult education?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p><i>If Yes, please indicate what activities are undertaken and/or which frameworks are in place and provide references:</i>  NFE- MIS Project funded by UNICEF &amp; UNESCO  Non-Formal Education Board members from all relevant stakeholders e.g:Secretary Ministry of Education, Secretary Bhutan Council for Secondary Examination ,Director General , Department of School Education, Director, Department of Youth and Sports,Director, College of Education, Paro ,Chief Programme Officer, School Monitoring and Support Division , Ministry of Education, Research officer , Dzongkha Development Commission.</p>		
<b>...adult literacy?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p><i>If Yes, please indicate what activities are undertaken and/or which frameworks are in place and provide references:</i>  National strategy on Non-formal Education</p>		
3.4 Does the national government provide capacity-building to ensure that the different stakeholders are able to participate in policy and programme development, implementation and evaluation in...	Yes	No
<b>...adult education?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<p><i>If Yes, please indicate what activities are undertaken and provide references:</i>  Biennial stakeholders conference in all 20 Districts .</p>		
<b>...adult literacy?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p><i>If Yes, please indicate what activities are undertaken and provide references:</i>  Biennial stakeholders conference in all 20 Districts .</p>		
3.5 Do local communities play a role in the planning, implementation and evaluation of programmes in ...	Yes	No
<b>...adult education?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>...adult literacy?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.6 Please provide any additional information, explanations or comments that you consider relevant in order to clarify any potential issues regarding the information in this section.		
<p>The implementation of Non- Formal Education has been fully decentralised to the districts from 2005</p>		

#### 4. Financing: investment in adult education and adult literacy

4.1 Data on public expenditure provided in this questionnaire should refer to actual expenditure. If actual expenditure is not available, please provide budget allocation.

Please indicate which data are reported:

<i>Actual expenditure</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Budget allocation</i> <input type="checkbox"/>
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4.2 Please indicate the name of the currency used for reporting:

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4.3 Please indicate the monetary unit used in the following tables:

<i>Units</i> <input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Hundreds</i> <input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Thousands</i> <input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Millions</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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4.4 What was the overall public expenditure on education and training in the financial years ending in 2009 and 2010 (in nominal local currency)?<sup>4</sup>

	<i>Amount (2009)</i>	<i>Amount (2010)</i>	<i>Source</i>
<i>National government</i>	USD 403918.00	USD 290,949.00	UNICEF/UNESCO
<i>Sub-national governments</i> <sup>5</sup>			
<i>Total</i>			

4.5 Are equivalent figures on the financial contributions to adult education by the following agents available?

	<i>Amount (2009)</i>	<i>Amount (2010)</i>	<i>Not available</i>
<i>National government</i>			<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Sub-national governments</i> <sup>5</sup>			<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Civil society organisations</i>			<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Donors/international aid (not loans)</i>			<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Private companies</i>			<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Learners/households</i>			<input type="checkbox"/>

4.6 Are equivalent figures on the financial contributions to adult literacy by the following agents available?

	<i>Amount (2009)</i>	<i>Amount (2010)</i>	<i>Not available</i>
<i>National government</i>			<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Sub-national governments</i> <sup>5</sup>	54.4M	51.4M	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Civil society organisations</i>			<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Donors/international aid (not loans)</i>			<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Private companies</i>			<input type="checkbox"/>

<sup>4</sup> Include both current and capital expenditure on education and training directly allocated to educational institutions as well as transfers and payments to students (scholarships, grants or loans for tuition fees and/or living expenses) and the private sector. Exclude expenditure other than for educational institutions (e.g. general administration at ministry level). If the information is not available, please provide the best possible estimates. In any case, attach a detailed explanation on how this amount was computed and possible anomalies (elements not covered, etc.).

<sup>5</sup> Control for the potential double-counting effect of transfers across different government levels.

<i>Learners/households</i>			<input type="checkbox"/>
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4.7 Have new mechanisms or sources of funding for adult education and adult literacy been introduced since CONFINTEA VI (December 2009)?	Yes	No
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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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*If Yes, please provide a brief description:*  
 There is separate allocation of fund from Royal Government of Bhutan on annual basis.

4.8 Please provide any additional information, explanations or comments that you consider relevant in order to clarify any potential issues regarding the information in this section.

There is fundng constraints due to cost escating because of the rugged terrain and scattered settlements.

