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Growth Entrepreneurship and Employment Program (GEEP)



In February, the GEEP project team conducted a strategic partnership visit to Koshi Province, engaging with five rural municipalities to advance our entrepreneurship and employment initiatives. We focused on establishing partnerships with local leadership, presenting our implementation model, and forming Rapid Results Initiative (RRI) teams in each local government. Municipal chairpersons

issued challenge notes emphasizing employment through rural entrepreneurship, with RRI teams responding through commitment letters that underscored local ownership and engagement. The organizing committees included diverse stakeholders such as executive council members, banking institutions, and key entrepreneurship representatives, which expanded the support network for our program. Through these interactions, our team gained critical insights into local economic conditions and opportunities, particularly for women and youth entrepreneurs, reinforcing Daayitwa's decade-long expertise in entrepreneurship and governance projects.

Daayitwa Nepal Public Policy Fellowship 2025



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MoICS	Strengthening Intellectual Property Law for Enterprise-Led Economic Growth in Nepal
NPC	Analyzing the Economic Implications of Nepal's LDC Graduation
OPMCM	Analyzing the Effectiveness of Administrative Reform Commissions in Nepal's Civil Service
Hon. Gagan Thapa	Accelerating Youth-led Enterprises for Employment Generation
Hon. Yogesh Bhattarai	Enhancing the Cardamom Value Chain for Employment-Rich Economic Growth in Nepal

5 public partners for the Daayitwa Nepal Public Policy Fellowship 2025 have been finalized. Fellows will collaborate with the Office of the Prime Minister and Council of Ministers (OPMCM), National Planning Commission (NPC), Ministry of Industry Commerce and Supplies (MoICS), Hon. Gagan Thapa and Hon. Yogesh Bhattarai this year for their research projects.

The call for applications for DNPPF 2025 is open, and we invite young public policy professionals and youths keen on fortifying Nepal's governance system through impactful collaboration with the government sector to apply.

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

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Mobilization of Governance Fellows in Parliamentary Committees in Lumbini Province

Daayitwa as one of the partners for the Collaborative Governance Pilot Project implemented by The Asia Foundation and International Idea, Daayitwa fellows Ms. Samikshya Bhattarai, Ms. Soniya Bashyal, and Mr. Udyan Devkota led policy dialogues on February 2, 4, and 5 with the Province Affairs and Law Committee, Agriculture, Forest, and Environment Committee, and Finance, Industry and Tourism Committee respectively.



To conclude the fellowship program in Lumbini, Daayitwa organized a symposium, with Ms. Menuka Khand K.C. as the chief guest. The event featured a panel discussion titled "Promoting Youth-Government Collaboration for Evidence-Based Policy Advocacy," with panelists including Hon. Nima Giri (Member of the Province Assembly, Lumbini Province) , Mr. Durlabh Kumar Pun Magar (Secretary, Lumbini Province Assembly), Mr. Bhuvan Chaudhary (Member, Province Planning Commission, Lumbini Province), and Ms. Bimala Pokharel (Associate Professor, Bhairahawa Multiple Campus).



Governance Lab

Knowledge Collaboration and Presentation for the Symposium on “Women’s Economic Empowerment through Natural Resources: Opportunities, Innovations and Challenges”



Date: 24th February, 2025 at NASC, Lalitpur

In this symposium, Governance Lab presented on the topic “Promoting Inclusive and Sustainable Economic Development in Nepal through Rural Entrepreneurship” explaining Rural Enterprise Acceleration Program (REAP) framework at the Nepal Administrative Staff College (NASC) for the Symposium. The symposium was organized by the South Asia Institute of Advanced Studies (SIAS) and Forest Resources Studies and Action Team (ForestAction) Nepal. The event happened in collaboration with different organizations including Governance Lab as one of their Knowledge Partners.

The session aimed to deliver the key insights on the needs of rural entrepreneurship and the REAP model under the Theme-3: Framework, Approaches, and Methodologies. The presentation of REAP explained the project's structured yet adaptive methodology to ensure both business success and a strengthened entrepreneurial ecosystem, catering rural women entrepreneurs and their status-quo that happens in major four stages with the rigorous task of empowering the Entrepreneur, Enterprise, Ecosystem and Economy.

[Read the Abstract](#)

Governance Lab Collaboration with PEI for Project Sambaad 'Bhag II'



Governance Lab successfully moderated the session titled “The Evolution of Nepali Civil Society: Co-Opted or Still Catalyzing Change?” for Project Sambaad ‘Bhag II’. Governance Lab Collaborated with PEI for Project Sambaad ‘Bhag II’. The insightful and interactive discussion covered key topics such as:

- **Evolution of Civil Society:** The journey of Civil Society in Nepal through major political changes like the Panchayat regime and globalization, and how CSOs have been established to advocate for democracy and state accountability.
- **Role, Conflicts, and Accountability of CSOs in Nepal:** Addressing why the role of service delivery by CSOs has been misinterpreted in Nepal. Highlighting concerns about the ethics and accountability of CSOs and how that needs to be communicated well.
- **Collaborative Policy Research:** The need for relevant, implementable policy research as the next significant avenue for CSOs and highlighting the importance of aligning the model of social change and development with modern times.

The session was moderated by Nisha Onta, Founder & Executive Director of Governance Lab and the panel included Ajaya Bhadra Khanal (Research Director, Centre for Social Innovation and Foreign Policy (CESIF)) and Dinesh Gautam (Executive Director, Hriti Foundation).



Dr. Soledad Artiz Prillaman, Assistant Professor of Political Science at Stanford University, has been involved with Inclusion Economics Nepal as a Principal Investigator guiding research aimed at understanding the engagement of women and marginalized ethnic groups in political leadership positions amid Nepal's transition to federalism.

She appeared as a guest in a recent episode of Poderspective by Daayitwa Abhiyaan Podcast which revolved around increasing women's political inclusion

Poderspective by Daayitwa Abhiyaan



In this Poderspective episode on **Transforming Political Spaces: Road to Women's Political Inclusion**, we sit with **Soledad Artiz Prillaman, Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor of Political Science at Stanford University and author of *The Patriarchal Political Order*.

With an extensive background in comparative political economy, development, and gender, Soledad shares her research experience and insights on women's access to politics, both as citizens and representatives. She underscores the pervasive presence of gender power structures in every institution and highlights the critical importance of bridging top-down and bottom-up approaches to enhance women's inclusion in political spaces.

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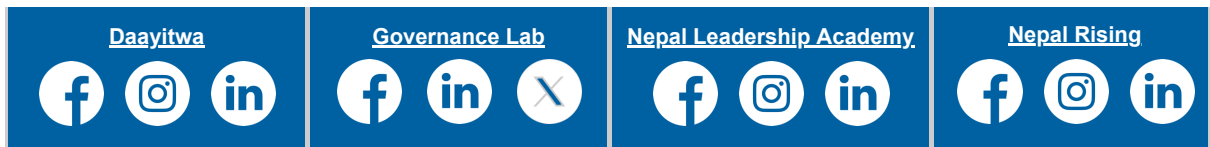
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