

Sustainable Development and Happiness: Bhutan's VNR Report 2018



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Presentation Outline

1. Bhutan's LDC status

2. Institutional mechanisms for SDGs implementations

3. Integration of SDG into Five Year Development Plan

3. Challenges

4. Conclusion



Bhutan's LDC Status (Triennial Review 2018)

Criteria	Graduation Threshold	Bhutan Score
GNI Per capita	USD 1,242	USD 2,401
HAI	66	72.9
EVI	32	36.3



Institutional set-up for SDG implementation

Parliamentary
Oversight on
SDG

GNH Commission

GNHC
Secretariat

SDG Working
Committee

VNR Task Force

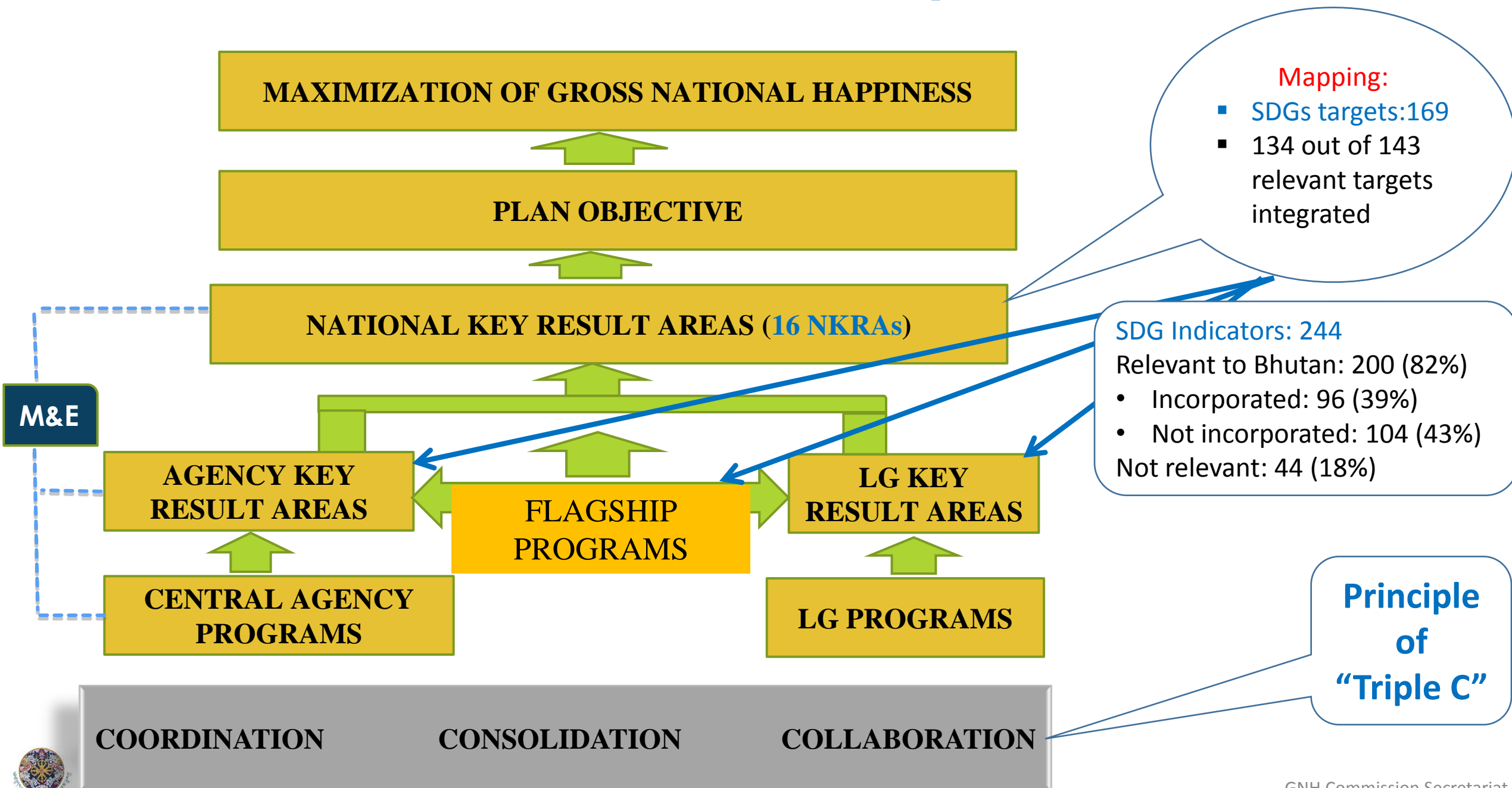
Implementing
agencies



Integration of SDGs into National Planning Framework



STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK for the 12th Five Year Development Plan (2018-2023)



