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MPs and stakeholders during a public consultation on Media Bill of Lumbini Province in Butwal on October 2, 2021.

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People raising their concerns with parliamentarians in Pokhara Metropolitan City-19, Kaski. Photo: PSP/UNDP

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PROJECT PROFILE

About the Project	Geographic coverage of the project
Project Title: Parliament Support Project Award ID: 00049635 Weblink: *https://www.np.undp.org/content/nepal/en/home/projects/psp.html*	National level coverage (Yes/No): YES Number of Provinces Covered: 7 Number of Districts Covered: 77 Number of Municipalities Covered: NA Number of Rural Municipalities Covered: NA

Strategic Results
UNDP Strategic Plan Outcome: Accelerate structural transformation for sustainable development
UNDP Strategic Plan Output 2.1: Constitution-making, electoral and parliamentary process and institutions strengthened to promote inclusion, transparency, and accountability
UNDAF Outcome Area 4 and CPD Outcome 2: By 2022, inclusive, democratic, accountable, and transparent institutions are further strengthened towards ensuring the rule of law, social justice and human rights for all particularly for vulnerable people
CPD Output 2.1: National Level executive and legislative branches of the government and commissions have the capacities and tools to implement the constitution, including peaceful transition to the federal structure. CPD Output 2.2: System, procedures, and capacities of government institutions at subnational level in place for service delivery in an inclusive, transparent and accountable manner. CPD Output 2.3: Civic space for engagement, voice and participation of youth, women and vulnerable groups broadened at all levels.

Project Duration (Day/month/year)	Implementing Partner(s)	Implementation Modality
Start Date: 01.09.2015 End Date: 31.12.2022	1. Federal Parliament 2. Provincial Assemblies	DIM

Project Budget (US$)	
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Total Project Budget:	NPR 674,339,298 *(US$ 5,915,257)*
Total Project Expenditure till 2021:	NPR 600,161,462 *(US$ 5,220,924)*
Budget 2021:	NPR 99,999,442 *(US$ 833,051)*
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Budget Utilization % (2021)	99%

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ABBREVIATION

AWP	:	Annual Work Plan
AYON	:	Association of Youth Organizations in Nepal
BRH	:	Bangkok Regional Hub
CDO	:	Chief District Officer
CPD	:	Country Programme Document
CSOs	:	Civil Society Organizations
DCCs	:	District Coordination Committees
DNF	:	Dalit NGO Federation
FP	:	Federal Parliament
GBV	:	Gender-based Violence
GESI	:	Gender Equality and Social Inclusion
HoR	:	House of Representatives
ICT	:	Information, Communication and Technology
JMC	:	Jagaran Media Centre
JSPA	:	Journalists' Society of Parliamentary Affairs
JuRI	:	Justice and Rights Institute Nepal
LGBTIQ	:	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex and Queer
LJHRC	:	Law, Justice and Human Rights Committee
MAG	:	Media Advocacy Group
MIS	:	Management Information System
MPs	:	Member of Parliaments
NA	:	National Assembly
NIWF	:	National Indigenous Women Forum
NPC	:	National Planning Commission
OAG	:	Office of the Auditor General
PAC	:	Public Accounts Committee
PAs	:	Provincial Assemblies
PFM	:	Public Finance Management
PLS	:	Post Legislative Scrutiny
PSP	:	Parliament Support Project
RRF	:	Result Resource Framework
SDGGC	:	Sustainable Development and Good Governance Committee
SDGs	:	Sustainable Development Goals
SEJON	:	Society of Economist Journalists Nepal
UN	:	United Nations
UNDAF	:	United Nations Development Assistance Framework
UNDP	:	United Nations Development Programme
UPR	:	Universal Periodic Review
USD	:	United States Dollar
VAW	:	Violence Against Women
VCF	:	Video Conferencing Facility
WPS	:	Women, Peace and Security
WWJ	:	Working Women Journalists

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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Parliament Support Project (PSP) has been providing technical support to the Federal Parliament (FP), seven Provincial Assemblies (PAs) and their secretariats to strengthen their parliamentary functions. The support also continued in 2021 even amid the adverse political developments and some operational challenges caused by the second wave of the global COVID-19 pandemic in Nepal.

In 2021, the project prioritized the Public Accounts Committee (PAC); the Law, Justice, and Human Rights Committee of the House of Representatives (HoR); and the Sustainable Development and Good Governance Committee of the National Assembly (NA). While in the Provincial Assemblies, PSP has its focused engagement with the Public Accounts Committees and the Social Development Committees in particular. Moreover, the project remained rather flexible for supporting the parliamentary committees, subject to the need, importance, and availability of the resources. As for the implementation modality, the project adopted both virtual and in-person modes *(depending on case by case)*. To ensure the smooth operation of the project amid the pandemic and the changing political scenarios, it developed the Business Continuity Plan. The project also revised its AWP over time, as some of the planned activities which were initially designed, were affected by the unfolding and emerging situations.

In 2021, the project supported 56% of the total MPs[1] *(96% of total women MPs)* of the FP and the PAs through over 130 interventions which contributed to strengthening MPs' capacities for their efficient, effective, and participatory roles in the parliaments. The interventions include support to the thematic committees for experts' review and scrutiny of legislations, oversights of governments' functions, parliamentary outreach, and institutional strengthening of the parliaments. The project also tailored specific interventions to cater to the capacity-building needs of women MPs and MPs from the disadvantaged and marginalized groups. Similarly, the secretariat staff of parliaments enhanced their skills through professional development training and workshops on different fronts.

PSP continued supporting the MPs and the thematic committees through parliamentary outreach initiatives *(public consultations, public hearing, radio program, "Meet the MPs", MPs' engagement with citizens, among others)* which provided good platforms for people-parliament face-to-face and dialogues on pertinent issues. These platforms not only contributed to advancing Gender Equality and Social Inclusion; women's empowerment; concerns of youth, disadvantaged groups, sexual and minority groups but also informed the MPs about their proactive roles in policy influence, reformation of the existing laws, formulation of the new ones and effective implementation of the existing laws. Over 48,000 people were reached and sensitized on parliamentary affairs through outreach programs.

Politically, the year 2021 was full of adverse developments and confusion. The House of Representatives was dissolved twice and restored following the court's order in both cases. The split of the political parties, the formation of coalition governments in the federation and the provinces and the general conventions of major political parties took MPs' time in 2021. Such political developments and MPs' engagement in them affected parliamentary functions both in the federal and the provincial parliaments. Subsequently, the committee function was also affected.

The challenging circumstances including operational challenges amid the second wave of pandemic, MPs' shifted priorities in the fast-changing political scenarios and their limited availability significantly hampered the project implementation. However, the project has successfully implemented the initially planned and the revised activities by packaging them as per the unfolding situations effectively and efficiently. The project's delivery in 2021 was over 99%, out of the planned budget of USD 833,051 for the year.

[1] *Total MPs=884; women MPs=303, the project has reached out to 500 MPs in 2021*

2. BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE

With the adoption of the new Constitution in 2015, Nepal formally made the shift to the federal system. After the elections of the Federal Parliament (FP) and the Provincial Assemblies (PAs) held in 2017, the parliaments have been functioning and discharging their duties in regard to lawmaking, oversight, budget scrutiny and representing people's voices and concerns in the context of the federal set-up. Along with these core roles, the parliaments are also expected to play a critical role in implementing the Constitution's vision, Nepal's commitment to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Public Finance Management, among others. For this, the parliaments and parliamentarians need a robust institutional strengthening as the parliamentary practices in the Provincial Assemblies are still in the building, learning, and institutionalization process in Nepal. With these backgrounds, the Parliament Support Project, since 2015, has been strengthening the capacity of MPs, thematic committees, and their secretariats.

Five key results achieved in 2021

- *Capacity of over 500 MPs (56% of total MPs, 96% of total women MPs) enhanced for their effective and participatory roles in the parliaments.*
- *Over 30 oversights on contemporary issues including COVID 19 resulted in over 12 directives to the governments.*
- *Law, Justice and Human Rights Committee endorsed the PLS report on Caste-based Discrimination and Untouchability Act with recommendations to amend the Act.*
- *"Secretaries' Meet" concluded with 17-point of understanding for improvement of the secretariats' functional capacities.*
- *Over 48,000 people sensitized on parliamentary affairs through parliamentary outreach interventions including radio programs.*

3. PROJECT SUMMARY AND OBJECTIVES

The effective and smooth functioning of the parliaments is crucial in enhancing the responsiveness of the governments towards the needs of people, bringing necessary reforms to the legislative framework, monitoring implementation of these reforms, and essentially holding the governments accountable. To support the parliaments in this regard, PSP has adopted four outputs from the beginning, but in 2020 added one more *(Output 5)* due to the pandemics. The output 5 is more related to response COVID-19 from parliament's perspective.

1. *Enhance the capacity of the Federal Parliament and Provincial Assemblies to be effective and participatory.*
2. *Enhance the capacity of parliamentary secretariats to be capable and innovative in providing their support to MPs and committees.*
3. *Enhance the capacity of the Federal Parliament and Provincial Assemblies to be open, interactive, and accountable with citizens.*
4. *Build the capacity of women MPs and MPs from disadvantaged groups to be effective in the parliaments at the federal and the provincial levels while routinely engaging with women, youth, and other disadvantaged citizens.*
5. *Enhance the capacity of parliaments at the federal & provincial levels to routinely respond to pandemic in the post-COVID 19.*

All of the above-mentioned Outputs will contribute to achieving Outcome 4 of the United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) and Outcome 2 of UNDP Country Programme Document (CPD) that envisions *"By 2022, inclusive, democratic, accountable and transparent institutions are further strengthened towards ensuring the rule of law, social justice and human rights for all particularly for vulnerable people".* These envisaged outputs and outcomes would finally contribute to Governance, Rule of Law and Human Rights which is an integral part of the Fourteenth and the Fifteenth Development Plans of the Government of Nepal; the Global Agenda for 2030 and Goal 16 of the Sustainable Development Goals *(SDGs)* in the long run.

