



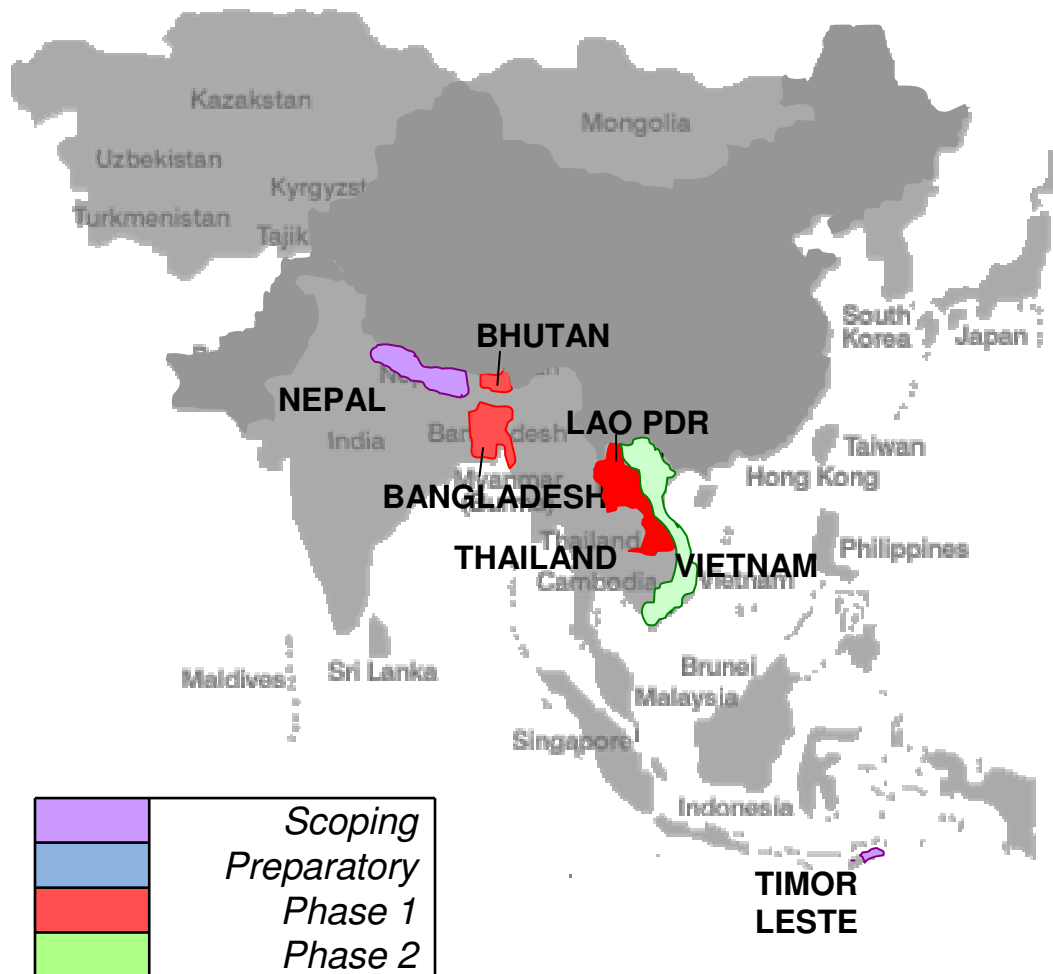
# *Regional UNDP-UNEP Poverty Environment Initiative (PEI)*

## **Asia-Pacific**



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# Asia Pacific PEI at a glance



6 countries across three stages  
(+ scoping studies)

• \$5.5 million between 2007-2012

• Potential to expand programme with interest from countries across A-P region

# *Bhutan: Complimenting Gross National Happiness Development Philosophy*



**Phase 1** August 2008 to 31 December 2009



## **Key implementing partner**

Gross National Happiness Commission  
(GNHC)

## **Activities**

1. Supporting the Government's Targeted Poverty Intervention programme (REAP) – identifying environmentally sound poverty reduction measures;
2. Developing planning guidelines for p-e mainstreaming
3. Review of environment-related public expenditure during 9<sup>th</sup> Five-Year Plan period.
4. Local Development Planning Manual – reference guide for local authorities to prioritize investments

## **Features**

- GNHC - a champion for mainstreaming environment
- PEI used as catalytic support for REAP
- Collaboration with DANIDA

# *Lao PDR– Integrating Environment with Poverty Reduction and Pro Poor Growth*



**Phase 1** will commence in April 2009.

## **KEY IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS**

Ministry of Planning and Investment

Provincial governments

National Assembly

## **ACTIVITIES**

- Integrate poverty and environment concerns into the 7th National Socio Economic Development Plan
- Support to develop sustainable investment strategies in several provinces
- Support for social and environmental impact assessment
- Strengthening capacity and increasing awareness of National Assembly on p-e issues

## **FEATURES**

- Collaboration with ADB/IFAD
- Implemented using existing project modalities





# Bangladesh – Poverty Environment and Climate Mainstreaming



**Phase 1** will commence in April 2009.

## KEY IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS

Ministry of Planning

## ACTIVITIES

- Integrate poverty and environment concerns into the PRSP – analysis, capacity building
- Incorporating poverty and environment concerns in template of Project Pro-forma
- Guidelines and performance assessments for poverty-environment-climate mainstreaming at local level
- Demonstration of p-e mainstreaming in five eco regions.

## FEATURES

- Implemented using existing project modalities



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# *Nepal, Thailand and Timor-Leste: Support inclusive planning and decision-making*



## **Key implementing partners:**

Ministry of Local  
Development – Nepal  
Ministry of Interior –  
Thailand  
Ministry of Economy and  
Development – Timor-Leste

## **Other partners:**

Nepal: Community groups,  
district and local  
governments  
Thailand: Network of forest  
user groups, provincial and  
local governments

## **KEY FEATURES**

- Decentralization initiatives – entry point to mainstream p-e concerns
- Evidence-based approaches to integrate p-e concerns in planning process
- Economic analysis – creating a platform for PES, CSR
- Tapping synergies between on-going projects

# *PEI and Asia – Pacific: Common themes and challenges for mainstreaming*



- Agencies responsible for planning and budget decisions must be in the driving seat
- Economic analysis – key to making the case and capturing attention of finance agencies
- PEI – a conduit for knowledge dissemination
- Environment – recognized as being important but treated as a sector.
- Challenge for poverty-environment mainstreaming – upstream interventions based on evidence and tools
- Poverty environment linkages are more tangible local level. Decentralization initiatives - are a useful entry point
- Private sector - significant agent of environmental change
- Economic planning and spatial planning are de-linked
- Mainstreaming efforts can in turn be mainstreamed

# Thank you



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