CAPITAL RESOURCE SHARE IN THE 12TH FIVE YEAR PLAN 7

Between Centre & Local Governments

50%

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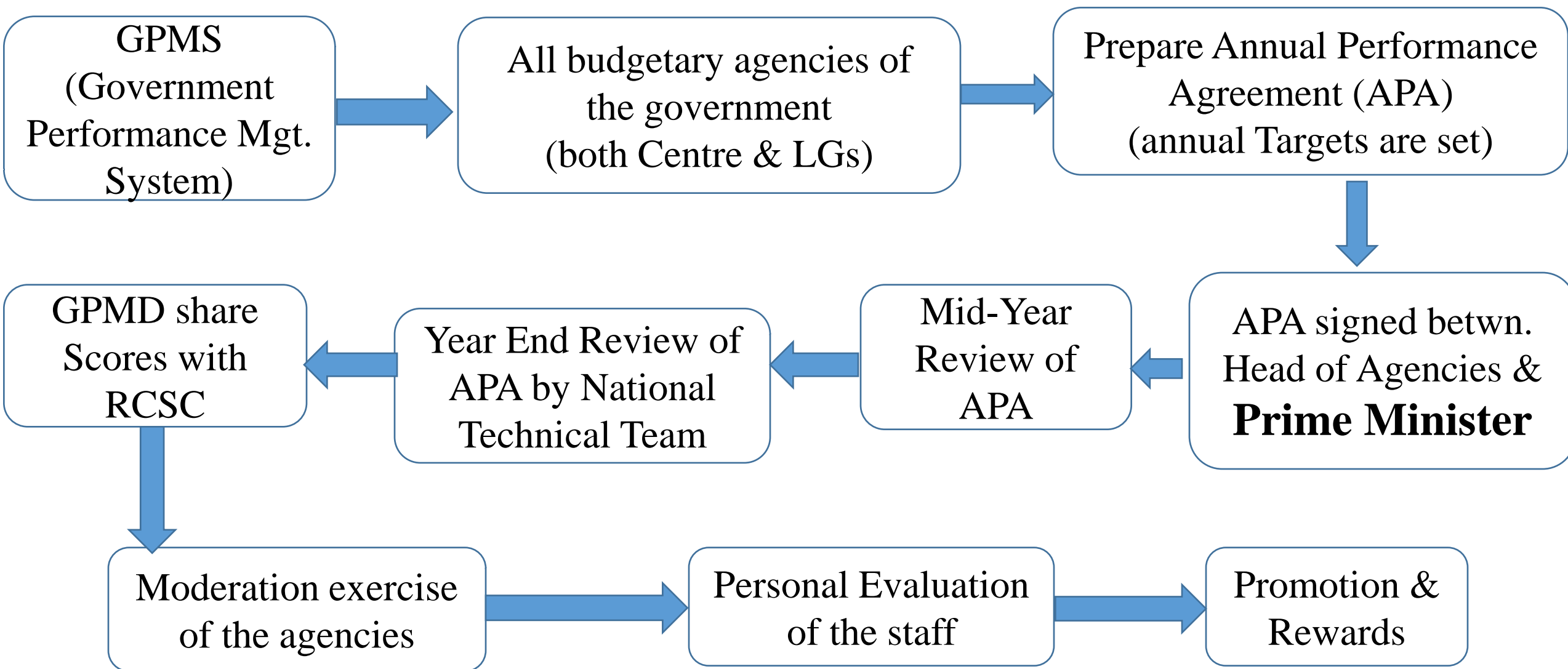
Empowering LGs

Strengthening
Decentralization
(District &
County Council)

- More financial resources
- Full Planning authority
- Full Management authority
- For Efficiency & effectiveness
- To Increase capacity
- For Ownership & Accountability



Accountability framework for implementations



Challenges

1. Financial constraints
2. Absence of financing needs estimates for implementation of SDGs
3. Inadequate human resources capacity (limited in quantity & skills)
4. Mismatch of skills and jobs in the market
5. Inadequate technology (affordability & limited skills to operate)
6. Weak coordination among all the stakeholders –Government (within Centre agencies & LGs), Private Sector, NGO, Academia and Citizens
7. Inadequate level of awareness and capacity constraints to align sector and agency plans and programs to SDG targets and indicators
8. Weak CSOs (both in terms of human and financial resources)
9. Weak data Quality & Availability, and weak statistical capacity & management
10. Weak M&E system
11. Limited use of information for decision making



In Conclusion:

Bhutan therefore needs support and cooperation of the International Community and Development partners to ...

- ❖ Sustainably graduate from LDCs by end of the 12th Plan
- ❖ Build capacity for implementing the SDGs
- ❖ Mobilize resources for SDG implementation



A Prayer for Sustainable Development!



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Where ever may sentient beings be on this planet,

ནད་གདོན་དབུལ་ཕོངས་འཐབ་ཚུད་ནི་བ་དང་།

may they be free from illness, stress, hunger, crime, and violence.

ཆོས་དང་བགྲིས་འཕེལ་བར་མཛད་དུ་གསོལ།

Thriving on harmony between nature and humankind,
may they be blessed with peace and prosperity.