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Daayitwa Nepal Public Policy Fellowship 2025

DNPPF is Daayitwa's flagship project that started in 2013 and has carved a path for Nepali youth to actively engage and synergize with the Government of Nepal. The fellowship gives participating candidates a unique chance to collaborate with public partners from different government agencies and parliamentarians to conduct policy research and an opportunity to attend the Leading Policy Innovation (LPI) Course -curated and delivered by experts from around the world. The call for applications for the DNPPF 2025 cycle is now open. We invite young public policy professionals and youths keen on fortifying Nepal's governance system, through impactful collaboration with the governmental sector to apply for the fellowship. This fellowship offers a unique opportunity to contribute to promoting evidence-based advocacy in Nepal and a chance to work closely with various governmental organizations and parliamentarians. Additionally, this fellowship provides them with the chance to engage in the LPI course which encompasses a Leadership Course, Public Administration Course, Research Training Sessions, Analytical Skills and Project Management sessions, and research mentorship provided by PhD experts in various fields. The capacity partners for the DNPPF fellowship are Governance Lab and Nepal Leadership Academy.

Please apply and/or spread the word among potential candidates in your personal and professional network!!!

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Growth Entrepreneurship and Employment Program (GEEP)

In January, the GEEP project team traveled to Gandaki Province, visiting five rural municipalities (Jaljala, Hupsekot, Badigad, Siranchok, and Myagde) in collaboration with the Ministry of Commerce and Tourism, Gandaki Province. The visit successfully established partnerships with local political and bureaucratic leadership, allowing us to present our implementation model to key stakeholders. A significant achievement was the formation of Rapid Results Initiative (RRI) teams in each municipality, who will oversee local implementation. The municipalities demonstrated enthusiasm for our approach, particularly the formal exchange where municipal chairpersons issued challenge notes focused on promoting employment through rural entrepreneurship, and RRI teams responded with commitment letters. This foundation of local ownership positions the GEEP program for effective implementation moving forward. The organizing committees included members of the executive

council and important entrepreneurship stakeholders like banking institutions, broadening the base of support for our initiatives. The RRI teams are strategically composed of municipal officers including Agricultural Officers, Employment Coordinators, Accounting Officers, and Enterprise Officers working alongside Daayitwa representatives. Our decade of experience in entrepreneurship and governance projects was recognized by municipal leadership, strengthening our credibility and opening doors for deeper collaboration. The team returned with valuable insights about local conditions that will inform our approach to promoting sustainable rural entrepreneurship, especially among women and youth

Daayitwa Fellowship with Parliamentary Committees in Lumbini Province



As one of the partners for the Collaborative Governance Pilot (CGP) Project, implemented by International IDEA in partnership with The Asia Foundation, Daayitwa has mobilized three fellows in the Lumbini Province.

Ms. Soniya Bashyal is working with the Agriculture, Forestry and Environment Committee on the topic of 'Economics of Stray Cattle Management in Gaushala'. Another fellow Ms. Samikshya Bhattarai is working with the Province Affairs and Law Committee on the topic of 'Lumbini Province Research and Training Institute Bill'. Similarly, our fellow Mr. Udyan Devkota is working with the Finance, Industry and Tourism Committee on the topic of 'Promoting Religious Tourism in Lumbini Province'. The fellows went on field visits, meeting with various stakeholders related to their topics.

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Capacity Building Training on Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) Integration into Nepal's Second Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) Implementation



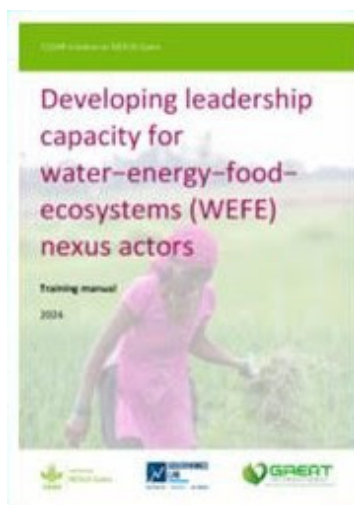
Governance Lab, in collaboration with the Ministry of Forests and Environment (MoFE) and with support from UNDP Nepal's Climate Promise project, successfully facilitated the Capacity Building Training on Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) Integration into Nepal's Second Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) Implementation.

This 2.5-day training brought together GESI and Climate Change focal persons from federal ministries to bridge the gap between gender, social inclusion, and climate change in national policies and programs. The initiative focused on strengthening GESI-related climatic knowledge & awareness, equipping officials with practical tools like Gender-responsive Budgeting and fostering cross-ministerial collaboration through inter-ministerial dialogue and coordination for inclusive and sustainable climate action.

Governance Lab played a key role in designing and delivering an engaging and insightful training program, leveraging international best practices, existing policy frameworks, and Nepal's NDC targets. By facilitating knowledge exchange among key stakeholders, this initiative contributes to Nepal's efforts in integrating GESI into climate governance at all levels.

We extend our gratitude to Deepa Oli (MoFE) and UNDP Nepal for their partnership and commitment to advancing inclusive climate action in Nepal.

Publication of Developing Leadership Capacity for Water-Energy-Food-Ecosystems (WEFE) Nexus Actors: Training Manual



Governance Lab is proud to announce the publication of the "Developing Leadership Capacity for Water-Energy-Food-Ecosystems (WEFE) Nexus Actors: Training Manual." This comprehensive manual is the result of a collaborative effort aimed at fostering leadership, cross-sectoral coordination, and integrated resource management in the WEFE Nexus. It is designed to empower WEFE Nexus actors with the knowledge and leadership skills needed to break sectoral silos and drive integrated approaches in natural resource governance. The manual was developed by Governance Lab, in partnership with GREAT International and builds on an intensive training program conducted with the International Water Management Institute (IWMI).

This initiative was made possible through funding support from the CGIAR Initiative on NEXUS Gains, CGIAR Trust Fund Donors, and the Alliance of Bioversity International and CIAT. Governance Lab extends heartfelt thanks to all of them for their commitment to advancing cross-sectoral

collaboration and leadership in natural resource management.

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Inclusion Economics Nepal

IEN continued its sixth round of the Local Governance Survey (LGS) in January, which is now nearing completion. Building on previous rounds of local governance surveys in Nepal, the data collected will be used to analyze municipal planning and governance processes, as well as ongoing infrastructure projects and priorities. The IEN team will also prepare a technical report based on the survey findings and share it with its partners.

In addition to the LGS, IEN plans to launch an in-person survey in February among political leaders and citizens. This survey aims to gather data on candidate preferences, voter choices, and biases.

Podspective by Daayitwa Abhiyaan



The **Podspective by Daayitwa Abhiyaan** podcast series delves into values carried by the organizations of Daayitwa Abhiyaan (comprising of Daayitwa, Governance Lab, Nepal leadership Academy and Nepal Rising) and discusses themes of governance, leadership and innovation with the aim to promote Sustainable Economic Development in Nepal and Evidence based Policy Research.

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