Theory of Change

If state bodies do not have the capacity, and inclusive, democratic, accountable, and transparent institutions are not in place, existing bodies will not fulfil their accountabilities towards ensuring rule of law, social justice and human rights for all, particularly for vulnerable people. In this regard, the legislative, as the representative body of the people, has primary responsibilities towards these vulnerable groups, as defined by the Constitution. The federal parliament is now bicameral, and the country has legislative body at the provincial level for the first time. The legislative will therefore need substantial support to enable it to perform its mandate.

Based on the needs of the new context, PSP is supporting parliaments to build their capacity in discharging their law making, and oversight and monitoring roles. Project interventions in this regard will include outreach activities, such as public consultations/hearing and dialogues with civil society; revisiting parliament's rules and procedures; and technical support and expert advice to select committees for legislative scrutiny, monitoring and oversight.

Similarly, targeted support will be provided to parliamentarians on key themes such as gender and social inclusion, the Sustainable Development Goals, oversight and monitoring, and legislative review/amendment of government proposals through production of knowledge tools, mentoring and coaching, and COVID-19 response interventions.

These interventions will enhance the capacity of parliaments both at federal and provincial levels to respond to the constitutional mandate and in the long run this results that the Federal Parliament and Provincial Assemblies are scrutinizing bills and conducting oversight in an effective and participatory manner.

4. PROGRAMMATIC REVISIONS

PSP has been providing technical support to the FP and the PAs since 2018. Following approval of the Annual Work Plan and Budget for 2021 by the Project Executive Board (PEB) meeting held on 14 December 2020, the project started implementing its planned activities from January 2021. The project revised its Result Resource Framework (RRF) adhering to the recommendations of the project's mid-term review commissioned in 2020. Due to the pandemic and adverse political situations, the project revised its AWP in June 2021. The revised RRF and Annual Work Plan were then endorsed by the PEB meeting held on 9 June 2021.

At the end of 2021, the Norwegian Government provided[2] additional funding of 4 million Norwegian kroner *(approximately US$ 460,000)* to the project for 2022.

[2] *https://www.np.undp.org/content/nepal/en/home/presscenter/pressreleases/2021/Norwegian-Embassy-extends-additional-support-to-strengthen-Nepals-parliamentary-system.html*

5. NARRATIVE ON KEY RESULTS ACHIEVED IN 2021

The table below shows the linkage of Outcome and Output statements of the project:

Table 1: Outcome and Output Statements

Outcome Statement	Output Statement
CPD Outcome 2: By 2022, inclusive, democratic, accountable and transparent institutions are further strengthened towards ensuring the rule of law, social justice and human rights for all particularly for vulnerable people.	CPD Output 2.1 National Level executive and legislative branches of the government and commissions have the capacities and tools to implement the constitution, including peaceful transition to the federal structure.
	CPD Output 2.2: System, procedures, and capacities of government institutions at the sub-national level in place for service delivery in an inclusive, transparent, and accountable manner.
	CPD Output 2.3 Civic space for engagement, voice and participation of youth, women and vulnerable groups broadened at all levels.

5.1 Progress towards the UNDAF/CPD Outcomes

Table 2: Progress on Outcome Indicators

Outcome statement	Outcome indicator	Baseline	Cumulative Target for 2018 - 2022	Total target achieved till 2020	Milestone for 2021, if any	Achievement 2021	Year for the latest data	Source of data
"By 2022, inclusive, democratic, accountable and transparent institutions are further strengthened towards ensuring the rule of law, social justice and human rights for all particularly for vulnerable people".	Number of vulnerable people accessing the formal justice system	0	200,000	8930	500	1200	2021	PSP-MIS 2021

Progress towards CPD Outcome 2: ***By 2022, inclusive, democratic, accountable, and transparent institutions are further strengthened towards ensuring rule of law, social justice, and human rights for all, particularly for vulnerable people.***

Indicator: # of vulnerable people accessing the formal justice system.

To support the Federal Parliament and the Provincial Assemblies for promoting an inclusive and accountable parliamentary practice, PSP continued its engagements with thematic committees, MPs, Secretariats, and citizens in 2021. This has contributed to ensuring rule of law, and the human rights of vulnerable people. For an example, the parliamentary committees, following over 30 oversights on governments' response to COVID-19 and pertinent contemporary issues, have issued over a dozen directives to the concerned government agencies for proper management of COVID-19 and

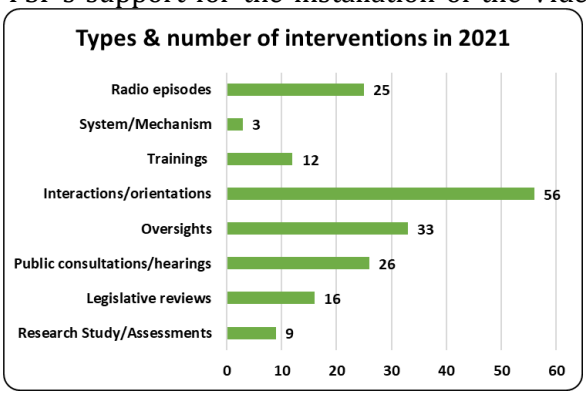
> *So far, we have seen leaders delivering their political speeches and people listening to them. First time ever in my life, I saw ministers and MPs listen to our concerns and respond us instantly.*
> **-Bishnu Bastola, a participant of an interaction with MPs in Kaski**

address the concerns raised by the people[3]. Over 12,00 people *(25% women; regarding caste and ethnicity: Brahmin/Chhetri= 50 %, Janajati = 29%, Madheshi=13%, Dalit= 7%, Muslim=1%.)* particularly women, Dalit, Janajati and disadvantaged groups got opportunities to raise their pertinent issues and concerns with MPs[4].

CPD Output 2.1: National Level executive and legislative branches of the government and commissions have the capacities and tools to implement the constitution, including peaceful transition to the federal structure

Indicator 2.1.1: National level Comprehensive capacity Development Plan implemented to enable the federal and sub-national governments to function in the federal setup.

Despite challenging circumstances due to the second wave of COVID-19 pandemic and political turmoil in the country, PSP continued engaging with parliaments at the provincial level to ensure the smooth functioning of parliamentary businesses. For an example, PSP's support for the installation of the Video Conferencing Facility (VCF) in all provincial assemblies and some committees of the federal parliament has proved to be instrumental to connect the parliaments with the citizens and the concerned stakeholders, especially during the pandemic[5]. The parliaments also utilized the VCF for inter-provincial meetings, parliamentary oversights, training, committee meetings, outreach with citizens and media engagement. This has not only helped the PAs move towards the digitalization system but also increased the effectiveness of parliamentary business. Further, PSP has continued engaging and building the capacities of MPs, and thematic committees of the federal and provincial parliaments. This year, over 500 MPs *(56% of total MPs; & 96% of total women MPs and regarding caste and ethnicity: Brahmin/Chhetri= 39 %, Janajati = 25%, Madheshi= 24%, Dalit= 10% and Muslim=2%)* enhanced their capacities in various areas of parliamentary affairs for their effective role in the parliaments[6] through specifically tailored sessions[7] and interventions[8].



PSP's interventions in 2021

[3] https://anumodankhabar.com/2021/05/18/42110 *(Sudurpaschim);* https://shilapatra.com/detail/57743 *(Province 1);* https://www.nepalpress.com/2021/05/04/51424/ *(Karnali)*

[4] *PSP MIS 2021*

[5] *Public Consultation on Environment Bill, Event report, 20 May 2021*

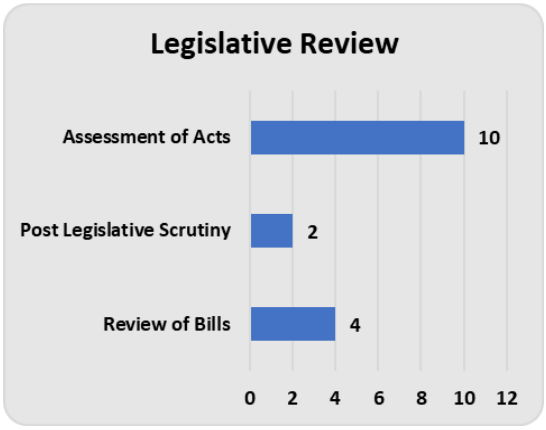
[6] *MPs testimonials, NIWF Report, 2021,*

[7] *The interventions include orientations on "Effective media handling", " Parliamentary Representation of Constituency", "Negotiation and Lobbying", Disaster Risk Reduction, Climate Change and Livelihood", " Effective Interpersonal Communication for DAGs MPs", "Intersectionality of Gender", "Self-Monitoring and Self-assessment", " Personality and Leadership Development"*

[8] *Over 130 interventions were implemented in 2021, PSP-MIS 2021.*

Indicator 2.1.2: Number of laws drafted/reviewed in an inclusive and participatory manner to implement the constitution.

