

Phobjikha Gewog

Background

Phobjikha is a small Gewog extending to an area of 145.71 Sqkm with an altitude ranging from 2800 to 4000 Meters above sea level. It is located in east- central part of the country, a little more than 68 kilometers away from Dzongkhag Administration, Wangduephodrang. It shares border with Athang Gewog in the South, Gangtey Gewog and Sephu Gewog in the North – East frontier with an old neglected foot path connecting to Chendebji Gewog of Trongsa Dzongkhag which is told to be approximately three hours journey on foot.

It comprises of five Chiwogs with 29 villages on aggregate. It has 426 households and a population of about little over 2642 head counts as per the annual census.. There are 6 villages in Gangphel Chiwog with 95 households, 8 villages in Tawa Chiwog with 137 households, 5 villages in Khemdro Chiwog with 113 households, 3 villages in Drangha Chiwog with 39 households and 7 villages in Dogselna Chiwog with 42 households.

The Gewog is known by its beauty and immemorial scenery stretching over a vast valley. Spring is a wonder for visitors from different walks of life. It is an exact time of the year where the true nature of its beauty is being revealed with varied abundant blossoms of flowers and rhododendrons complemented by cool breezes blowing through this heavenly abode. However, it is characterized by cold temperate climatic conditions with strong winds on a daily basis. It usually experiences very harsh cold windy winters with snowfall and cool warm rainy summers.

Although, some parts of the terrain in the Gewog is rugged but most of the Agricultural land is situated on gentle slopes to vast stretches on gentle areas along its valley. Approximately about 69.19 % of the Gewog is covered by forest mostly consisting of mixed conifers with sandy loam soil found very fertile, high in humus content best suitable for Potato cultivation which is evidently one of the most dominant cash crops cultivated in this part of the country on a very large scale for commercial purposes. It contributes to almost 90% of the peoples' cash income generation and the same is used for buying all the necessities enough to last for a year. Obviously, it has contributed to enhancing and increasing the livelihood of the people thereby reducing the poverty incidences in the Gewog at an individual level in general.

The Gewog has good road accessibility with over 82.98 kms of farm road being constructed over the last plan periods connecting every village. All the farm roads are open to traffic during winter months with exceptions during a few months in summer when heavy downpours are quite incessant. It has 100% Telecommunication networks both for B-Mobile and Tashi Cell. Electricity coverage is also 100% but power cuts are frequent almost 2-3 times every day due to Electric Cable Poles erected through thick woods via Gogona and due to the underground cables

along the plain areas. The width of its “Right of Way” along its Cable alignments seems to be quite narrow as a result of which the standing Trees nearby it's “Right of Way” falls on its Cables thereby damaging it when confronted with windstorms and Snow Falls during winter seasons every year. It occurs too often.

The natural beauty of the valley complemented with rich flora and fauna in particular the Black-necked Cranes, makes the place an attractive recreational destination for both Bhutanese and foreign visitors. Moreover, the introduction of Home-Stay program in the villages adds more value for the foreign visitors to experience the living styles, food habits and culture of the people living in these far flung areas. But not much have been gained significantly for the proprietors of a few Home –Stay in the Gewog since most of the Tourists are absorbed by larger Tourist Hotels and Home-Stays in Gangtey Gewog. Yet it does have great potentials for ecotourism given the proper initiatives put in place and the willingness of the people for any changes hereon on the same.

Gewog at a glance		
1	Gewog	Phobjikha
2	Gewog centre	Dazijab, Khemdro Chiwog
3	No. of villages	29
4	No. of chiwog	5
5	Total No. of household	426
6	Total Population	2642
7	No. of Schools	1 Primary and 2 ECR
8	No. of Bridges	4 (Zamtona, Gangphel, Khemdro and Pakchi Zam)
9	No. of BHU/ORC	2 ORC (Ramichen and Gangphel)
10	No. of Lhakhangs	11
11	No. of Chortens	13
12	Road connectivity	100 % connected
13	Electricity facilities	100% connected
14	Soil type	Sandy loam soil
15	Climate	Extreme cold in winter and moderate in

		summer
16	Estimated area (sq. km)	145.71Sq.Km
17	maximum altitude (meter above the sea level)	2800 – 4000 Meters above sea level
18	minimum altitude (meter above the sea level)	2800-4000 meter

Details of Chewogs:

