

Governance Facility (GF)



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FACILITATING BETTER GOVERNANCE THROUGH SUPPORT TO PEACE BUILDING AND DEMOCRATISATION, ACCESS TO JUSTICE, IMPROVED HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY.

Goal	To have an inclusive society that respects the rights and demands of its people. This will be achieved through rule of law and long-term stability in Nepal, fostering and protecting human rights and promoting good governance.
Target groups	Civil Society Organisation (CSOs) and public institutions in the governance sector are the immediate beneficiaries. Ultimately, the Nepali population and especially women, children and marginalised people will benefit in terms of increased accountability from the government and more equitable access to public services.
Budget	CHF 9.3 million
Geographic focus	Nationwide
Implementing agency	Governance Facility Secretariat
Time Frame	15.12.2014 – 31.12.2018

Summary

People in Nepal still suffer from weak public accountability, lack of rule of law and prevailing impunity. Switzerland, Denmark and Department for International Development (DFID) have established a sector-wide multi-donor basket facility to support public and private institutions in the governance sector, aiming at improving the rule of law, access to justice for marginalized men and women, the protection of human rights and at strengthening public accountability mechanisms for the most vulnerable people in Nepal.

Outcomes expected

- Stronger public participation, capacities and institutional practices at national and local levels provide the foundation of sustainable peace and democracy of society.
- Poor people, especially women, girls and traditionally marginalised people have improved access to justice and security.
- Relevant national stakeholders, state and non-state promote and protect human rights as per international standards and Nepal's own national and international commitments.
- The voices of people are better reflected in government actions and mechanisms for oversight and accountability are improved.



Background

Despite some progress achieved in the governance sector during the last eight years, governance remains overall weak especially in the fields of peacebuilding and democracy, human rights, access to justice and accountability. Service delivery from the government is low and the capacity of both public institutions and CSOs is weak. Donor interventions have generally focused on top down approaches supporting public institutions whereas rather little coordination has occurred in bottom up approaches.

Outputs

- All citizens, especially marginalised people, have the capacity to claim their rights and fulfil their responsibilities in relation to democratic participation and peace building.
- Citizens have an increased awareness of their right to access to justice.
- The capacity of state institutions to ensure the protection and promotion of human rights is strengthened
- Human Rights Non Governmental Organisations are supported to protect and promote human rights.
- Authorities have the capacity to handle grievances in an appropriate manner.



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