Like previous years, PSP has created avenues to collect citizens' inputs on the bills and encouraged their proactive engagement and participation in the lawmaking process. For an example, over 200 people were consulted at the provincial level for their inputs on different bills[9]. Similarly, the committees continued commissioning the Post Legislative Scrutiny (PLS) to review the impact and effectiveness of laws. The PLS of federal laws (*Crime related to Rape, Clause 219, Chapter 18 of Criminal Code 2017, and Public Procurement Act)* and legislative assessment of 10 provincial Acts[10] helped thematic committees identify gaps and contradictions in relation to the Constitution, federal laws and international legal instruments and accordingly, suggested the areas for amendments. In another example, the *Law, Justice and Human Rights Committee (*LJHRC) has endorsed the final report on the PLS of Caste-Based Discrimination and Untouchability Act[11] and recommended the federal government for its amendment[12]. PSP had supported the committee for the PLS in 2020.



Types of legislative review

CPD Output 2.2: System, procedures, and capacities of government institutions at subnational level in place for service delivery in an inclusive, transparent and accountable manner.

Indicator 2.2.1: Number of Subnational Governments with planning, monitoring and oversight system and procedure for accountable government functions and inclusive risk-informed service delivery

The project's regular engagement with seven Provincial Assemblies and their secretariats has contributed to improving the working modality of parliament secretariats and their services to support the MPs and the parliamentary committees. For an example, parliaments and their secretariats have strengthened their capacities on the use of ICT and digitization for effective service delivery. Additionally, Lumbini PA has developed a mobile application to enhance its communication and outreach spectrum with larger stakeholders. Furthermore, the VCF in seven PAs[13] and their corresponding districts has been instrumental and handy tools for instantly connecting the citizens and the concerned stakeholders on parliamentary affairs across the country. Similarly, PSP's support to the federal parliament secretariat for archiving its historic documents has contributed to strengthening the digitization practice of parliaments. In addition, PSP has supported parliaments' secretariats to promote the culture of open parliament practices, thereby the parliaments *(all provincial assemblies)* are sharing their updates with media and concerned stakeholders. Such practices have been widely appreciated[14]. In a nutshell, PSP has contributed to increasing the capacity of over 190 staff *(15% women)* through a series of workshops and training. As a result, their

[9] https://ekantipur.com/pradesh-5/2021/10/02/16331556350895912.html; https://nayapatrikadaily.com/news-details/72061/2021-10-02

[10] ***Karnali*** *(Province Financial Transfer Act 2075; Province Good Governance Act 2076; Public Private Partnership Act 2077; Province Cooperative Act; Food Right and Sovereignty Act 2077) and* ***Sudurpaschim*** *(Province Good Governance Act 207; Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act 2075; Province Public Health Service Act 2076; Province Radio, FM and TV broadcasting Act 2076 and Province Environmental Protection Act 2077)*

[11] https://thehimalayantimes.com/kathmandu/report-about-untouchability-to-be-tabled-in-hor

[12]. https://hr.parliament.gov.np/uploads/attachments/88mf8dgy9zj6defq.pdf , *Sansad Darpan, Year 6, Vol 22, April 2021, Page 15*

[13] *PSP has provided VCF installation support to two thematic committees of the Federal Parliament and to all 7 PAs along with 74 District Coordination Committees (DCCs)*

[14] *Janapatra Media, Event Completion Report, 2021*

understanding level and competencies have further increased in providing their support to the MPs and the committees.

CPD Output 2.3: Civic space for engagement, voice and participation of youth, women and vulnerable groups broadened at all levels

Indicator 2.3.1: Number of people benefitted from UNDP supported (public governance institutions) outreach on civic and electoral education

PSP's support to the thematic committees and the MPs for parliamentary outreach has facilitated dialogues between the MPs and the citizens on human rights concerns of the most marginalized and disadvantaged communities *(women, youth, endangered communities, landless, Dalits and indigenous people).* These initiatives have yielded tangible results. For an example, the interaction of the thematic committee with the *Badi* Community[15] resulted in the direction to the provincial government to implement an agreement that the provincial government had reached with the community[16]. Besides, MPs expressed commitment with flood-affected people in Surkhet to raise issues in the parliament[17]. The project has sensitized over 48,000 people on parliamentary affairs through parliamentary outreach activities including radio programs[18]. All these interventions have provided wider spaces for civic engagement in parliamentary discourse.

Deputy Speaker expressing her views during an interaction program with women entrepreneurs in Surkhet.

[15] *The Badi community is a distinct group within Nepal's Dalit or 'untouchable' caste with its own traditions. The Badi are ranked at the bottom of Nepal's caste system, even within the Dalit intra-caste hierarchy, which has given them the infamous label of 'untouchables of the untouchables.' (Field Bulletin, UN RCHCO, Nepal/Issue 50, December 2012)*
https://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/Field-Bulletin-The-Badi-Community-of-Nepal-Issue-50.pdf
[16] *Formation of a taskforce, five-point agreement and providing an easy access to health and education services to the Badi Community*
[17] https://ratopati.com/story/196791/2021/8/29/flood-victim-
[18] *Outline Media Report 2021, PSP MIS 2021*

5.2 Progress on Project Outputs

Table 3: Progress on Output Indicators

Output statement	Output indicator	Baseline	Cumulative Target for 2018 - 2022	Progress up to 2020	2021Milestone	2021 Progress	Cumulative progress up to 2021	Means of verification
Output 1.1 Output Enhance the capacity of federal and provincial assemblies to be effective and participatory	1.1 Public Accounts Committees (PAC) in federal and provincial assemblies are effective in fulfilling their role in Public Finance Management (PFM), including cooperation with the Office of the Auditor General (OAG) and fiscal commission	0	8	7	7	7	7	PSP-MIS, 2021
	1.2 committees are scrutinizing draft laws and monitoring provincial government activities in an effective and participative manner.	NA	39 DL*[19] 40 OI	37 DL 19 OI	2 DL 3 OI	4 DL 24 OI	41 DL 43 OI	PSP-MIS, 2021
	1.3 Federal Parliament Thematic Committees are scrutinizing draft laws and monitoring federal government activities in an effective and participative manner.	23DL 14 OI	37 DL 45 OI 6 PLS	45DL 30 OI 3 PLS	2 PLS 0 OI	2 PLS 9 OI	45 DL 39 OI 5 PLS	PSP-MIS, 2021
	1.4 Federal Parliament & Provincial Assembly committees are monitoring the implementation of SDGs.	NA	5 Committees	4	4	4	5	PSP-MIS, 2021
Output 2: Enhance the capacity of parliamentary secretariats to be capable and innovative in their support to MPS and committees	2.1 PA Staff have capacity to support assemblies and their committees in functioning effectively and in an open and participative manner.	NA	50%		10%	124		PSP-MIS, 2021
	2.2 Federal Parliament staff have capacity to support assemblies and their committees in functioning effectively and in an open and participative manner	NA	38%		3%	67		PSP-MIS, 2021
	2.3 Federal Parliament and PA Secretariats have resources and capacity to implement innovative use of ICT for knowledge management and to support effective, inclusive and participative manner	NA	1 FP 5 PAs	1 FP 4 PAs	1 FP 1 PA	1FP 1 PA	1 FP 5 PAs	PSP-MIS, 2021
	2.4 Federal Parliament Secretariat ensures coordination and sharing of information amongst project partners	NA	Coordination mechanisms developed	1 meeting	1	1		PSP-MIS, 2021

[19] * *DL= Draft Laws; OI= Oversight Inquiries*

Output 3: Enhance the capacity of federal parliament and provincial assemblies to be open, interactive and accountable citizens	3.1 PAs establish systems and implement policies, procedures and mechanisms that promote openness and information sharing with citizens	NA	6 PAs	3 PAs	3	3	6 PAs	PSP-MIS, 2021
	3.2 Federal Parliament establishes and implements mechanisms for routine outreach to citizens and to share information and knowledge with regard to the work of the Parliament	NA	Outreach and information sharing is routine based standard practices	Continue	Continue	Continue		PSP-MIS, 2021
	3.3 Individual MPS at provincial and federal levels are engaged in a dialogue with citizens on a routine basis	800	6600 citizens	6704	500	1200	7904	PSP-MIS, 2021
	3.4 Provincial Parliament operates in an open and accountable manner and in accordance with Open Parliament (OP) Principles	NA	PAs developed Open Parliament Action Plan		3	3	3	PSP-MIS, 2021
Output 4: Build the capacity of women MPS and MPs from disadvantaged groups to be effective and for and parliaments at the federal and provincial levels to routinely engage with women, youths and disadvantaged citizens	4.2 Provincial and federal parliament committees are consulting and engaging women in their work on a routine basis	NA	50% committees	40% committees	5%	5%		PSP-MIS, 2021
	4.3 Committees at provincial and federal levels are consulting and engaging in a dialogue and disadvantaged groups on a routine basis	NA	50 % committees	40%	5%	5%		PSP-MIS, 2021
	4.4 Capacity of women MPs at federal and provincial levels is enhanced to allow for meaningful contributions to parliamentary debates.	NA	22% women MPs	19%	3%	3%	22%	PSP-MIS, 2021
	4.5 Capacity of MPs from disadvantaged groups at federal and provincial levels is enhanced to allow for meaningful contributions to parliamentary debates	NA	30 % MPs from DAGs	20%	5%	3%	23%	PSP-MIS, 2021
	4.6 FP and PAs establish dialogue forums (e.g.- youth parliaments; civic forums) that provide substantive and timely opportunities for youth inputs parallel to parliament debates	NA	450 youth	300 youth	100	176	476	PSP-MIS, 2021
Output 5: Enhance the capacity of parliaments at the federal & provincial levels to routinely respond pandemic in the post COVID 19	5.1 Thematic committees are monitoring government's responses to the COVID 19 in an effective manner.	NA	20% MPs	19 %	5 %	9%		PSP-MIS, 2021

