



Nepal: Strengthening Systems to Protect and Uplift Women Project

Project Name	Strengthening Systems to Protect and Uplift Women Project	
Project Number	55092-001	
Country / Economy	Nepal	
Project Status	Approved	
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Grant Technical Assistance	
Source of Funding / Amount	Grant 0864-NEP: Strengthening Systems to Protect and Uplift Women Project	
	Asian Development Fund	US\$ 12.00 million
	TA 6998-NEP: Support for Strengthening Systems to Protect and Uplift Women Project	
	Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 1.50 million
Strategic Agendas	Environmentally sustainable growth Inclusive economic growth	
Drivers of Change	Gender Equity and Mainstreaming Governance and capacity development Knowledge solutions	
Sector / Subsector	Public sector management / Social protection initiatives	
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Gender equity	
Description	The project will help strengthen the government's response to gender-based violence (GBV) in Nepal. The project will (i) provide long-term rehabilitation for GBV survivors; (ii) fill gaps in availability of survivor-centric and gender equality and social inclusion (GESI)-sensitive infrastructure within the Nepal Police to ensure safe, confidential, and respectful environments for reporting cases; (iii) build service providers' capacity; and (iv) increase awareness on GBV prevention and available services. The project is aligned with the governments vision of a Prosperous Nepal, Happy Nepali, which envisions a society without discrimination, violence, or crime.	
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	Women and girls in Nepal have made significant strides in human development since 2000; however, gender disparities and GBV persist. Nepals gender development index improved from 0.80 in 2000 to 0.94 in 2021. Yet, women and girls continue to face discrimination that manifests in poor social and economic outcomes. The labor force participation rate among adult women (26.3%) is significantly lower than that among men (53.8%). Although women comprise 33.5% of parliament, this has not translated to transformative changes. Moreover, women continue to face violence in various forms which not only violates their fundamental human rights but undermines their physical and mental health and hinders progress toward gender equality. GBV remains a persistent problem in Nepal. In 2016, 22.0% of women aged 15-49 years had experienced physical violence since age 15-a rate that has remained unchanged since 2011. Moreover, GBV disproportionately affects those who face intersecting and multiple forms of discrimination based on disability, social group, sexual orientation, and gender identity. GBV prevalence also varies by province with the highest rate in Madhesh Province (34.2%) and the lowest in Gandaki Province (12.0%). Shocks such as disaster and climate related events and the coronavirus disease pandemic can exacerbate the incidence of GBV.	
Impact	GBV incidence reduced and GBV survivors reintegrated into society (Government of Nepal's Fifteenth Five-Year Plan 2019/20202023/2024)	
Project Outcome		
Description of Outcome	Access to and quality of GBV services in project areas improved.	
Progress Toward Outcome		
Implementation Progress		
Description of Project Outputs	Women, children, and senior citizen service center services strengthened Rehabilitation services for gender-based violence survivors strengthened Community awareness of gender-based violence prevention and services increased Institutional capacity for providing effective gender-based violence services developed	
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)		
Geographical Location	Lumbini Province, Province 2, Sudurpashchim Pradesh	
Safeguard Categories		
Environment	B	
Involuntary Resettlement	C	
Indigenous Peoples	C	
Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects		
Environmental Aspects		
Involuntary Resettlement		

Indigenous Peoples

Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation

During Project Design

During Project Implementation

Business Opportunities

Consulting Services All consultants will be recruited according to ADB's Procurement Policy 2017, as amended from time to time) and Procurement Regulations for ADB Borrowers (2017, as amended from time to time). The terms of reference for all consulting services are detailed in Section D and Appendix 3.

Procurement All procurement of goods and works will be undertaken in accordance with ADB's Procurement Policy (2017 as amended from time to time) and Procurement Regulations for ADB Borrowers (2017, as amended from time to time). Open Competitive Bidding method with national advertisement will be used for civil works contracts estimated to \$5 million or below, and goods contract. RFQ will be used for any civil works or goods contract estimated to cost estimate around/below \$100,000. Before the start of any procurement, ADB and the government may review the public procurement laws of the central and provincial governments to ensure consistency with ADB's Procurement Policy (2017, as amended from time to time) and Procurement Regulations for ADB Borrowers (2017, as amended from time to time).

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Responsible ADB Department	South Asia Department
Responsible ADB Division	Human and Social Development Division, SARD
Executing Agencies	Ministry of Women, Children and Senior Citizens

Timetable

Concept Clearance	12 Nov 2021
Fact Finding	06 May 2022 to 03 Jun 2022
MRM	19 Aug 2022
Approval	24 Nov 2022
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	24 Nov 2022

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Financing Plan		Grant Utilization			
	Total (Amount in US\$ million)	Date	ADB	Others	Net Percentage
Project Cost	18.00	Cumulative Contract Awards			
ADB	12.00	-	0.00	0.00	%
Counterpart	6.00	Cumulative Disbursements			
Cofinancing	0.00	-	0.00	0.00	%

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Financing Plan/TA Utilization						Cumulative Disbursements		
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
1,500,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,500,000.00	-	0.00

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