

# Dzongkhag at a Glance

## Samtse Dzongkhag, 2025

| INDICATORS                                    | YEAR                    |                         |                         |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>1. GENERAL</b>                             | <b>2024</b>             |                         |                         |
| <b><i>Geographical Characteristics</i></b>    |                         |                         |                         |
| Area (sq. km)                                 | 1,305                   |                         |                         |
| Altitude (masl.)                              | 200 - 4,400             |                         |                         |
| <b><i>Administrative Tiers (Nos.)</i></b>     | <b>2024</b>             |                         |                         |
| Dungkhags                                     | 2                       |                         |                         |
| Gewogs                                        | 15                      |                         |                         |
| Chiwogs                                       | 77                      |                         |                         |
| Villages                                      | 316                     |                         |                         |
| Gungtong                                      | 79                      |                         |                         |
| <b>2. POPULATION</b>                          | <b>2022<sup>3</sup></b> | <b>2023<sup>3</sup></b> | <b>2024<sup>3</sup></b> |
| Total                                         | 63,038                  | 63,149                  | 63,245                  |
| Male                                          | 31,759                  | 31,747                  | 31,728                  |
| Female                                        | 31,280                  | 31,402                  | 31,517                  |
| Population density (per sq. km)               | 48                      | 48                      | 48                      |
| <b>3. POVERTY RATE (TERMINAL)</b>             | <b>As per PAR 2017</b>  |                         |                         |
| Consumption poverty rate (%)                  | 12.3                    |                         |                         |
| Multi-dimensional poverty rate (%)            | 0.035                   |                         |                         |
| <b>4. HEALTH</b>                              |                         |                         |                         |
| <b><i>Infrastructure (Nos.)</i></b>           | <b>2022</b>             | <b>2023</b>             | <b>2024</b>             |
| Hospitals                                     | 2                       | 2                       | 2                       |
| Indigenous Units                              | 5                       | 4                       | 4                       |
| Basic Health Units (BHUs)                     |                         |                         |                         |
| BHU I                                         | 2                       | 2                       | 2                       |
| BHU II                                        | 12                      | 12                      | 12                      |
| Outreach clinics                              |                         |                         |                         |
| With sheds                                    | 46                      | 46                      | 46                      |
| Without sheds                                 | 4                       | 4                       | 4                       |
| Ambulance                                     | 9                       | 9                       | 9                       |
| <b><i>Health Personnel (Nos.)</i></b>         | <b>2022</b>             | <b>2023</b>             | <b>2024</b>             |
| Doctors                                       | 14                      | 18                      | 24                      |
| Dungtshos (Indegenious Doctor)                | 1                       | 2                       | 3                       |
| Sowai Menpa (Indegenious Medical Technicians) | 5                       | 5                       | 6                       |
| Nurses                                        | 74                      | 69                      | 66                      |
| Technicians                                   | 71                      | 43                      | 50                      |
| <b><i>Health Indicators</i></b>               | <b>2022</b>             | <b>2023</b>             | <b>2024</b>             |
| Infant mortality rate (Per 1,000 live births) | 2.0                     | 1.6                     | 0.5                     |
| Crude birth rate (Per 1,000 population)       | 11.3                    | 11.2                    | 10.2                    |
| Crude death rate (Per 1,000 population)       | 5.1                     | 4.9                     | 4.7                     |
| Maternal mortality rate (%)                   | 0.0                     | 0.0                     | 0.0                     |
| Doctors per bed                               | 5.7                     | 0.2                     | 0.2                     |
| Birth attended by trained personnel (%)       | 83.6                    | 100.0                   | 99.2                    |