Progress on Output 1: Enhance the capacity of federal and provincial parliaments to be effective and participatory

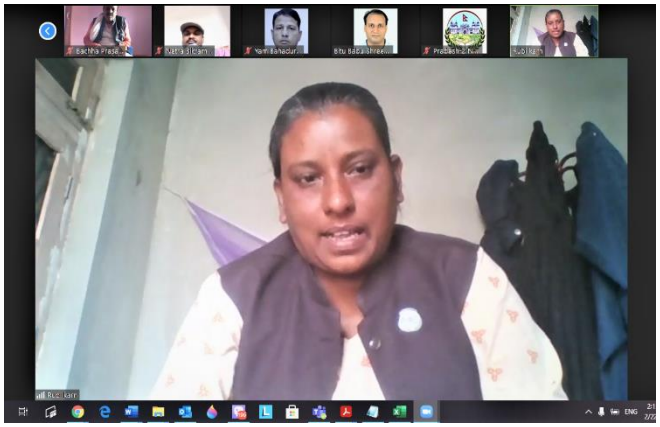
During 2021, the project continued its interventions and engagement with MPs and thematic committees of the Federal Parliament (FP) and the Provincial Assemblies (PAs) with different interventions. Despite the challenging situation amid the second wave of pandemic, the thematic committees actively and meaningfully engaged in different activities including review and public consultations of bills, oversights of governments' activities and representing people's concerns in the parliaments. This was possible due to the following interventions of the project:

Capacity building: Over 130 interventions contributed to strengthening MPs' capacities for their effective, efficient, and participatory roles in the parliaments. For instance, expert-facilitated policy discussions among the members of the Sustainable Development and Good Governance Committee (SDGGC) on policies, laws, legal provisions, and their implementation gaps in achieving the SDGs[20] resulted in directions and recommendations to the government. Likewise, with experts' support from the Office of Auditor General (OAG), all seven provincial Public Accounts Committees (PACs) analyzed the 58th Report of OAG focusing on annual reports of provinces. The Committees have committed for their proactive role to maintain financial good governance. Over 500 MPs were reached through various capacity building interventions in 2021.

MPs during the dialogue on climate-induced disaster in SDGGC.

> *The PAC is still in learning phase. Such discussion has thus helped the committee adhere to its roles and responsibilities. The discussion has led the Committee to carry out review of the OAG's annual report 2019/20.*
> **-Shiva Narayan Gangai, PAC Chair, PA 1**

Legislative Review: The thematic committees continued carrying out experts' review of bills and the PLS of laws. The provincial parliamentary committees reviewed and consulted on four bills[21]and are expected to file amendments to bills[22]. Likewise, the LJHRC at FP widely discussed and collected MPs' inputs on the PLS research report. The Committee has finalized and endorsed it to table in the HoR[23]. Likewise, the Delegated Management and Government Assurance Committee (DMGAC) has developed a *"Model Bill on Delegated Legislation"* and submitted it to the concerned ministry for further adoption and introducing it as a Government Bill.



Hon. MP Rubi Karna expressing her views in the bill review of Madhesh Province.

[20] *Climate-induced disasters and its reduction; Political leadership and SDGs; Parliamentarians' role in achieving SDGs; SDGs and existing laws of Nepal; and Achieving SDGs in the COVID-19 context.*
[21] *"Tax Bill", and "Provincial Cooperative Bill" in* ***Madhesh Province****; "Environment Bill" in* ***Sudurpaschim Province****, "Media Bill of Lumbini Province"*
[22] https://ekantipur.com/pradesh-5/2021/10/02/16331556350895912.html
[23] https://english.khabarhub.com/2021/20/204186/

Moreover, the assessment of 10 Acts[24] of *Karnali* and *Sudurpaschim* PAs has provided the respective committees with information about gaps in the existing Acts. Such practice of legislative appraisals has contributed to making the governments accountable towards effective implementation, amendment, and reformation of the laws.

> *Provincial Assembly members have registered amendments to the Media Bill. If the amendments are not sufficient to make the bill media-friendly, we will suggest the provincial government to review and re-write the Bill.*
> **-Hon. Deepa BK, member of Lumbini Provincial Assembly**

Parliamentary Oversights: A total of 18 oversights on contemporary issues (*problems of disaster-affected people; human rights of disadvantaged groups; effectiveness of government employment programs; and budget analysis from the SDG perspectives*) by thematic committees and their immediate directives have contributed to making the governments responsive and accountable. For an example, the SDGGC reviewed the government's annual budget and the budget of different ministries with SDG perspectives and issued a 10-point of direction[25] to the government. A total of 82 MPs *(women=46% and regarding caste and ethnicity: Brahmin/Chhetri= 54 %, Janajati= 18%, Madheshi= 20%, Dalit= 5% and Muslim=4%,)* were part of these oversight inquiries.

Knowledge Products: In 2021, PSP produced 10 knowledge products on various themes including comparative experience on whip system, functional experiences of committees, the representational role of women MPs, which contributed to enriching the knowledge repository in the parliamentary domain. Some of the knowledge products include "*Whip System: Concepts and Practices, A Comparative Study of Whip System of Nepal with Reference to Other Countries"; "Study on Functional Experience of Parliamentary Committees in Nepal"; "Study on Representational Role of Women MPs in Parliament"; and "Study of Parliamentary Response on the Impact of COVID-19."*

Project Output 2: Enhance the capacity of parliamentary secretariats to be capable and innovative in their support to MPs and committees

The staff of parliament secretariats enhanced their capacities through various workshops and training to support MPs and committees innovatively. They remained actively engaged in supporting the parliaments and their thematic committees in functioning effectively and in an open and participative manner.

***Capacity Building*:** The staff of all seven PAs have bolstered their working skills and expertise through professional development training. Few examples include *training on effective execution of OAG report and financial oversight*; *training on ICT and digital communications skills*; *knowledge management and practices;* and *facilitation and negotiation skills.* Over 190 staff *(15% women; regarding caste and ethnicity: Brahmin/Chhetri= 71 %, Janajati = 10%, Madheshi= 16%, Dalit= 3%)* from various capacities *(secretaries of the parliament secretariats, law officers, account officers, computer*

The staff of federal parliament secretariat attending a sharing event in Dhulikhel.

[24] ***Sudurpaschim*** *(Province Environment Protection Act 2077, Province Good Governance Act, 2075, Province Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act 2075) and* ***Karnali*** *(Province Fiscal Transfer Management Act 2075, Good Governance Act 2076, Food Rights and Sovereignty Act, 2077); among others.*

[25] *The points of direction include the National Planning Commission (NPC) to conduct ministerial oversights as per the 15th five years' periodic plan, constitutional mandates, and international commitments; formulating policy and programs for SDGs localization; carry out onsite oversight of incomplete projects to identify delay in completing them; among others.*

officers, non-gazette staff, office assistants) joined various interventions to support the committees and secretariats.

Secretaries' meet: First time in the parliamentary practice under federal set-up in Nepal, the Secretary-General of the FP and all secretaries of the PAs met this year. The meeting concluded with 17-point of understanding focusing on improvement of the secretariat's functional capacities. The meeting provided an avenue for sharing of challenges, problems, and best practices among the secretariats of FP and PAs. The meeting also reflected on the declaration of *Speakers and Deputy Speakers Meetings* of previous years and explored the ways for their implementation. The meeting concluded with formation of an informal and common platform of the Secretaries of the FP and the PAs. The PA Coordination section of the Federal Parliament Secretariat will coordinate the platform regularly.

Secretary-General of Federal Parliament delivering his remarks.

> *The inter-provincial sharing meeting is very fruitful for us. The expert reviews and public consultations on the bills conducted in the districts and submission of the reports with feedback as practiced by Karnali Provincial Assembly is very good learning to other Provincial Assemblies.*
> **-Ambik Ghimire, Secretary, Bagmati PA sharing his views in the inter-provincial sharing meeting of PAs' staff**

Project Output 3: Enhance the capacity of federal parliament and provincial assemblies to be open, interactive, and accountable to citizens

In 2021 as well, the parliaments continued establishing systems and implementing policies, procedures and mechanisms that promote openness and information sharing with citizens. Open and interactive programs proved to be good interfaces between the people and their elected representatives.

MPs responding to queries of Bankariya community in Makwanpur.

Parliament Outreach: Innovative outreach interventions including "*Meet the MPs", "Meet the* Speaker" organized by all PAs provided platforms for public parliament interface. Issues of the most disadvantaged and marginalized citizens, youth[26], flood-affected people[27], migrant returnees, landless people, *Bankariya*[28], Dalits[29], and *Mushahar*[30] were raised with over 60 MPs *(women=50%)*. In these programs, the rights claimants complained of being deprived of citizenship certificates and basic facilities including drinking water, education, and health facilities. MPs committed to taking immediate initiatives over the

> *We don't have access to information about the employment programs being run by the federal and the provincial government. Only those, who have power, may have access to them. Why isn't there transparency in grants and employment programs?*
> **-Gita Nepali, a migrant returnee asking to MPs in Surkhet**

[26] https://paschimtoday.com/news-details/43007/2021-09-20
[27] https://www.onsnews.com/hamro-sansadh/
[28] https://www.akhabarhub.com/?p=12190
[29] https://m.facebook.com/prasodhak/videos/दलितका-पीडामा-प्रदेश-२-सभाका-सदस्यका-साथ-हेर्नुस्-/564814797943685/?refsrc=deprecated&__rdr
[30] https://ourbiratnagar.net/2021/10/153541?

issues. For an example, the Social Development Committee of Karnali PA directed the concerned ministry for effective management of employment programs for the migrant returnees.

