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INCLUSIVE SELECTION CRITERIA FOR VULNERABLES FOR LIVELIHOOD SUPPORT UNDER BRECSA

BUILDING RESILIENT COMMERCIAL SMALLHOLDER AGRICULTURE (BRECSA)

Project Management Unit

Gelephu: Sarpang





1. Introduction

The Building Resilient Commercial Smallholder Agriculture (BRECSA) project is dedicated to fostering inclusivity and resilience among vulnerable households in the target Dzongkhags of Sarpang, Tsirang, Trongsa, and Zhemgang. Recognizing the diverse challenges faced by these communities, particularly those exacerbated by social, economic, and climate-related vulnerabilities, the project aims to provide targeted livelihood support to those most in need. To ensure that resources are allocated equitably and effectively, the BRECSA project has established a comprehensive set of selection criteria. These criteria are designed to identify households that are most vulnerable, with a particular focus on women, youth, persons with disabilities (PWDs), and Women Headed Household. This document outlines the detailed selection process, criteria, and mechanisms to ensure transparency, fairness, and inclusivity in the allocation of project benefits.

2. Objective of the selection

1. Ensure equitable access to project benefit and resources.
2. Prioritize household at risk of social, economic and climate related vulnerabilities.
3. Foster inclusivity by addressing the unique needs of women, youth, person with disability and marginalized groups.

3. General Selection Criteria

Category	Selection Criteria
Women with Disabilities	Special priority for households headed by women with disabilities or women caring for PWDs.
Limited Access to Support	Households receiving little or no support from existing disability programs
Number of PWDs in Household	Priority for households with multiple family members with disabilities.
Social Inclusion and Participation	Households where PWDs are socially excluded or face significant barriers to participation in community activities.
Dependency and Care	Households with high dependency ratios due to caregiving responsibilities for PWDs.
Education and Skills Development	Households where PWDs have limited access to education, vocational training, or skill development programs.
Access to Climate-Resilient Tools	Households lacking climate-resilient farming tools, assistive devices, or technologies.



- **Type of PWDs:** Applicants whose disabilities do not significantly hinder their ability to earn a livelihood or access support required and people with minor impairments such as short term injuries and who have capacitated caregivers may be deprioritized

6. Selection Process.

1. Shortlisting:

- Initial screening based on application forms, income declarations, and medical diagnosis of disability conditions.
- Review of supporting documents to verify financial and socio-economic conditions.
- Pre-selection of applicants meeting the baseline criteria for further assessment verification form respective gewogs.

2. Confirmatory Stage:

- Conducting field visits, interviews, or additional verification checks to validate the applicant's situation.
- Community consultations or discussions with local leaders, social workers, Kidu focal, Dzongkhag sector heads and Dzongkhag health professionals for further assessment.

3. Final Selection:

- Development of a final list of beneficiaries based on a scoring mechanism considering vulnerability, financial need, and readiness to participate in support programs.
- Final approval from project teams or selection committees to ensure fairness and adherence to guidelines.