## 5. Participation: youth and adults' access to, and participation in, education and literacy programmes

5.1 Please indicate the areas of learning that are addressed by different organisations. Identify target groups (for example women, youth, indigenous peoples, minority linguistic/ethnic groups, migrants, individuals with disabilities, rural residents, prisoners and others) and if information and communication technologies (ICTs) are used.

<b>Public sector organisations</b>	<i>Mark all that apply</i>	<i>Target group(s)</i>	<i>Use of ICT</i>
<i>Literacy (reading, writing, numeracy)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	adult 15 years and above	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Vocational (technical, income-generation-related)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	15 year and above adult	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Life skills and/or health issues</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	15 years and above adult	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Use of information and communication technologies</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Official/local languages</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	15 years and above	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Foreign languages</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Human rights/civic education</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Liberal education/personal growth (i.e. artistic, cultural)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Other (please provide a brief description below:)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>Private companies</b>	<i>Mark all that apply</i>	<i>Target group(s)</i>	<i>Use of ICT</i>
<i>Literacy (reading, writing, numeracy)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Out of school youth & the of civil servants who want to up grade	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Vocational (technical, income-generation-related)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Youth	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Life skills and/or health issues</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Out of school youth	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Use of information and communication technologies</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Official/local languages</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Foreign languages</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Human rights/civic education</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Liberal education/personal growth (i.e. artistic, cultural)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Other (please provide a brief description below:)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>Civil society or non-governmental organisations</b>	<i>Mark all that apply</i>	<i>Target group(s)</i>	<i>Use of ICT</i>
<i>Literacy (reading, writing, numeracy)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Out of school youth	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Vocational (technical, income-generation-related)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Youth	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Life skills and/or health issues</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	out of school Youth	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Use of information and communication</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>

<i>technologies</i>			
<i>Official/local languages</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Foreign languages</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Human rights/civic education</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Liberal education/personal growth (i.e. artistic, cultural)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Other (please provide a brief description below:)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>

5.2 Are there surveys on provision and demand?		
	Provision	Demand
<b>On adult education</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>On adult literacy</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Please provide references or attach reports that may have been produced with the information generated by these surveys (if any).</i>		

5.3 Please list which languages are used for the provision of literacy programmes. Indicate if learning materials are available in the respective language. <i>(add as many lines as needed)</i>		<i>Mark if language of learning materials</i>
Dzongkha		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
English		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>

5.4 List and describe briefly any key challenges related to implementing literacy classes in languages other than the official/dominant language(s).
Literacy is offered only in national language and English in Bhutan

5.5 Have the languages in which literacy programmes are offered changed since the UNLD mid-term review in 2006?	Yes	No
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>If Yes, please provide a brief description and references:</i> English is introduced in addition to the National Language		

5.6 At what administrative levels are literacy learning materials developed and who is involved in the process?			
	<i>Mark all that apply</i>	<i>Are local communities involved?</i>	
		Yes	No
<i>National level</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Sub-national level</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

*Please provide references or attach documents on local community participation:*

5.7 Please provide any additional information, explanations or comments that you consider relevant in order to clarify any potential issues regarding the information in 5.1 to 5.6. Pay particular attention to innovative practices and services for marginalised groups.

NFE Centers are opened even in the far flung areas with minimum of 6 number of learners in some cases.

5.8 Does the government collect information on the following items...?	<i>Mark all that apply</i>
Enrolment in adult education programmes (other than literacy programmes)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Attendance in adult education programmes (other than literacy programmes)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Completion of adult education programmes (other than literacy programmes)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Enrolment in literacy programmes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Attendance in literacy programmes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Completion of literacy programmes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>If this information is available please attach the corresponding figures and documentation, or provide the references:</i>	
Annual Education Statistics	

5.9 Does the government measure the learning outcomes of the following programmes...? (mark all that apply)				
	Only by teachers/facilitators	Standardised tests for statistical purposes	Standardised tests for certification purposes	Other
<b>Adult education</b> programmes (other than literacy)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Adult literacy</b> programmes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>If this information is available please attach the corresponding figures and documentation, or provide the references:</i>				
Basic literacy learners : 10545 ( Female 7541 & male 3004)				
Post literacy learners: 28 1 5 ( Female 1937& male 878)      Total number of learners 13587 It is from the annual statistics that is collected annually.				