***Engagement with Media*:** Regular engagement with media *(including editors and beat reporters)* contributed to further extending parliamentary outreach. The journalists have promoted the issues of SDGs focusing on the environment and climate action; gender equality; peace, justice, and strong institutions through a series of feature stories. These stories[31] have informed MPs of their proactive role to address these issues through the drafting of required laws, reformation of existing legislations and making the governments responsive to implement them. Over 200 journalists (women= *48%; regarding caste and ethnicity: Brahmin/Chhetri=44 %, Janajati = 19%, Dalit= 17%), Madheshi=13% and Muslim=7%)* were engaged with MPs in various activities.

Journalists interacting with MPs in Lumbini Province.

Parliament Openness: The parliaments promoted parliamentary openness through different initiatives including a public hearing, parliament open day celebration, public consultation and engagement with women, youth, and disadvantaged citizens. For an example, the public hearings[32] organized in all seven PAs not only provided citizens, community people, journalists, with the parliamentary updates and initiatives but also contributed to promoting openness and information sharing by the parliaments.[33]

Participants of an interaction organized by Karnali Provincial Assembly.

> *I congratulate the PA Secretariat and UNDP for installation and operation of the VCF in the PA. It had been three years that we were voicing the concerns for digitization of parliament. VCF has now eased instant engagement and communication on important issues during the crisis in a cost-effective way.*
> **Hon. Biraj Bhakta Shrestha, MP, Bagmati PA**

Digitalization of Provincial Assemblies: The project's support to the parliaments have strengthened their capacity on the innovative use of ICT for knowledge management. For instance, as a pilot approach, Lumbini PA has developed a *Mobile Application* to enhance its communication and outreach spectrum with larger stakeholders. The Application will be fully functional in 2022. Further, the video conferencing facility (VCF) in seven PAs[34] and their corresponding districts has been instrumental in connecting citizens and stakeholders on parliamentary affairs throughout the country. The support has been proved to be more strategic and useful during pandemic and emergencies for crisis communication. Similarly, with PSP's support, the federal parliament secretariat has started digital archiving of the old and historic documents.

[31] *Scarcity of water resources; maternal mortality and pandemic; budget allocation of provincial and local governments; allocation of budget in education and health; Women, Peace and Security Agenda; issues of conflict survivors, among others.*
[32] *https://ratopati.com/story/194444/2021/8/14/karnali-province; https://www.nayapatrikadaily.com/news-details/60847/2021-03-02; https://baahrakhari.com/news-details/332294*
[33] ***Anumodan Khabar Daily**, Issue No.137, (Front Page) 8 Feb 2021.*
[34] *PSP provided VCF installation support to two thematic committees of the Federal Parliament and to all 7 PAs along with 74 District Coordination Committees (DCCs).*

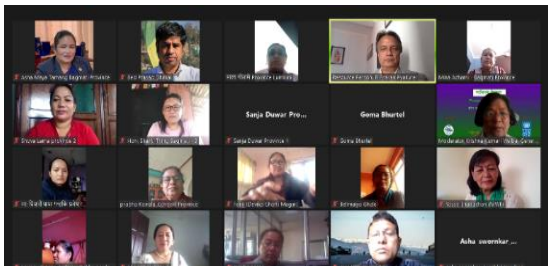
Project Output 4: Build the capacity of women MPs and MPs from disadvantaged groups to be effective and parliaments at the federal and provincial levels to routinely engage with women, youths and disadvantaged citizens

The project continued enhancing the capacities of women MPs and MPs from disadvantaged groups to strengthen their roles in the parliaments. This provided opportunities to people from marginalized groups, women, and youth to raise their concerns in the parliaments.

Gender-responsive and inclusive budgeting: PSP engaged with the finance committees[35] of all seven PAs prioritizing inclusive and gender-responsive budgeting in the annual policy and program of the provincial governments through orientations. For an example, with inputs from MPs, the policy and program of the Bagmati Provincial government *(The fiscal Year 2021/22)* has included several suggestions[36] to make its annual budget gender responsive. Altogether 90 MPs *(33% men; regarding caste and ethnicity: Brahmin/Chhetri= 49 %, Janajati= 30%, Madheshi= 16%, Dalit=4%*, Muslim=1%) took part in these orientations.

> *This discussion on past three years' policy, programme and budget of the government has enhanced my analytical knowledge about key points to be considered while formulating the policy, program, and budget.*
> **-Hon. Kunti Joshi, Chair of the Social Development Committee, Sudurpaschim Provincial Assembly**

Capacity development: Over 10 specifically tailored sessions[37] have strengthened capacities of women MPs and MPs from disadvantaged groups. This has contributed to enhancing their personal and professional skills in various areas including *self-monitoring and assessment; interpersonal communications; negotiations and* lobbying*; media handling; and leadership and personality development*. A total of 80 women MPs and 75 MPs from disadvantaged groups were reached through these skill enhancement sessions.



MPs during an orientation on personality and leadership development.

***Routine engagement with disadvantaged groups*:** The engagement of the MPs in the discussions on issues including *caste-based discrimination[38], people's housing program[39], gender-based violence; concerns of indigenous communities* have provided disadvantaged groups avenues to raise their pertinent issues and concerns with MPs. For an example, during the interaction on the *people's housing program* in Madhesh Province, the provincial minister invited activists, experts, and beneficiaries for a concrete meeting to review the work-procedures of "*Janata Aabash Program[40]*" to make the program more effective, accessible, and result-oriented.[41] Over 400 participants including MPs, citizens, CSOs, journalists, academicians and activists joined these interactions.

A promotional banner of the webinar on caste-based discrimination and untouchability.

[35] *Finance Committee of **PA 1**; Finance and Planning Committee of **Madhesh PA**; Finance and Development Committee of **Bagmati PA** and **Gandaki PA**; Finance, Industries and Tourism Committee of **Lumbini PA**; Finance and Natural Resources Committee of **Karnali PA** and **Sudurpaschim PA***

[36] *Formulation of Gender Equality and Social Inclusion Policy; carry out gender and social inclusion audits of the municipalities.*

[37] *The interventions include orientations on "Effective media handling", "Parliamentary Representation of Constituency", "Negotiation and Lobbying", "Disaster Risk Reduction, Climate Change and Livelihood" and "Effective Interpersonal Communication for DAG MPs; "Intersectionality of Gender", "Self-Monitoring and Self-Assessment", "Personality and Leadership Development."*

[38] https://ekantipur.com/news/2021/09/17/163186947396583576.html

[39] https://www.ablokit.com.np/detail/1021

[40] *People's Housing Program*

[41] https://www.facebook.com/JagaranMediaCenter/videos/391684529336260

Women, Peace, and Security Agenda: Over 150 MPs engaged in various issues and concerns on Women, Peace and Security (WPS) Agenda and gender-based violence in 2021. The MPs were reinforced for their active roles on delivering justice to the survivors of the armed conflict. The MPs also pledged for legal reforms and follow-ups for endorsement of the Second National Action Plan on WPS. Likewise, the panel discussions with MPs on *"Law Enforcement and Violence* Against *Women* (VAW)", *"Conflict, Peacebuilding and Women", "Sociology of VAW"*, among others, provided avenues for robust advocacy and campaigns on further advancing the WPS agenda. Likewise, the South Asian Regional Conference on WPS stressed the need for alliance building and the formation of a loose network in the South Asian region to advance the WPS agenda[42].

Youth engagement: Over 170 youth *(45 women, 4 Others)* from three provinces *(Madhesh, Karnali and Sudurpaschim)* further broadened their understanding of key concepts of parliament, approaches of civic engagement and their active engagement in parliamentary discourse through orientations and mentoring sessions.[43] Oriented youth conducted evidence-based research studies on governance, social development, public finance management and shared findings of the studies with MPs and relevant stakeholders. These research reports have not only promoted meaningful engagement of youth in parliamentary affairs but also served as models for civic engagement in overseeing parliamentarians' performance against their commitments. Likewise, the radio episodes on youth issues provided appropriate platforms for youth to put their concerns with MPs and the concerned stakeholders[44]. In addition, over 100 law graduates, who developed their understanding of WPS priorities through orientations, commissioned mini research on WPS issues, which later sensitized MPs for their proactive roles in addressing the concerns of conflict-affected women and girls.

Project Output 5: Enhance the capacity of parliaments at the federal & provincial levels to routinely respond to the pandemic in the post COVID 19.

This year as well, the project continued implementing interventions to strengthen the roles of the federal and provincial MPs to oversee the governments' responses to the management of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Oversight of governments' response to COVID-19: A total of 15 oversights by parliamentary committees of *Sudurpaschim, Karnali*[45], *Bagmati, Madhesh* and PA 1[46] have accounted for making the governments responsible for better management and timely response to the pandemic[47]. For an example, acting on the committee's directive, the provincial government in *Karnali* decided to form a COVID control steering committee for an integrated action plan and management of COVID response; allocate a sufficient budget for COVID response, and instructed the concerned ministry to appoint health workers[48].

Kanchanpur CDO briefing to an oversight team of MPs from Sudurpaschim Provincial Assembly.