Sl. No	Name of the Chiwog	Name of the Village	No. of households *
1	Tawa	Tawa, Taphu, Nimdrosa, Chakji, Poelam, Talachen, Ganguel, Ramichen	137
2	Khendro	Tangchey, Kilkhorthang, Ngyenphey, Khendro, Jogay	113
3	Gangphel	Zizi, Zhiba, Gangphel, Damchoe lhakhang, Zugar, Gaydechen	95
4	Drang	Drang, Pangsar, Haal	39
5	Dogselna	Dogselna, Gorphu, Dangsar, Tangkhagayray, Chumichen, Khenwang, Jangchukgoenpa	42
Total			426
<i>*The households given here are based on the number of gungs recorded in the Census Records</i>			

Crop Production

Crops	Area in Acres	Production in MT	Yield (kg/acres)
Cereals			
Barely	7.68	6.589	858
Buckwheat	126.2	63.25	501.2
Mustard	6.34	1.889	298
Vegetables			

Potato	1081.51	1054.53	9944
Turnip	510	4160.27	8157.4
Chilli	0.55	1.298	2360
Radish	81.6	249.07	7882
Fruit trees			
	229	2.51	11

Education Statistics

Sl.no	Name of School	Location	Establishment	Teaching Staff		Students		Non-Teaching staff	Water Supply	Electricity	Road Connectivity
				M	F	M	F				
1	Ramichen Primary school	Tawa		4	3	122	96	5	100%	100%	Connected
2	Gangphel ECR	Gangphel		1	2	20	24	0	100%	100%	Connected
3	Taebiphaka ECR	Dogselna	2011	2	1	14	12	0	100%	100%	Connected

School Contact Details

Sl. no	Name of the School	Name of the Principal	Contact No.	
			Mobile No.	Office No.
1	Ramichen Primary School	Yeshe Jamtsho	17300652/77107694	
2	Taebiphaka ECR	Ugyen Lhaden (In charge)	17490020	
3	Gangphel ECR	Passang Wangmo(Incharge)	17975552	

KIDU REPORT

Kidu Recipient (2015)

Sl no	Name	Village	CID no	House no	Thram no	Remarks
2	Pema Choden	-do-	1191200178 3	Tsha-12-89	44	

Cultural and Religious Institutions.

Sl.No	Name of Lhakhang	Description
1	Damchoelhakhang	A community owned Lhakhang and it has been built by Lam Phajo Drukgom Zhipo in the 14th century. Sangay Tempa is the main nangten in the Lhakhang
2	Zizi Lhakhang	It's a community owned Lhakhang and has been built by Ugyen Thinley Dorji 100 years ago. Chenreyzi is the main nangten in the Lhakhang
3	Gaydeychen Lhakhang	It is owned by the community and is said to have been built by Tsepai Lopen Jadu 19 years ago
4	Taphu Lhakhang	It is known as Thekchok Samten Choling Lhakhang and has been built by Dungscho Kinley Gyeltshen. Chukchi Zhey is the main nangten in the Lhakhang
5	Gangyoed Lhakhang	It is a community Lhakhang although it is not known who has built it. Duesum Sangye is the main nangten in the Lhakhang
6	Kepai Tinglochu Lhakhang	It's a private Lhakhang and is believed to have been built before 70 years ago. The founder of it is not yet known till now. The Chenreyzi is the main nangten in the Lhakhang
7	Sangay Penjor Lhakhang	It's a pvt. Lhakhang and it has been built by Lam Lingbab in the 16th century.
8	Tangchey Lhakhang	It's a pvt. Lhakhang and it is believed to have been built by Lam Ngagi Wangchuck during the 16th century
9	Kilkhorthang Lhakhang	It is a community owned Lhakhang and is believed to have been built during 15th century. Chukchi Zhey is the main nangten in the Lhakhang
10	Ngelung Drechagling Lhakhang	The new Lhakhang was built recently a few years ago by her highness, Royal Queen grandmother. And in early march

		2015, a nunnery was established for the wellbeing of the people of the Gewog by his eminence, Gyeltshen Truelku Rinpoche
11	Khewang Lhaxhang	It's a community owned Lhaxhang built in the 14th century by Truelku Penjor Gyeltshen who was a mind reincarnation of Kuenkhen Longchen Rabjam