5.10 Are there differences between men and women in terms of their participation in adult education and/or adult literacy programmes?	<i>Mark all that apply</i>	
	Yes	No
<b>Adult education</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Adult literacy</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>If yes: Who participates more?</i>	Adult education	Adult literacy
	Women	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Men	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<p><i>If there are differences:</i> Have measures have been undertaken to address these differences in adult education/adult literacy programmes?</p> <p><b>Adult education</b> <b>Adult literacy</b></p>	<p>Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p>
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*If measures have been undertaken please provide a brief description and references:*  
 Advocay and awareness on the importance of literacy in all the districts

5.11 Please provide any additional information, explanations or comments that you consider relevant in order to clarify any potential issues regarding the information in 5.8 to 5.10. Pay particular attention to equity-related issues regarding access, participation and outcomes.

NFE programme has more than 70 % female learners . However , we have very high drop out rate of about 20 % in Basic literacy course and more than 50% do not attend post literacy course.



## 6. Quality: quality assurance

6.1 Do quality criteria for adult education and adult literacy exist in the following areas: curriculum, learning materials, facilitators' training, teaching/learning methodology and assessment of learning outcomes? If yes, please specify. Since when have they been in place?

### Adult education

Area	Mark when quality criteria are in place	Indicate year when quality criteria were introduced	Specify quality criteria in place
Curricula	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2006	Continuing Education programme follow the formal curricula
Learning materials	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2006	
Facilitators' training	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		4 years Teacher training and 1 year Post Graduate
Teaching/ learning methods	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2006	4 years Teacher training and 1 year Post Graduate
Assessment of learning outcomes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2008	National Assessment by Bhutan Council for Secondary Examinations

### Adult literacy

Area	Mark when quality criteria are in place	Indicate year when quality criteria were introduced	Specify quality criteria in place
Curricula	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1996	Developem
Learning materials	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2009	revised the NFE curriculum
Facilitators' training	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2001	Cluster based Inservice programme
Teaching/ learning methods	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2001	
Assessment of learning outcomes	<input type="checkbox"/>		

6.2 Are there pre-service and in-service training programmes for educators/facilitators for adult education and adult literacy? Please mark all that apply, considering provider and type of training programme.

<b>Adult education</b>				
Provider	Pre-service		In-service	
	Mark if yes	Typical duration (months)	Mark if yes	Typical duration (months)
Governmental institution	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1-4 years	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
University		1-4 years		
Private company		6months to 1 year		
Non-governmental organisation		1 year		
<b>Adult literacy</b>				
Provider	Pre-service		In-service	
	Mark if yes	Typical duration (months)	Mark if yes	Typical duration (months)
Governmental institution	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
University				
Private company				
Non-governmental organisation				

6.3 What is the average monthly remuneration (in nominal local currency) for a full-time educator/facilitator in the following programmes? (*academic year ending in 2010*)

Programme	Monthly average remuneration if available	Remarks/source
<b>Adult education</b> (excluding literacy programmes)	Nu.30000	Carried out by trained Educators
<b>Adult literacy</b>	Nu.6000	Contract

6.4 Have any initiatives been undertaken by the government concerning the working conditions of adult educators/facilitators/volunteers? Please mark if yes.

	Mark all that apply
<b>Adult education</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Adult literacy</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

6.5 Have the national or sub-national governments implemented monitoring and evaluation mechanisms? (*If yes, mark all that apply*)

	Monitoring	Evaluation
<b>Adult education</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Adult literacy</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

*Please provide a brief description and references:*

Regular monitoring and support rendered by the Parent Principals of schools and District Education Officers

6.6 Have the national or sub-national governments commissioned studies in order to inform policy and programme design and implementation since 2009?

	<i>Mark all that apply</i>
<b>Lifelong learning</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Adult education</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Adult literacy</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

*If one or more of the boxes is marked, please provide a brief description and references:*  
 Technical Review on adult literacy in November 2011.

6.7 Please provide any additional information, explanations or comments that you consider relevant in order to clarify any potential issues regarding the information in this section.

NFE Instructors are given 10 days Orientation after their recruitment and Refresher course of 7 days or less offered every year to help them delivery more efficiently . But their appointment being very much temporary in nature there is high rate of Instructor going out of NFE .  
 Royal Government of Bhutan pay monthly remuneration of Nu.600 per month to the Instructors

**7. CONFINTEA VI follow-up: additional activities**

7.1 Please indicate which activities have been implemented as a follow-up to CONFINTEA VI and the implementation of the *Belém Framework for Action*.

