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Governance Lab

Oversight of past legacy: Reflections on Nepal's draft Water Resources Bill 2024



Governance Lab in partnership with [International Water Management Institute \(IWMI\)](#), [FMIST Nepal](#) & National Federation of Irrigation Water User's Association, Nepal NEFIWUAN organized expert consultation on the Water Bill 2024. As the bill undergoes clause-by-clause review by the Infrastructure Development Committee, its ambition to transform water management under federalism has raised concerns.

Critics argue the bill overlooks the traditional roles of local communities in

water stewardship and doesn't fully align with constitutional rights for local governance. Recent consultations with experts flagged issues, from unclear definitions to overlapping roles across government levels, and emphasized the need for climate resilience.

Key recommendations call for amendments that would empower communities, enhance coordination, and address potential water conflicts.

Read on to explore how this pivotal bill could shape—or complicate—Nepal's path to sustainable, inclusive water governance.

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National Governance Symposium 2024 Coming Soon!!



Governance Lab is gearing up for the National Governance Symposium 2024, building on the success of the 2023 event. Last year, the symposium brought together over 300 stakeholders from government, private sector, civil society, and international agencies to discuss governance innovations for inclusive development.

The 2023 symposium featured impactful sessions on topics such as youth-government collaboration, women's enterprise development, and inclusive climate governance. With a focus on fostering multi-stakeholder partnerships and promoting evidence-based policies, the 2024 symposium aims to further advance these discussions and explore new avenues for inclusive governance in Nepal.

NGS 2023

NGS 2024

Inclusion Economics Nepal

Updates from 'Understanding Political Selection in Nepal' Project

Inclusion Economics Nepal (IEN) at Governance Lab is geared towards conducting a telephone survey of about 5000 local officials, including mayors, deputy mayors, CAOs and ward chairs. We will design a phone survey questionnaire to be implemented across all local governments in Nepal. In LISP pilot municipalities, we will conduct longer modules on a wider set of potential program outcomes. We will be soliciting feedback from the LISP team on the questionnaire and the scope of analysis.

We will also share our latest analysis on "Navigating Capacity and Vulnerability in Targeting Programs: Insights from LISP Phase 2 Selection Process". In this brief, we evaluate how updates to the selection criteria in the Local Infrastructure Support Programme (LISP) impact the pre-enrollment characteristics of local governments (LGs) that apply for the program and are ultimately selected to participate. We compare the average capacity and vulnerability scores in both phases across LGs that were eligible, applied, and were selected to assess the

Building on our previous rounds of local governance surveys in Nepal, we plan to collect quantitative measures on municipal planning and governance process, inventory planned and ongoing infrastructure projects and expenditures.

effectiveness of targeting aid to palikas that would be “good candidates” for the LISP program – that is, LGs with relatively high capacity and high vulnerability scores.

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The Asia Foundation- Collaborative Governance Pilot

The Asia Foundation in partnership with IDEA is implementing a Collaborative Governance Pilot. The pilot will deliver learning around testing the use of an issues-based approach, and how this approach can contribute to promoting the implementation of two key elements of the Constitution – federalism and inclusion.

Daayitwa is one of the project's implementing partners. Daayitwa team members recently attended a two-day residential orientation workshop for the project at Nepalgunj on the 28th and 29th of October. Daayitwa looks forward to this collaboration.

Mission Aasha for Growth Entrepreneurship and Employment Program (GEEP)



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a shared journey for progress

PROMOTING ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND EMPLOYMENT IN RURAL NEPAL

GROWTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (GEEP)

Nepal faces an employment crisis as thousands of youth are forced to leave the nation daily for foreign employment, often in hazardous work conditions, to support their families. As Nepal advances to become an aged society by 2061, we must capitalize on the demographic dividend and secure a prosperous future today.

GEEP OBJECTIVES

GEEP aims to accelerate rural enterprises for boosting employment and income growth in rural Nepal.

1. Accelerate growth-oriented rural enterprises,
2. Build state capability for effective policy implementation,
3. Foster stakeholder collaboration for governance innovation.

Mission Aasha is a campaign that aims to ignite a chain reaction by connecting catalysts of hope in rural Nepal with champions of change in the US, enabling rural youth and women to lead their communities towards a brighter, prosperous future.

Through the Growth Entrepreneurship and Employment Program (GEEP), Daayitwa, in collaboration with provincial and local governments and the Nepali diaspora, aims to boost rural entrepreneurship and employment, driving economic growth and prosperity.

[Learn More](#)

Podspective by Daayitwa Abhiyaan



“Women at the Helm: Shaping Nepal’s Politics and Inclusive Growth” in conversation with Ms. Laxmi Devi Pandey, Chairperson of Hupsekot Rural Municipality and Chairperson of NARMIN! Join us as we explore themes of federalism, women’s representation in political leadership and the crucial need for strengthening local entrepreneurship in Nepal. If you haven’t listened to our previous episodes yet, now is the perfect time to tune in! Click here to catch up on insightful discussions on topics of governance, leadership and innovation.

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Dashain and Tihar Celebration



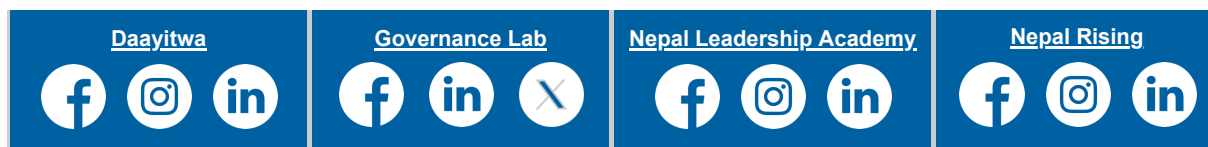
The Daayitwa Abhiyaan team gathered for a delightful dinner to celebrate the vibrant festivals of Dashain and Tihar. The evening was filled with joy, laughter, and a sense of togetherness as the Mission Aasha team shared their journey of planning and execution of garnering support to make the project possible. It was a wonderful opportunity for everyone to bond and embrace the festive spirit.

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