Farm Road information

Farm road Inventory of Phobji Gewog, Wangduephodrang

Gewog	Chewog	Farm road name	Length of Farm road (Km)	Beneficiaries (HH)
Phobjikha	Khemdro	Jogay-Tshemshingisa	2.9	35
		Kilkhorthang Lhaxhang –Tsikorna	2	36
		Tsoribusu-Melwa	2.5	150
		Melwa-Tshemshingisa	2.1	35
		Melwa-Tangchey	1.1	30
		Melwa-Ramsaba	1.3	70
		Talam-Ramsaba	3.4	35
		Denichorten-Talam	1.7	15
		Nabula-Gaylochen	1.28	35
		Total	18.28	
	Drang	Churatsawa(Zamchuchen)-Drang	1.96	17
		Sinchupara-Zamchuchen	4.8	39
		Zamchuchen-Haall Bache	1.6	15

		Zamthona-Pangsar	1.17	7
		Bishingtsawa-Sangchugang	0.99	5
		Pochuna-Lhamphusigang	0.14	2
		Thosibama-Yakshingtae	0.54	6
		Zhagogo-Jachama	0.3	5
		Baritsawa-Zhugayna	0.25	4
		Chubana-Gyemilo	0.31	
		Thangona-Bache	0.43	5
		Zamthona-Churatsawa	0.56	39
		Pochuna-Tshigkochen	0.2	3
		Total	13.25	
	Dogselna	Tabading-Zhamtona	2.25	80
		Chuamm-Tshotakama	2.1	80
		Chusibigang-Hatochen	1.5	15
		Pangchuna-Drangraybu	0.95	13
		Dangsar-Zachu	1.2	10
		Dophuchen-Bachichen	1.1	14
		Dangsa-Yekoma	0.835	6

		Tangkhangery-Yap gang	1	18
		Zamtona-Pang gu	0.3	3
		Chungchuna-Zhinsaba	0.4	4
		Toktozakha-Zhingima	0.25	2
		Lamkhapshe-Samtena	1.25	40
		Churigang-Yangtawo	0.43	14
		Tseda-Lamkhapshe	1	1
		Khewang-Tseda	0.8	1
		Tsekuchen-Zango	0.3	4
		Dangsar-Chubuchen	0.2	3
		Jishitaswa-Zachu	1	9
		Dogsizhewong-Chumochen	0.5	3
		Total	17.365	
	Gangphel	Tsekopang-Damchoe lhakhang	0.764	6
		Damchoe Lhakhang-Zizi	7.41	86
		Zhugar	0.98	1
		Gangphel-Dangrabhu	0.324	8
		Gangpel-Dangrabu-Lhashing tsawa	0.67	32
		Churataswa-Zizi Drangrabu	0.11	4

		Patulakha-Gaydec hen Lhakhang tsawa	0.6	12
		Chukhor tsawa-Wangchey churuna	1.1	28
		Ziba chukor tsawa -Geypha	1.1	30
		Chukhortsa-Tasi zam	2.15	30
		Total	15.208	
	Tawa	Gangyuel Ram-Chakchey	1.75	23
		Gangyuel Ram(Talachen)-N amfosa	1.65	54
		Lamazhuk thri-Poelam	3.3	70
		Poelam-Taphu	2.2	56
		Taphu-Gelana	0.45	4
		Poelam-Tangchey Thangsa	0.9	9
		Tawa-Ramichen	0.22	5
		Tawa-Meyda	0.3	2
		Namfosa-Khemti ng	0.15	3
		Pangthang Gang-Talachen	0.65	6
		Pakgay zam-AWP	0.95	14
		AWP-Rubichen	1.5	80
		Chakchey-Zamga ng	0.15	2
		Rampokto-Zhiph	0.35	3

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		Tawa-Bachina	0.23	1
		Bachina-Chukarp o	0.175	1
		Zhiphu-Khepey	0.5	9
		Taphu-Jogay	1.2	8
		Zhilam-Taphu	2.2	56
		Total	18.825	
Total farm road length under Phobji Gewog, Wangduephodrang is 82.928				

Staff information			
Sl. no	Name	Designation	Contact No.
1	Sangay Lhamo	Sr GAO	17718823
2	Bhim Bdr Subba	LPS	17547870
3	Kinley Wangmo	Agriculture Extension	17834433
4	Dema	CC operator	77804211
5	Sanga Tenzin	Driver	17258424
6	Yangchen	Care Taker	17663748

