

Press Release

Capacity Building on Giant African Land Snail (GALS) Management and Eradication

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The Bhutan Food and Drug Authority (BFDA), in collaboration with the Technical Working Group (TWG) for the Adaptation Fund Project implementation, organized a three-day capacity building program on the Management and Eradication of Giant African Land Snail (GALS). The program was held from 21–23 April 2025 across Lingmethang, Gyalpoizhing, and Autsho.

The key objectives of the program were to:

- 1. Train participants on trap upscaling and conduct mass campaigns to strengthen people-public partnerships for effective GALS management.*
- 2. Raise awareness and sensitize on the Standard Operating Procedures (SoP) for GALS monitoring, collection campaigns, trapping, and community-level reporting.*

A total of 171 representatives from relevant agencies and identified households—selected for trap upscaling and campaign participation—attended the program. To ensure effective implementation during the five-month GALS emergence period, community engagement and participation will be central. BFDA and TWG will provide continuous monitoring, support, and technical assistance throughout this period.

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