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**Country Report
[Period Coverage: 1 January 2022 – 31 December 2022]**

Name of Country : Bhutan
Name of Library : The National Library & Archives of Bhutan
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1 Facts and Figures

| Sn | Item Description | Figures |
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| a | Operating Budget i. Government ii. External Sources | Government |
| b | Total Staff (FTE) i. Graduate or Post Graduate with library qualifications ii. Other Qualifications | i Graduate with library qualification. 2 nos ii PhD. 1no iii Master Degree 2 iv Degree 2 v Diploma 7 |
| c | Collection Size i. Physical collection ii. Digital collection preserved | i 544 ii 200 |
| d | Visitor ship (Annual) i. Physical visits to reading rooms ii. Digital visits to websites | i 656 ii--- |
| e | Inter Library Loans provided (Annual) | 174 nos |

2 Overview of Major or New Developments in Library Buildings, Collections, Access or Services [Please provide a maximum of 5 highlights]

- a. Redesigning of library structure and display
- b. Digital collection in collaboration with Loden Foundation (CSO). (2million digital images)

- c. Ongoing digitization program for establishment of digital library.

3 Collaborations with Libraries, Archives and Museums in your Country [Please provide a maximum of 5 highlights]

- a. Collaboration with Royal University of Bhutan (RUB) in the area of cultural heritage, including literary heritage.

4 International Collaborations such as Formal Arrangements for Cooperation with National Libraries [Please provide a maximum of 5 highlights]

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