|                                                             |             |             |             |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Under one immunization coverage (%)                         | 99.7        | 100.0       | 99.8        |
|                                                             |             |             |             |
| <b>Sanitation</b>                                           | <b>2022</b> | <b>2023</b> | <b>2024</b> |
| Rural water supply coverage (%)                             | 95.7        | 95.6        | 97.9        |
| Rural population access to safe drinking water supplies (%) | 95.7        | 95.4        | 95.4        |
| Rural population access to improved sanitation              | 98.9        | 98.9        | 98.9        |
|                                                             |             |             |             |
| <b>5. EDUCATION</b>                                         |             |             |             |
| <b>Number of educational institutes (Includes pvt. Nos)</b> | <b>2022</b> | <b>2023</b> | <b>2024</b> |
| Tertiary institutes under RUB                               | 1           | 1           | 1           |
| Central schools                                             | 3           | 3           | 3           |
| Higher secondary schools                                    | 3           | 4           | 4           |
| Middle secondary schools                                    | 1           | 2           | 2           |
| Lower secondary schools                                     | 7           | 5           | 5           |
| Primary schools                                             | 21          | 22          | 22          |
| Extended class room                                         | 9           | 6           | 6           |
| Non-formal education centres                                | 64          | 64          | 71          |
| ECCD                                                        | 34          | 32          | 48          |
| Other institutes(Zorigchusum)                               | ...         | ...         | ...         |
|                                                             |             |             |             |
| <b>Educational Indicators (Includes private schools)</b>    | <b>2022</b> | <b>2023</b> | <b>2024</b> |
| School enrolment (Nos.)                                     | 13,815      | 13,429      | 13,815      |
| Male                                                        | 6,971       | 6,740       | 6,971       |
| Female                                                      | 6,845       | 6,680       | 6,845       |
| Teachers (Nos.)                                             | 826         | 791         | 826         |
| Male                                                        | 449         | 433         | 449         |
| Female                                                      | 377         | 358         | 377         |
| Pupil-teacher ratio                                         | 17.0        | 17.0        | 17.0        |
| NFE instructors                                             | 63          | 66          | 67          |
| Male                                                        | 17          | 15          | 23          |
| Female                                                      | 46          | 51          | 42          |
| NFE learners (Nos.)                                         | 710         | 674         | 608         |
| Male                                                        | 160         | 165         | 159         |
| Female                                                      | 550         | 509         | 449         |
|                                                             |             |             |             |
| <b>6. AGRICULTURE</b>                                       |             |             |             |
| <b>Land Registration by Type</b>                            | <b>2022</b> | <b>2023</b> | <b>2024</b> |
| Dry land (acres)                                            | 20,448.49   | 20,448.49   | 20,448.49   |
| Wet land (acres)                                            | 36,477.65   | 36,477.65   | 36,477.65   |
| Orchard (acres)                                             | 25,123.20   | 25,123.20   | 25,123.20   |
| Irrigation channels (kms)                                   | 206.76      | 238.94      | 238.94      |
| Functional                                                  | 162.56      | 194.74      | 194.74      |
| Non- functional                                             | 44.20       | 44.20       | 44.20       |
| Power tillers (Nos.)                                        | ...         | ...         | ...         |
| Agriculture seed production farms                           | ...         | ...         | ...         |
| Electric fencing (Nos.)                                     | 28          | 28          | 28          |
| Electric fencing (kms.)                                     | 64          | 64          | 64          |
| Farm sales shops (Nos.)                                     | 7           | 7           | 7           |
|                                                             |             |             |             |
| <b>Renewal Natural Resources (RNR)</b>                      | <b>2022</b> | <b>2023</b> | <b>2024</b> |
| RNR centres (Nos.)                                          | 15          | 15          | 15          |