4. Training and Mentorship:

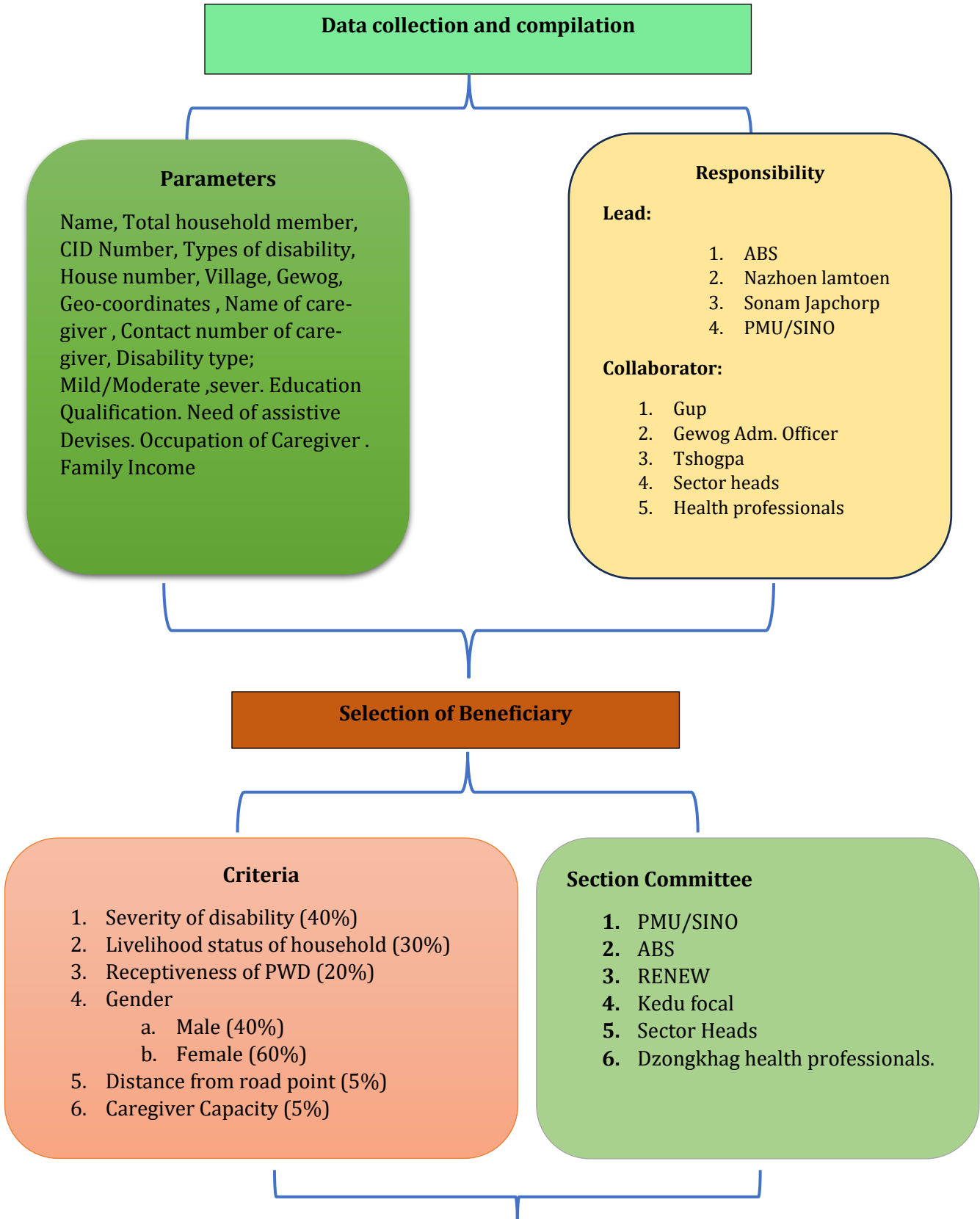
- Selected beneficiaries will undergo structured capacity-building training tailored to their skills, needs, and aspirations.
- Mentorship and guidance programs will be implemented to support beneficiaries in integrating into sustainable livelihood programs.

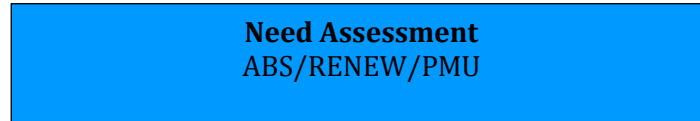
5. Future Sustainability:

- Regular follow-ups and impact assessments to measure the effectiveness of the support provided.
- Continuous linkages with relevant livelihood enhancement programs, micro-financing initiatives, and employment opportunities in consultation with organization for person with disability to ensure long-term empowerment and self-sufficiency



7. Data Collection & Assessment Tools





Activity incorporation in AWPB

- Livelihood investment: **Gewog RNR Officials/ABS/RENEW/Tarayana**
- Readiness support for women and PWD: **PMU/SINO/ABS/RENEW/Gewog RNR officials**



Activity Implementation

- Livelihood investment: **Gewog RNR Officials/ABS/RENEW/Tarayana**
- Readiness support for women and PWD: **ABS/RENEW**
- Facilitator : **PMU**

Reporting Progress

- Livelihood investment: **Gewog RNR Officials/ABS/RENEW/Tarayana**
- Readiness support for women and PWD: **ABS/RENEW**
- Monitoring and Evaluation: **PMU**



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Conclusion

The BRECSA project's selection criteria have been meticulously designed to ensure that the most vulnerable households are identified and supported in a fair and transparent manner. By prioritizing those at risk of social, economic, and climate-related vulnerabilities, the project aims to create a more inclusive and resilient community.

The systematic selection process, which includes rigorous verification, community consultations, and a scoring mechanism, ensures that resources are allocated equitably and that beneficiaries are empowered to achieve long-term self-sufficiency. Through structured training, mentorship, and continuous follow-up, the project not only addresses immediate needs but also fosters sustainable livelihood opportunities for vulnerable groups.

By adhering to these standardized criteria, the BRECSA project reaffirms its commitment to inclusivity, transparency, and accountability. The ultimate goal is to empower vulnerable households, particularly women, youth, and persons with disabilities, to overcome barriers and build a more resilient future.