Similarly, a policy dialogue on *SDGs in COVID-19* not only provided insight to the concerned parliamentary committee for its proactive role in the management of the

[42] https://risingnepaldaily.com/nation/regional-solidarity-essential-to-build-lasting-peace
[43] https://www.facebook.com/AyonNepal/videos/254538096640760
[44] https://www.facebook.com/outlinemedia11/videos/160556602833770
[45] https://www.nepalpress.com/2021/05/04/51424/
[46] https://www.onlinekhabar.com/2021/05/952822
[47] https://thahakhabar.com/news/125684/
[48] https://www.onlinekhabar.com/2021/05/960348

pandemic but the committee also directed the government to uplift the standard of government's health services; and carry out institutional reforms of the health sector by formulating a national public health strategy to reduce the impact of COVID 19 on SDG Goal 3 *(Good Health and Well-being);* among others.

5.3 Progress on thematic issues

5.3.1 Protection and Promotion of Human Rights

The project has mainstreamed human rights in its interventions by making it a common agenda among the MPs. Parliamentary committees and MPs have discussed human rights issues of the most marginalized and disadvantaged communities along with their commitments to raise these issues in the parliaments. For an example, committee members of *Sudurpaschim* PA interacted with freed *Kamaiyas* on livelihood and housing in Kailali[49] and drew the attention of the concerned ministry over the issues. Similarly, following an interaction with the *Badi Community* in Dailekh, the parliamentary committee of *Karnali* PA directed the provincial government to immediately implement an agreement reached by the government with the *Badi* community. In the next instance, MPs expressed their commitment to flood-affected people in Surkhet to raise the issues of drinking water, sanitation facilities, electricity, and education in the parliament. Furthermore, MPs pledged for legal reforms and advocacy for endorsement of the second National Action Plan on the WPS agenda to address the issues faced by the survivors of the sexual and gender-based violence of the decade-long armed insurgency in Nepal.

Flood-affected people interacting with MPs in Surkhet.

The project engaged in broader concerns of human rights by collaborating with concerned committees of the parliaments. For an example, the Law Justice and Human Rights Committee (LJHRC) submitted its 33-point recommendation on Nepal's national report on Universal Periodic Review (UPR) to the government[50]. The 37th session of the Human Rights Council's UPR Working Groups reviewed Nepal's UPR Report which also included LJHRC's recommendations[51]. Similarly, after its oversights of jails in *Karnali* Province, the Committee produced a report with 9-point recommendations to address the rights of the prisoners[52]. Similarly, the LJHRC has endorsed the final report on the PLS of the Caste-Based Discrimination and Untouchability Act, which will be tabled in the HoR[53] for further action.

Table 4: Theme-wise interventions

Types of Activities	*Anti-corruption*	*Climate Change & environment*	*Good Governance*	*Human Rights*	*Women Rights*	*Total*
Legislative Review	3	3	7	2	1	16
Oversight Inquiries	2	3	5	21	2	33
Capacity Building	17	5	27	17	14	80
Outreach and Openness	0	0	13	10	3	26
Radio Episodes	3	4	7	9	2	25
Total	**25**	**15**	**59**	**59**	**22**	**180**

[49] https://anumodankhabar.com/2021/02/27/40705
[50] *A review report on draft report prepared by the Government of Nepal for 3rd cycle of UPR, LJHRC report submitted to the OPMCM*
[51] *UPR report 3rd cycle of Nepal submitted to Human Rights Council on 12th October 2020*
[52] https://hr.parliament.gov.np/uploads/attachments/to9mu48k6cjkakgd.pdf
[53] https://english.khabarhub.com/2021/20/204186/

5.3.2 *Engaging with parliaments on Climate Change and Environment Issues*

Climate change, environment and related issues have remained as one of the prioritized concerns of the project to draw the attention of MPs and thematic committees for their proactive actions over these issues. The policy dialogue on *"climate-induced disasters and its reduction"* not only sensitized MPs on climate-related laws and their implementation gaps[54] but also resulted in a directive to the government for effective implementation of laws. Likewise, the dialogue of MPs from *Sudurpaschim* PA with disaster-affected people in Bajura district informed MPs about the gaps, actions, and strategies required for mitigation of climate-induced disasters. Furthermore, the dialogue on "*SDGs, Climate Change and Parliament*" sensitized over 90 MPs for their active role to address the adverse impact of climate change[55]. It also emphasized drafting necessary legislations along with informing the government on addressing the pertinent issues of climate change that have been impacting Nepal as discussed in UNFCCC COP 26. Likewise, the orientation on "*Chure Exploitation and its Environmental and Climatic Impact*" informed MPs about the formulation of necessary legislation for the conservation of *Chure* hills. Similarly, the issues of climate change and the environment were also raised through a public consultation on *the Environment Bill of Sudurpaschim Province*. The stakeholders suggested incorporating separate clauses for prevention and control of pollution, rainwater harvesting; afforestation; and considering climate change and environmental aspects to the bill.

A promotional banner of the webinar on park-people conflict.

5.3.3 *Financial Good Governance and Anti-Corruption*

The project has mainstreamed good governance and anti-corruption by engaging with MPs and parliamentary committees. For an example, the discussions on the 58th report of OAG on annual reports of provinces contributed to transparency in public finance management in the provinces. Furthermore, the PLS of the Public Procurement Act and assessment of various provincial Acts[56] have contributed to identifying gaps and areas of improvement in the implementation of laws to promote financial accountability and good governance.

> *Journalists lack workspace in the Secretariat. We are also restricted to enter the Assembly Hall in the name of precaution to COVID-19. It has made us quite difficult to report the parliamentary sessions.*
> **-A journalist during a briefing to media by Speaker of Bagmati PA**

> *The committee is committed to scrutinizing the expenditure status of the annual budget of the provincial government in line with the prioritized sectors (women, children, senior citizen, ethnic minority group, PWDs) in the post budget phase to ensure the compliance by the ministries accordingly.*
> **-Hon. Dipak Koirala, Chair of Finance and Development Committee, Gandaki PA**

The discussions on gender-responsive and inclusive budgeting contributed to effective monitoring of sectoral budgets and ensuring their expenses in the allocated headings. The project also engaged with media and civil society organizations on the issues of anti-corruption and good governance. For an example, episodes of the weekly radio programs widely discussed embezzlement of funds by the governments during COVID response. Likewise, the expert's suggestion to declare the conflict of interest and inserting it as a separate clause in a bill[57] and outreach events contributed to anti-corruption and good governance.

[54] https://www.setopati.com/politics/246688
[55] https://www.np.undp.org/content/nepal/en/home/presscenter/articles/2021/Lawmakers-feel-the-heat-of-climate-change.html
[56] Provincial Good Governance Act, 2075 of ***Sudurpaschim PA***, and Provincial Fiscal Transfer Management Act 2075 and Good Governance Act 2076 of ***Karnali PA***
[57] "Provincial Cooperative Bill" of Madhesh Province

6. BUDGET AND EXPENDITURE

The following table shows output-wise indicative budget and expenditure for 2021 and the sources of funds budgeted and utilization.

Table 5: Output-wise annual budget and corresponding expenditure

Amount in US$

Output	Annual Budget	Annual Expenditure through project	Annual Expenditure through UNDP	Total Expenditure	Budget Utilization%
Output 1	203,233		200,366	200,366	99%
Output 2	145,000		143,077	143,077	99%
Output 3	168,200		166,588	166,588	99%
Output 4	173,117		171,946	171,946	99%
Output 5	96,812		95,729	95,729	99%
GMS	37,189		36,899	36,899	99%
MTR	9,500		9,257	9,257	97%
Total	**833,051**		**823,862**	**823,862**	**99%**

Table 6: Sources of funds Budget and Utilization of the project period

Amount in US$

Source of Fund	Funding period (Start – End Date)	Total Project Budget	Expenditure up to 2020	Expenditure in 2021	Total expenditure till 2021	Total Budget utilization %	Budget Balance US$
UNDP	Jan 2018- Dec 2022	2,000,000	1,342,209	325,862	1,668,071	83%	331,929
Norway	Dec 2018-Dec 2022	3,181,422	1,927,234	498,000	2,425,234	76%	756,188
Total		5,181,422	3,269,443	823,862	4,093,305	79%	1,088,117

Table 7: Fund Received, expenditure and balance of Norway of 2021

Source of funds	Opening Balance	Total Fund Received (Jan-Dec 2021)	Total Fund for 2021)	Total expenditure (Jan-Dec 2021)	Expenditure in %	Balance in USD	Balance in Kroner
Norway (USD)	17,110	487,626	504,736	498,000	99%	6,736	
Norway (NOK)	169,819	4,000,000	4,169,819	4,114,169	99%		55,650

Note: Funds received for 2022 of NOK 6,500,000 (USD 749,452) is not included in total funds received in 2021. The fund balance including funds for 2022 will be USD 756,188.

Table 8: M&E Expenditure 2021, Project spend on M&E activities

Total spent on Monitoring	54,906
Total spent on Decentralized Evaluations	NA
Combined total spent on M&E	**54,906**

Narrative on Progress related to Budget and Expenditure

The table 5 represents output-wise annual budget and corresponding expenditure. All the expenditures booked in the project outputs is almost 99%. In terms of total budget and expenditure, the total expenditure in 2021 was USD 823,862 which is slightly over 99% of the total budget. One of the main reasons for having less delivery by 1% was the varying exchange rate, surplus after closing of Purchase Orders and capitalization of assets.

Table 7 is related to income and expenditure for Norway's contribution in 2021. The fund balance of the previous year was USD 17,110 while USD 487,626 *(NOK 4,000,000)* was received in 2021. Therefore, the total fund available in 2021 was USD 504,736 and the expenditure was USD 498,000.

The project also invested budget in M&E activities. When the event took place at the field level, respective project officials including M&E Officer monitored and submitted field reports. In this case, the project spent around 7 % of the total expenditure. The less expenditure in M&E was mainly due to the virtual mode that the project adopted in 2021. Based on the expenditure pattern, however, the project realized that the monitoring of the implementation should be further increased.