	<i>Mark if taken place</i>
Advocacy events (conference, forum, etc.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Media campaigns	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications (booklets, leaflets, posters, etc.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Creation of committees to streamline adult education and adult literacy	<input type="checkbox"/>
Adult Learners Week/Learning festivals	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Creation of learners' networks and/or fora	<input type="checkbox"/>
Translation of the <i>Belém Framework for Action</i> into the national language	<input type="checkbox"/>
Presenting the <i>Belém Framework for Action</i> to parliament	<input type="checkbox"/>
Elaboration of a funding plan	<input type="checkbox"/>
Development of a national roadmap for the implementation of the <i>Belém Framework for Action</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other ( <i>please specify below</i> )	<input type="checkbox"/>

7.2 Is there any innovative experience in adult education and/or adult literacy that has been developed in your country since 2009 (CONFINTEA VI) that could be instructive for other countries? If yes, provide a brief description and references.

Development of NFE Functional English curriculum for post literacy learners which is also self learning materials that is equivalent to Class VI

7.3 Please provide any additional information, explanations or comments that you consider relevant in order to clarify any potential issues regarding the information in this section.

In order to attract more learners into NFE Programme advocacy materials have been developed. Biennially, NFE stakeholder meetings are held in 20 districts. Bhutan observe and Celebrate International Literacy Day on 8th September every year in all 20 Districts.

**8. The United Nations Literacy Decade (2003-2012): specific activities under the framework of the UNLD after the mid-term review in 2006**

8.1 Which specific advocacy initiatives/ activities for youth and adult literacy have been undertaken in your country in the last five years? Please rank the frequency/intensity and results or impact of such advocacy work.

	Frequency				Results			
	very frequent	often	hardly	never	excellent	good	modest	no results
Advocacy events (conference, forum, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Media campaigns	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Publications (booklets, leaflets, posters, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify below) Biennial NFE stakeholder meetings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

8.2 Have there been specific initiatives/ activities in support of...?

	Yes	No
... women and girls?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>If yes, please provide a brief description and references:</i> To encourage women's participation our programme is very flexible		
... other excluded/ under-represented/underprivileged groups?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>If yes, please provide a brief description and reference:</i> we offer literacy programme to the adults who have not had the privilege to attend formal school both in urban and rural areas		

8.3 How would you rate the impact of the UN Literacy Decade in helping to boost your advocacy efforts for literacy?

It has been extremely helpful <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	It has helped a lot <input type="checkbox"/>	It has helped a little <input type="checkbox"/>	It has not helped <input type="checkbox"/>
<i>If your answer is different from "it has not helped", please provide below a brief explanation and examples of advocacy efforts, commenting on their degree of success:</i>			

8.4 Have literacy policies changed in your country in the last five years?	Yes	No
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>If yes, please specify how they have changed below and provide evidence.</i>		

8.5 Have your literacy targets changed over the last five years?	Yes	No
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>If yes, please provide below a brief explanation:</i>		

8.6 What are the country's current capacity-building needs in literacy and what are the obstacles and challenges in meeting them?
Capacity Development of Instructors and community participation : sharing responsibility for the common cause are few of the major challenges . In other words the huge challenges faced currently are resources both human and financial.

8.7 What are the major challenges for your literacy programme/s regarding planning and implementation, administration, monitoring and evaluation?
Monitoring and evaluation have been the biggest challenge as there was no proper tools therefore no proper support mechanism was in place although some kind of support is rendered by the Parent Principals and District Education Officers . As mentioned above the major challenge has always been not having adequate resources both human and financial. Moreover , due to scattered nature of population and rugged terrain make the cost of service delivery very high.

8.8 Are there other obstacles or major challenges in increasing efforts in literacy?  
Which of these areas, or other areas, requires further research?

For NFCED, the Division has a very few number of research-based documents assisting decision-making, done by outsiders, often on consultancy basis. The Impact assessment of 2008, and the NFE-MIS just to mention two researches done. There is need for NFCED to develop institutional capacities to do research on NFE. This is particularly needed to have a research-based advocacy materials to use in the forthcoming Literacy Advocacy Campaign and is therefore required. Successful NFE learners, the impact of literacy and continuing education case studies would be some of the best evidence of successful quality implementation of NFE in Bhutan

8.9 What are the prospects for sustaining efforts in literacy beyond 2013, and which steps does your government plan to take in this regard?

It is desired to have the Literacy mapping done and open more Non-Formal Education Centers to reach full literacy of by 2015..