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GEEP Expo & Investment Pitch Highlights

95 entrepreneurs from Koshi, Gandaki, and Lumbini received technology purchase grants after completing GEEP's business development training throughout the year. The grants will help them improve production, adopt new technology and expand their businesses.



Fig: Supplementary Grant for Market Promotion and Sales Growth across 9 Palikas

Monitoring and Evaluation

GEEP began its monitoring and evaluation process by collecting feedback from 55 entrepreneurs in Gandaki and 20 entrepreneurs each in Koshi and Lumbini. The responses will help measure the program's impact on business growth, income, and overall entrepreneurial progress.

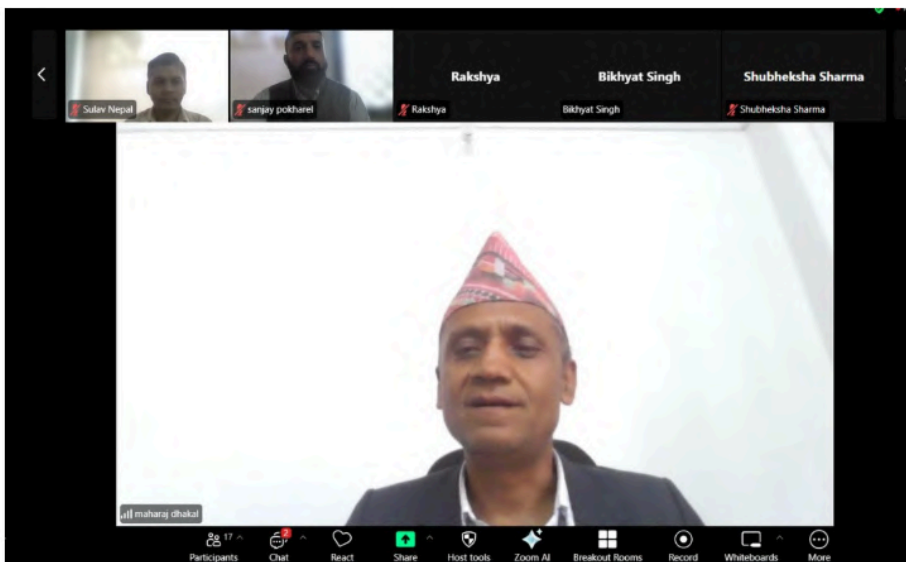
GRAPE 2 (Small Medium Enterprises) SME-Loop Program for SME Acceleration

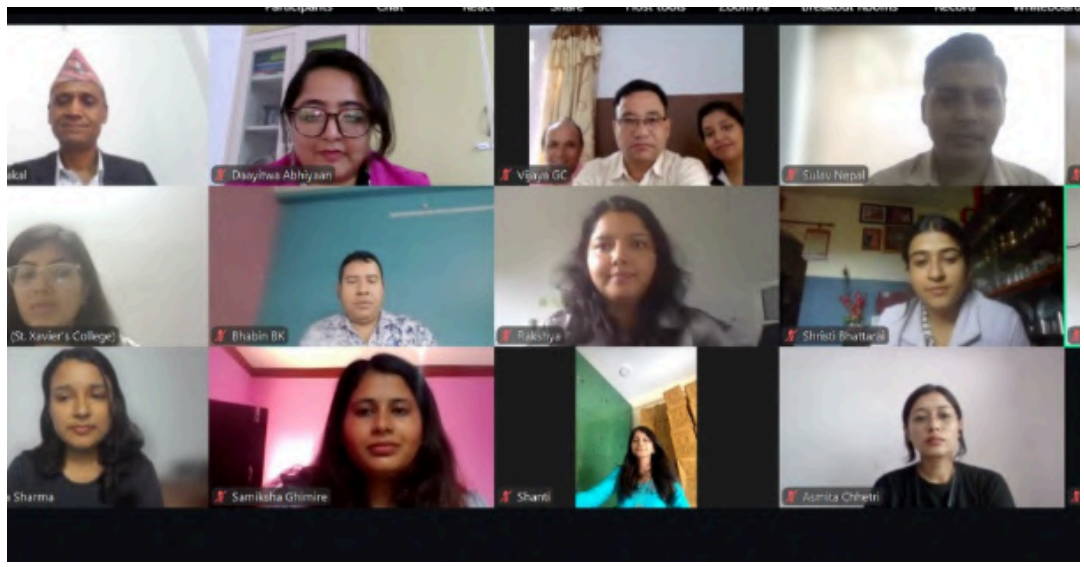
Daayitwa with the successful completion of its flagship program - GEEP is launching the GRAPE 2 SME Loop Program in Koshi Province to support the growth of small and medium enterprises through a structured coaching and training approach. The nine-month program will provide selected entrepreneurs with practical business training, one-on-one coaching, and hands-on support at their business sites. Special priority will be given to women, youth, and marginalized entrepreneurs to strengthen business growth, market access, and climate-resilient business practices. The program also aims to build a stronger entrepreneurial ecosystem through collaboration with government agencies, financial institutions and private-sector partners.