Besides, UNDP has received fund for 2022 program as per the cost-sharing agreement of NOK 6,500,000 (USD 749,452) in November 2021. The closing fund balance as of 31 December 2021 will be USD 756,188 including the unspent fund balance of 2021.

In 2021, specific financial management training was conducted for the project personnel, particularly in procurement planning. The Operation Unit of UNDP Country Office organized the meeting for them.

The Deputy Speaker of Karnali PA (Right) expressing her views during an interaction on International Human Rights Day in Surkhet.

7. CROSS CUTTING ISSUES

7.1 Targeting and voice/Participation of Target groups

The geographical coverage of the project encompasses the entire Nepal with the flexibility of prioritizing and adjusting activities as per need. In 2021, PSP engaged with target groups of the project including MPs, particularly women MPs and MPs from disadvantaged groups, parliament secretariats' staff, women, youth and other disadvantaged citizens.

PSP enhanced the capacity of over 500 MPs *(58% women of 500 and regarding caste and ethnicity: Brahmin/Chhetri= 39 %, Janajati = 25%, Madheshi= 24%, Dalit= 10% and Muslim=2%)* in different thematic areas. Over 1200 public *(25% women)* from the marginalized communities had their direct participation in various activities including oversights, interactions, public hearings, public consultations, and related media-related activities. Further, larger outreach programs including radio have reached out to and sensitized over 48,000 people on parliamentary affairs. ***(Source: PSP-MIS 2021)***

7.2 Gender Equality, Women's Empowerment, and Social Inclusion

The project has ensured balanced and meaningful participation of women, disadvantaged and other minority groups in the implementation of its activities. For an example, a total of 45 representatives of the LGBTIQ[58] community interacted with MPs and shared their stories of victimization and discrimination for their different sexual orientation. These efforts sensitized MPs for the need for inclusive laws to ensure the rights of the LGBTIQ community.

MPs and stakeholders discussing during TV show on digital violence and GBV.

PSP promoted the rights of women, youth, and other marginalized and disadvantaged groups through issue-based engagement with these groups. For an example, the Social Development Committee of *Karnali* PA interacted with women entrepreneurs on *"Issue and challenges of women entrepreneurs/farmers."* Listening to the stories of hardship and suffering of women entrepreneurs, the Committee directed the concerned ministry to provide small technologies required for increasing productivity. Likewise, following an interaction with *Raute*[59]community, the Social Development Committee of Karnali PA directed the provincial government to formulate short-term and long-term plans for the upliftment of the *Raute* community.

> *I have learned to seek the media attention on the issues and concerns that I want to raise. The trainings and orientations on engagement with media that I attended through UNDP have really helped me for effectively engaging with media.*
> **-Hon. Asha Kumari BK, MP, Federal Parliament**

The project's targeted interventions for women MPs and MPs from disadvantaged groups have enhanced their personal and professional skills. Interaction of MPs with citizens, the TV talk show[60] and radio programs, and discussion on WPS on ending gender-based violence respectively contributed to making the governments more accountable and responsive towards GESI issues. Furthermore, PLS on *"Crime related to Rape, Clause 219, Chapter 18 of Criminal Code 2017[61]"* has contributed to addressing the gaps in existing legal provisions and their reformations.

[58] https://karnalipana.com/?p=1620
[59] *Raute are nomadic people who live in temporary camps, hidden away from the villages, in remote parts of the forests in Karnali and Sudurpaschim Provinces of Nepal.*
[60] https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Bf3t01ouWg
[61] https://english.onlinekhabar.com/lower-marriageable-age.html

7.3 National Capacity Development

To strengthen the capacity of the national institutions, PSP has organized a series of orientations, interactions, infrastructural and institutional support to the federal and provincial parliaments and their secretariats. Of such examples, the *Secretaries' Meet* is the first of its kind which brought together secretariat leadership from the federal and the provincial parliaments in one platform. It concluded with 17-point of understanding for the improvement of the secretariat's functional capacities[62]. Moreover, PSP has contributed to initiating a learning and reflection practice among the staff of HoR and NA through an experience sharing and interaction program of the federal parliament secretariat. The event not only provided an avenue for experience sharing and learning but was also instrumental for increasing better coordination and performance among the staff[63].

Parliaments and their secretariats have also strengthened their capacities on the use of ICT and digitization. For an example, with PSP's support, Lumbini PA has developed a mobile application to enhance its communication and outreach spectrum with larger stakeholders. Furthermore, the VCF installed in seven PAs[64] and their corresponding districts has been proved to be instrumental and instant tools in connecting the citizens and the concerned stakeholders on parliamentary affairs throughout the country. Similarly, PSP's support to the Federal Parliament Secretariat for archiving of the old and historic documents has contributed to strengthening the digitization practice of parliaments. In addition, PSP also supported parliaments' secretariats to promote a culture of open parliament where parliamentary updates are shared among media and concerned stakeholders in all provinces. The practice has been widely appreciated[65].

Over 190 secretariat staff (15 % women), have bolstered their skills through professional development training and learning platforms[66]. ICT training to staff of all seven PAs, PAC guideline training to PAC officials in all PAs, orientation on knowledge management and practices have motivated staff for their better performance[67].

[62] *PSP Mission Report, 17 November 2021*
[63] *PSP Event Completion Report, 29 October 2021*
[64] *PSP provided VCF installation support to two thematic committees of the Federal Parliament and to all 7 PAs along with 74 District Coordination Committees (DCCs)*
[65] *Janapatra Media, Event Completion Report, 2021*
[66] *PSP MIS 2021*
[67] *Orientation to PAC staff on effective execution of OAG report and financial oversight, Event Report, July 13, 2021*

7.4 Sustainability

The project aims to build theory of institutionalization, which has been stirred through close coordination and collaboration with Federal Parliament and Provincial Assemblies. For an example, PSP had piloted *"Meet the* Speaker*"* in *Karnali* and *Sudurpaschim* PAs in 2019. The practice has been institutionalized by respective PAs with the allocation of budget. Likewise, the PAs have institutionalized several practices[68] and allocated the required budget to continue them. **(*Source: Annual Budget Plan of PAs, 2019/20*- 2020/21)**

Likewise, the project has been supporting committees for PLS as per the requests received from the respective committees. This approach provides ground for the continuation of such efforts from the committees in the future as well. For an example, the Legislative Management Committee of the NA has endorsed the study report on the Social Practices Reform Act 1976 for which the project had supported the committee in 2019. The committee is planning to table the report in the House[69].

> *PLS is more important than the audit of the expenditures because even a single word in the law can be affecting thousands of people. Hence, we have recently started carrying out PLS of laws and the Committee has held discussions focusing on few laws including the Social Practices Reform Act and the process including research and study took some six months. The Committee has now recommended amending the Act as Cultural Code as per the advancement of time.*
> **-Hon. Parshu Ram Meghi Gurung, Chair, Legislative Management Committee, National Assembly**

Different parliamentary committees[70] have been conducting oversights, preparing oversight reports and subsequently the committees are directing the governments for actions. Such good practices of documentation and direction have established systems for the continuation of such practices in the future.

PSP has been emphasizing synergy and cost-sharing with PAs and their committees. The committees have been sharing costs and resources with PSP-supported interventions and approaches. For an example, the thematic committees of *Karnali* and *Sudurpaschim*, PA 1 and the FP shared costs for oversights and outreach events and equipment installation. ***(Source: Request Letters from PAs)***

The project also supported the federal parliament secretariat (FPS) in archiving its old and historic documents. Moreover, the FPS has formed a seven-member panel to institutionalize the digitization process[71]. This initiative for digitization as part of open parliament practice; staff's interest in the use of technology and provision of dedicated IT staff in secretariats are some instances that contribute to strengthening the digitization of parliaments.

The secretariats' staff have sharpened their expertise and gained knowledge in several aspects of parliamentary affairs and practices. The secretariats, being the permanent structures of the parliaments, will continue providing their support to MPs and committees with all the enhanced skill, expertise and practices they have gained through their regular engagement in PSP's interventions.

[68] *Expert review and public consultations of bills; oversight inquiries; public hearing, YouTube broadcast of parliamentary sessions; software licensing; inter-provincial assembly sharing among staff, inter-provincial experience sharing among MPs and parliament leaderships*
[69] *Sansad Darpan, Year 7, Vol 23, July 2021, Page 41*
[70] *https://hr.parliament.gov.np/uploads/attachments/to9mu48k6cjkakgd.pdf*
[71] *Sansad Darpan, year 7, vol 23, July 2021 https://hr.parliament.gov.np/uploads/attachments/uw5oehxngdiudzpk.pdf Page 8*

7.5 South-South and Triangular Cooperation

As part of South-South and Triangular Cooperation, PSP has prioritized the use of international best practices of parliamentary affairs on various fronts including orientations, interactions, and knowledge products. For an example, during the South Asian Regional Conference on WPS, MPs and rights activists from South Asia[72]highlighted the need for alliance building and expansion of a loose network to advocate for the WPS National Action Plan in the region. Furthermore, the provincial sensitization sessions to women MPs and stakeholders on WPS agenda; sessions on gender-responsive and inclusive budgeting; a series of capacity development sessions to women MPs and MPs from marginalized and disadvantaged groups on various thematic areas; media handling training to women MPs also incorporated international best practices for wider perspectives and a better understanding of MPs in each thematic area. Also, the orientation on *"knowledge management practices"* provided comparative references from Brazil, the UK, Chile, and Finland to provide an impression of knowledge management practices at a broader scale. Moreover, different knowledge products including *" Whip System: Concepts and Practices, A Comparative Study of Whip System of Nepal with Reference to Other Countries ", "Legislative Openness Practices in the PAs and Development of Open Parliament Action Plan", "Media Engagement strategy of the Federal Parliament", "Study on Functional Experience of Parliamentary Committees in Nepal" and "Study of Parliamentary Response on Impact of COVID-19"* also offered international practices on the parliamentary domain.