| <b>Livestock (Nos.)</b>                 | <b>2022</b> | <b>2023</b> | <b>2024</b> |
|-----------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Veterinary hospitals                    | 1           | 1           | 1           |
| Regional veterinary laboratories        | 1           | 1           | 1           |
| Fishery farms                           | 65          | 80          | 96          |
| Poultry farms                           | 274         | 250         | 230         |
| Milk processing unit                    | 8           | 6           | 6           |
| Piggery farms                           | 190         | 250         | 263         |
|                                         |             |             |             |
| <b>Forestry</b>                         | <b>2022</b> | <b>2023</b> | <b>2024</b> |
| Territorial division HQs                | 1           | 1           | 1           |
| Range offices                           | 4           | 4           | 4           |
| Beat offices                            | 7           | 5           | 7           |
| Community forest (acreas)               | 16,902.0    | 16,902.0    | 16,941.0    |
| Nursery (Nos.)                          | 2           | 2           | 2           |
| Forest cover (%)                        | 60          | 60          | 60          |
| Protected areas (areas)                 | Nil         | Nil         | Nil         |
|                                         |             |             |             |
| <b>7. EMPLOYMENT</b>                    | <b>2022</b> | <b>2023</b> | <b>2024</b> |
| Labour force (Nos.)                     | 23,793      |             | 31,429      |
| Male                                    | 15,716      |             | 18,837      |
| Female                                  | 8,077       |             | 12,591      |
| Un-employed (Nos.)                      | 1,071       |             | 711         |
| Population involved in agriculture (%)  | 56.0        |             | 63.3        |
| Employment rate                         | 95.7        | 99.4        | 97.7        |
| Un-employment rate                      | 4.3         | 0.6         | 2.3         |
| Labour force participation rate         | 59.0        | 75.5        | 64.8        |
|                                         |             |             |             |
| <b>8. TRANSPORT &amp; COMMUNICATION</b> | <b>2022</b> | <b>2023</b> | <b>2024</b> |
| Length of road (Kms.)                   |             |             |             |
| Dzongkhag roads                         | 125.4       | 125.4       | 125.4       |
| Thromde roads                           | 8.3         | 8.3         | 8.3         |
| Gewog connectivity roads                | 115.2       | 115.2       | 115.2       |
| Farm roads                              | 940.3       | 1,021.5     | 1,031.5     |
| Motorable bridges (Nos.)                | 15          | 15          | 15          |
| Non-motorable bridges (Nos.)            | 20          | 20          | 20          |
| Telephone connections (Nos.)            | 290         | 290         | 290         |
| Internet lease line connections (Nos.)  | 46          | 85          | 82          |
| Internet broadband connection (Nos.)    | ...         | 15          | 15          |
| Cable TV operators                      | 6           | 6           | 6           |
| Taxis (Nos.)                            | 30          | 40          | 30          |
| Buses operating (Nos.)                  | 5           | 5           | 5           |
|                                         |             |             |             |
| <b>9. TRADE &amp; INDUSTRIES (Nos.)</b> | <b>2022</b> | <b>2023</b> | <b>2024</b> |
| Hotels and restaurants                  | 239         | 247         | 377         |
| Industries                              | 183         | 338         | 338         |
| Constructions                           | 107         | 84          | 106         |
|                                         |             |             |             |
| <b>10. TOURISM (Nos.)</b>               | <b>2022</b> | <b>2023</b> | <b>2024</b> |
| Tourists visited                        | ...         | ...         | ...         |
|                                         |             |             |             |
| <b>11. ELECTRICITY</b>                  | <b>2022</b> | <b>2023</b> | <b>2024</b> |
| Households electrified (%)              | 99.0        | 99.0        | 99.0        |
| Units consumed (MU)                     | ...         | ...         | ...         |
|                                         |             |             |             |

| <b>12. RELIGION &amp; CULTURE (Nos.)</b>             | <b>2022</b>    | <b>2023</b>    | <b>2024</b>    |
|------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Religious institutions                               | 11             | 11             | 11             |
| Religious monuments                                  | 38             | 38             | 42             |
|                                                      |                |                |                |
| <b>13. PUBLIC FINANCE-Financial Year (Mill. Nu.)</b> | <b>2021-22</b> | <b>2022-23</b> | <b>2023-24</b> |
| Budget outlay                                        | 1,912.787      | 1,768.082      | 1,676.338      |
| Current                                              | 960.583        | 959.483        | 1,175.650      |
| Capital                                              | 952.204        | 808.599        | 500.688        |
| Expenditure                                          | 1,636.435      | 1,711.581      | 1,636.049      |
| Current                                              | 958.310        | 959.073        | 1,171.439      |
| Capital                                              | 502.240        | 616.369        | 464.610        |
| Advances                                             | 175.886        | 136.139        | ...            |

Note:

<sup>1</sup>Dzongkhag Population Projection 2017-2017

<sup>2</sup>2017 Population & Housing Census of Bhutan

<sup>3</sup> Dzongkhag Population Projection 2017-2027

Forest cover- Source:FRMD, DoFPS 2016