Fig: Enterprises selection process for the GRAPE 2 SME Loop program

GEEP Fellowship



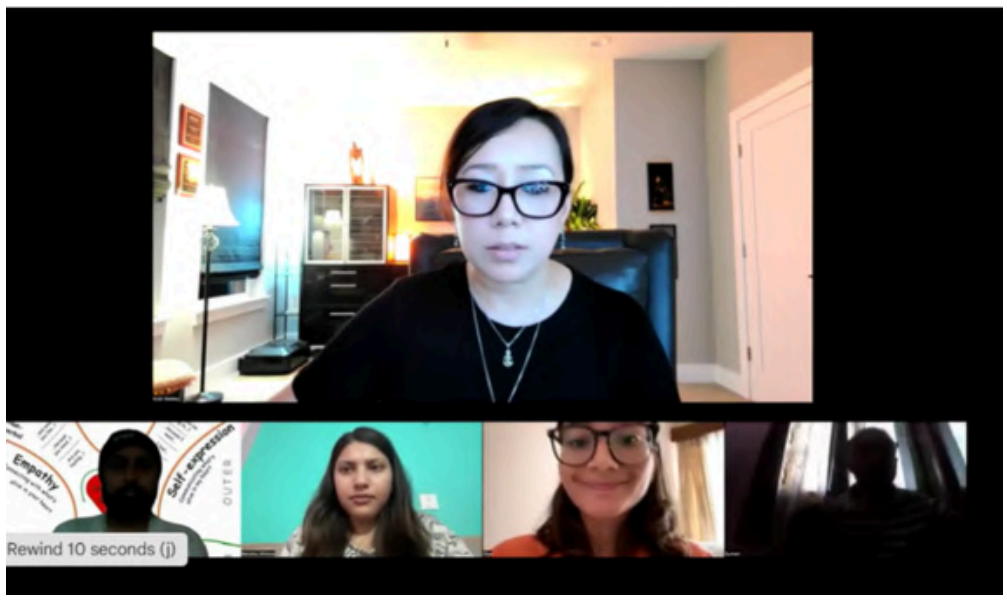


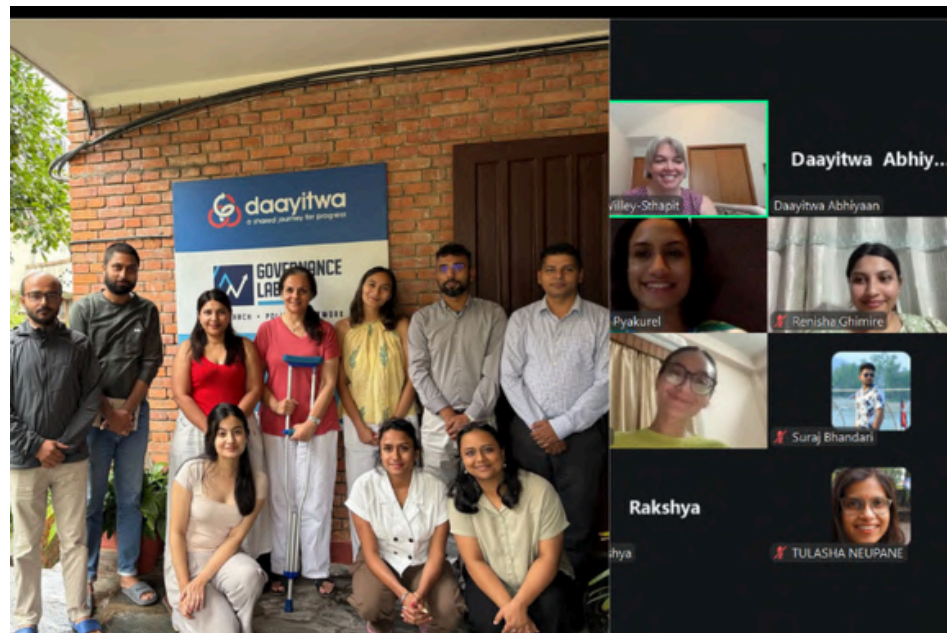
On July 10, 2026, the GEEP Fellowship concluded with a virtual closing ceremony, marking the culmination of three months of meaningful collaboration between fellows and local governments across Gandaki, Koshi, and Lumbini Provinces. Throughout the fellowship, fellows contributed to entrepreneurship and employment initiatives through research, policy engagement, and municipal program support while gaining valuable hands-on experience in public governance. The ceremony featured remarks from Chief Guest Mr. Maharaj Dhakal, Under Secretary at the Ministry of Industry and Tourism, Gandaki Province; Mr. Sanjay Pokhrel, Programs Director at Daayitwa; Mr. Sulav Nepal, Senior Program Manager at Daayitwa; and Mr. Ajit Bhatta, Chairperson of the Daayitwa Fellowship Alumni Council, celebrating the fellows' achievements and the impact of their journey.

DNPPF

Training Sessions:

Throughout July, DNPPF 2026 fellows participated in a series of training sessions to strengthen their policy research and analytical skills. The sessions included Mixed Methods for Policy Research and Analysis by Dr. Arati Maleku, President of Nepali Academics in America (NACA); GESI Integration in Policy Research and Public Decision-Making by Dr. Sucheta Pyakuryal, Professor of Politics, Public Policy and Gender at Tribhuvan University; Quantitative Research Methods by Apurva Subedi, Research Associate at Inclusion Economics Nepal (IEN); and Qualitative Methods for Policy Research and Analysis by Dr. Claire Willey Sthapit of the University of Kansas School of Social Welfare and Nepali Academics in America. Together, these sessions equipped fellows with practical research tools and perspectives for evidence-informed policymaking.





Parliamentary Debate:

