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## ANNEXURE I

### SMALL STUDY GRANTS FOR SCHOOLS IN BHUTAN

The **Royal Society for Protection of Nature (RSPN)**, in partnership with the **Bhutan National Commission for UNESCO (Bhutan NatCom)** under the **Ministry of Education and Skills Development (MoESD)**, is pleased to invite applications for the **2025 Small Study Grants Program**.

#### Objective of the Study Grant

This grant supports schools with **UNESCO Clubs, ASPnet Schools, or Nature Clubs** in developing **innovative solutions** to address local environmental challenges. The program encourages students to:

- Identify **pressing environmental issues** in their communities.
- Document the impacts on **local biodiversity and climate**.
- Conduct **biodiversity surveys** with student and stakeholder participation.
- Propose **nature-positive solutions** using **STEM-based approaches**.

#### ASPnet Club

The UNESCO Associated Schools Network (ASPnet) is a global network of millions of students, teachers, principals and wider school communities, who are committed to promoting and transmitting UNESCO's values through education. The Network operates at international and national levels with three clear priorities: education for sustainable development, global citizenship education and inter-cultural and heritage learning.

#### Nature Club

A Nature Club is a school-based initiative established in the 1990s by RSPN in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and Skills Development to promote environmental education and awareness among students and surrounding communities. To support the program, RSPN developed activity manuals, management guides, and trained over 1,000 teachers. In partnership with the



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erstwhile Royal Education Council, RSPN also introduced the Environmental Science curriculum for grade IX and X and extended the program to monastic schools.

## **RSPN**

The Royal Society for Protection Nature (RSPN) is the country's oldest Environmental NGO. Established in 1987 under the Royal Command of His Majesty Fourth King, the organization is dedicated to the conservation of the environment through innovative solutions. Environmental and Climate education is one of the core mandates of RSPN and has been supporting many schools.



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## PROPOSAL TEMPLATE

### 1. APPLICANT INFORMATION

*The green text in the concept note provides guidance for completing the application. Please remove all instructional text and replace it with the actual project details, ensuring that all sections are fully completed.*

#### 1.1 PROJECT TITLE:

*(Insert your project title here that clearly and concisely reflects the intended outcomes of the study).*

#### 1.2 NAME OF SCHOOL AND DZONGKHAG:

*(Insert the name of the school and its district. If the proposed study sites span multiple villages or districts, list all of them).*

#### 1.3 BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE ASPNET/NATURE CLUB STATUS IN THE PROPOSED SCHOOL:

*(Provide a short background of your school's ASPnet or Nature club, including its history, mandate, membership size, and any relevant initiatives undertaken).*

#### 1.4 INDICATIVE PROJECT BUDGET:

*The amount should not exceed*  
**NATIONAL CURRENCY (NU):30,000.00**



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## 2. PROJECT RATIONALE

**2.2** DESCRIBE THE ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGES/ ISSUES THE PROPOSED PROJECT WILL ADDRESS, AND THE INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS EXPECTED TO BE GENERATED.

*(Explain the local environmental challenges the proposed study aims to address, and outline the innovative, nature-positive solutions to be developed and implemented-**Maximum two paragraphs**).*

**2.1** DESCRIBE THE MEANS TO ENGAGE THE STUDENTS IN COLLECTING AND ESTABLISHING THE DATA REGARDING THE IMPACTS OF ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES, GATHERING BASELINE INFORMATION ON BIODIVERSITY, CLIMATE INFORMATION AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC STATUS OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.

*(Explain the ways to engage students and relevant stakeholders in documenting the impacts of local environmental challenges(Documentation of biodiversity data, socio-economic status, climate information- **Maximum two paragraphs**).*

## 3. PROJECT NARRATIVE:

3.1 WHAT IS THE OVERALL GOAL OF THE PROJECT?	<i>(State the overarching purpose or long-term impact the study aims to achieve).</i>
3.2 WHAT IS THE PROJECT OVERALL OBJECTIVES?	<i>(List the specific objectives that support the overall goal).</i>
3.3 WHAT ARE THE EXPECTED OUTCOMES OF THE PROJECT?	<i>(Describe the expected results or changes that will occur as a result of the study).</i>



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#### 4. WORKPLAN AND BUDGET

MONTH	ACTIVITY	BUDGET
AUGUST ( <i>Second week</i> )		
SEPTEMBER		
OCTOBER ( <i>First week</i> )		