On July 30 - 31, 2026, the fellowship teamhosted a two-day *Asian Parliamentary Debate Series*, bringing together DNPPF 2026 fellows, fellowship alumni, and Daayitwa Toli. Participants debated four timely public policy motions: *Online Voting for the Nepali Diaspora*, *Nepal's Pursuit of Sovereign AI*, *Free Blue Bus Service for Women*, and *Verified Sukumbasi Resettlement*. The series provided a platform for participants to strengthen their critical thinking, public speaking, and evidence-based argumentation while engaging with complex policy issues from multiple perspectives.



Fellows' Field Visits:

As part of their fellowship research, DNPPF 2026 fellows travelled across Nepal, from the eastern plains to the western hills, to conduct field visits for their data collection. Through consultations with local stakeholders, community members, and government officials, fellows gathered firsthand insights that will inform their policy research and analysis.



Governance Lab

Gyaan Shrinkhala

Governance Lab, in collaboration with Martin Chautari, launched the first course under Gyaan Shrinkhala, a short course series on governance, from 2–4 July 2026 in Kathmandu. Titled **"**The Borrowed Futures of Nepal's Foreign Policy**,"** the course was facilitated by Dr. Bhaskar Gautam, an independent researcher on Nepal's politics and society and a longtime researcher at Martin Chautari.

Designed for Nepal’s politically enthusiastic citizens, the course provided a structured, evidence-based space to examine complex governance issues beyond everyday public discourse. Through three sessions, participants explored Nepal's foreign policy, its relationships with India and China, and the influence of remittances and foreign aid on the country's strategic choices.

The course brought together 21 participants with equal representation of women and men, representing students, researchers, NGOs/INGOs, independent professionals, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The inaugural Gyaan Shrinkhala course successfully created a platform for thoughtful dialogue and critical reflection on Nepal's foreign policy, demonstrating strong interest in accessible, evidence-based governance learning.



सुशासन संवाद - सार्वजनिक सेवा प्रवाह सुधार

Daayitwa's Governance Lab supported in सुशासन संवाद - सार्वजनिक सेवा प्रवाह सुधार, a Governance Dialogue on Public Service Delivery Reform held on 21 July at the Nepal Administrative Staff College, Jawalakhel. The dialogue was organised by NASC in coordination with the Office of the Prime Minister and Council of Ministers (OPMCM) and the National Planning Commission (NPC), and brought together senior bureaucrats, elected representatives, and governance experts.

The remarks from NPC Member Hon. Dr. Pukar Malla, PMO's Governance Advisor Mr. Sudip Dhakal, and Chief Secretary Mr. Govinda Bahadur Karki focused on proposing new solutions. The dialogue focused on understanding why known solutions to public service delivery problems fail to move into implementation.

Participants, who were invited in the dialogue as experts, worked in breakout groups, each examining a different implementation bottleneck, from institutional authority and delegation, to accountability and oversight fear, coordination and political environment, human resource continuity, and systems and monitoring. Grounded in real citizen experience scenarios, from fertiliser distribution delays to health insurance failures, each group worked through root causes and proposed concrete actions across 100-day, one-year, and three-year horizons.

The dialogue closed with a shared commitment from government leadership to carry these insights forward into Nepal's governance reform agenda.



Nepal Action Research for Tourism Solutions - Policy Dialogue

Governance Lab convened its policy dialogue on "Unlocking Nepal's Tourism Sector: Bridging the Data Gap for National Policy," bringing together senior policymakers, industry leaders, researchers, and academics to discuss the governance and data gaps standing between Nepal's tourism ambitions and their implementation. The event featured findings from Phase 1 of Governance Lab's research in the Khumbu region (January - March 2026), which identified seven key opportunities and three priority reforms: a single digital permit portal, a strengthened and technically resourced Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation (MoCTCA), and an open, real-time tourism data platform. A panel discussion followed, featuring Chairperson Mingma Chhiri Sherpa of Khumbu Pasang Lhamu Rural Municipality, Dr. Smrittee Kala Panta of Kathmandu University School of Management, and Mr. Raj Gyawali of socialtours, along with an interactive Q&A on topics including climate change in the Himalayan region, the Nawa system of governance, and the feasibility of a one-door permit policy.

The dialogue closed with remarks from Hon. Prof. Dr. Sudan Jha, Member of the National Planning Commission, who emphasized investing in Nepal's data systems and evidence-driven policymaking, and Hon. MP Anushka Shrestha, who highlighted the need for a strong legislative foundation and reaffirmed Parliament's commitment to engaging with research and stakeholders as the tourism bill advances. We're grateful to all who joined and shared their insights. With Phase 1 complete, Governance Lab looks forward to Phase 2, moving from identifying governance gaps to co-designing practical reforms with government, the private sector, and local communities.



Mission Aasha

Mission Aasha is excited to launch our Monthly Giving Program, inviting you to become a steady partner in creating lasting change in rural Nepal.

While one-time campaigns meet urgent needs, recurring support provides the stability needed to sustain long-term impact. Every monthly gift helps create new opportunities, strengthen communities, and build a future where hope continues to grow.

Watch our launch video, then explore our Hope Series featuring inspiring stories of our GEEP entrepreneurs.

Mission Aasha Monthly Giving Launch video

IEN

On July 26, 2026, IEN officially launched the Women's Network meetings in 22 districts of the country. In each district, 25 female politicians were invited, and around 75% attended, with generally positive feedback on the content.

The Women's Network Program is a country-wide initiative designed to support women with political aspirations ahead of the 2084 local-level elections. IEN is grateful to the Daayitawa Abhiyaan team, who volunteered to help with the logistics and monitoring of the meeting.

Attendees especially enjoyed introducing themselves, watching a heartwarming video (a shoutout to Shreeti and Aakriti), and mapping the resources available to them, among other activities. They were enthusiastic about future meetings as well. The IEN team is optimistic that the space will have a synergistic effect, helping female politicians realize their political aspirations.





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