Hon. MP Biraj Bhakta Shrestha *(on the bottom left corner)* in the dialogue.

With facilitation of PSP, Hon. Biraj Bhakta Shrestha, a member of the Industry, Tourism and Environment Committee of Bagmati Provincial Assembly, presented his remarks in a virtual dialogue "Securing our Future: Parliament's Role in Accelerating Climate Action" as a panelist on behalf of Nepal. The dialogue jointly organized by UNDP Bangkok Regional Hub (BRH) and Climate Finance Network provided good opportunity to learn how parliaments in the Asia-Pacific region are taking forward the climate change agenda and what more they could do to galvanize regional, national, and local efforts necessary to address the climate emergency and achieve the SDGs. Parliamentarians from Fiji, Tonga, Philippines, Thailand and Nepal participated as panelists.

7.6 Partnerships

Like previous years, PSP forged partnerships with different CSOs, media and private organizations which remained instrumental, effective, and efficient in terms of delivering intended results. The project had synergy with organizations led by women, indigenous and disadvantaged groups, marginalized groups, Dalit and youth which have their expertise in respective thematic areas. The CSOs include Dalit NGO Federation (DNF), National Indigenous Women Forum (NIWF), Jagaran Media Centre (JMC), Association of Youth Organizations Nepal (AYON), Mitini Nepal, Media Advocacy Group (MAG), and Justice and Rights Institute Nepal (JuRI Nepal). Media organizations included Outline Media Nepal, Communication and Development Media, Prasodhak Media, Janapatra Media, GM Media, Media Workshop Consultancy, Working Women Journalists (WWJ), Journalists' Society of Parliamentary Affairs (JSPA), Rainbow FM, Netizen Media, Rupantaran, Media House and Society of Economist Journalists Nepal (SEJON). The private consultancy firms included Professional Studies Resources Developers (PSRD), Governance International Nepal, National Law College, Democracy and Election Concern Nepal (DECON), and Center for Rule of Law.

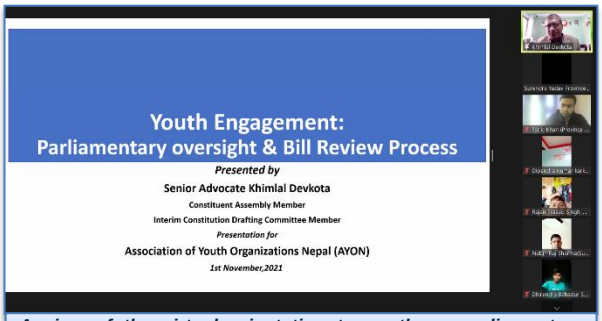
[72] *Nepal, Maldives, India, Afghanistan, Bhutan, Sri-Lanka, Bangladesh and Pakistan*

7.7 Promotion of civic engagement

Over 20 public consultations on human rights of citizens provided platforms for MPs and citizens, especially vulnerable groups, including women and marginalized groups to interact on issues of caste-based discrimination; concerns of indigenous communities living in the buffer zone; challenges of women entrepreneurs[73]; problems of returnees at border checkpoints during COVID-19; problems of the *Badi* and the *Raute* communities; among others. Of such interactions, in Madhesh Province, the concerned minister invited activists, experts, and beneficiaries to review the *people's housing program.* Likewise, the Social Development Committee of Province 1 following oversights of Sunsari, Morang and Jhapa districts instructed the government and hospitals for better management and treatment in hospitals and better scrutiny in the border[74]. Strategically, the project engaged with media that helped broaden cooperation and information sharing among MPs, secretariats' staff and journalists reporting on parliamentary affairs. The journalists covered a wide range of issues such as environment and climate action; gender equality and social inclusion; and peace in the forms of news features and stories in different mainstream media outlets. These news articles[75] and dialogues of MPs with citizens have informed MPs of their active role in addressing public issues and concerns. For an example, a minister of Madhesh Province expressed commitment to ensure the supply of drinking water in the community in Bara[76]. All these interventions contributed to civic engagement with the participation of over 48,000 citizens through physical and virtual means.

7.8 Expanding opportunities for youth

Regarding engagement with youth, over 170 youth from Madhesh Province, Karnali and Sudurpaschim broadened their understanding of key concepts of parliament, civic engagement approaches through orientations and mentoring sessions. They shared their findings of evidence-based research reports on governance, social development, public finance management with MPs[77] which have served as models for civic engagement in overseeing parliamentarians' performance against their commitments during the elections. Likewise, the radio episodes on the issues of youth provided a platform for youth to put their concerns with MPs and the concerned stakeholders. Over 100 youth were involved in carrying out mini research studies on WPS issues which sensitized MPs for their proactive roles in addressing concerns of the conflict-affected women and girls.



A view of the virtual orientation to youth on parliamentary affairs.

[73] https://guraskhabar.com/2021/03/08/28078.html

[74] https://ratopati.com/story/180152/2021/5/12/province-1; https://www.onlinekhabar.com/2021/05/952822
PSP Event Report, Oversights of Checkpoints, District hospitals by Social Development Committee of Province 1, 12 May 2021

[75] *Scarcity of water resources; maternal mortality and pandemic; budget allocation of provincial and local governments; allocation of budget in education and health; women, peace and security agenda; issues of conflict victims, etc.*

[76] *https://www.onlinekhabar.com/2021/09/1017557*

[77] *AYON Report 2021*

7.9 Innovation

A new approach to law review brings concrete results

Despite the enforcement of the Caste-based Discrimination and Untouchability (Offence and Punishment) Act, 2011, Dalits could not enjoy dignified lives as they are being victimized for untouchability in many parts of the country.

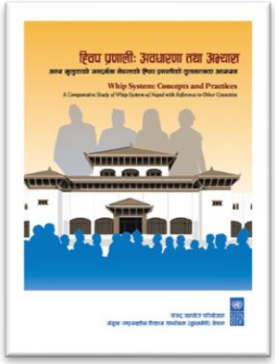
The law minister and the LJHRC Chair during feedback collection on PLS report.

Amid this backdrop, the parliamentary committee of the House of Representatives—the Law, Justice and Human Rights Committee (LJHRC)—piloted a new and innovative approach—the post-legislative scrutiny (PLS) of the Act which has been in implementation for over a decade. The PLS aimed to assess the impact and effectiveness of the law against its intended objectives and recommend the federal government for its effective implementation, reforms, and amendment. The committee studied, collected the required information, analyzed it, and organized a series of discussions among its members, provincial MPs, the concerned minister and CSOs before finalizing the report. On August 20, the Committee finalized and endorsed the report to present it in the House. The PLS concluded that integrated initiatives and measures for non-criminal accountabilities including prevention and control of crime, creating awareness, vetting, among others, are necessary to eliminate incidents of caste-based discrimination and untouchability in the society. The PLS has also recommended the government amend the Act and take necessary steps for reformation.

With this new approach, PSP has contributed to promoting the role of parliament in protecting the rights of Dalits. It has helped to institutionalize the post-legislative scrutiny system in Nepal. Observing the good results of the PLS on the Act, the LJHRC also commissioned another PLS on *Crime related to Rape, Clause 219, Chapter 18 of Criminal Code 2017*. The Committee has widely discussed and collected MPs' inputs on the PLS research report which will be finalized and endorsed by the committee in 2022. Similar support was provided to the Legislative Management Committee for anti-corruption-related Acts in 2020. This is the new approach to how PSP has been supporting the parliaments and their committees in the law-making and law reformation process.

7.10 Knowledge Management and Products

The project has developed and disseminated the following knowledge products in 2021. Some of them have already been published while some are under the process of publication.



- *Whip System: Concepts and Practices, A Comparative Study of Whip System of Nepal with Reference to Other Countries*
- *Study on the functional experience of parliamentary committees in Nepal*
- *Study on the functional experience of parliamentary committees of PAs in the past three and half years in Nepal*
- *Study on the representational role of women MPs in parliament*
- *Study of parliamentary response on the impact of COVID-19*
- *Legislative openness practices in the PAs*
- *Development of Open Parliament Action Plan*
- *Media engagement strategy of Federal Parliament*
- *Framework for outreach and communication plan of Karnali, Sudurpaschim and Madhesh Provincial Assembly*

8. LESSON LEARNED

- Based on the experiences, the project needs to focus on documenting its lessons, best practices and develop knowledge management packages accordingly.
- The project should support the parliaments in knowledge management including supporting parliamentary committees/MPs to document their best practices and lessons learned over the years.
- Based on the learning, the project should develop induction packages for MPs who will assume their duties after the elections.
- The project should collect experiences of selected women MPs and MPs from disadvantaged groups in the form of knowledge products.
- The project, as part of the sustainability of the project's contribution, needs to continue facilitating in planning and allocating budget for the best practices, and to explore cost-sharing for activities in coordination with thematic committees and the parliament secretariats.
- In case the infection rate of COVID-19 increases further in 2022, the project needs to design and package its activities innovatively and creatively to address virtual fatigue among the participants.
- The project should continue forging synergy with UN agencies and UNDP projects; parliaments and their secretariats, and civil society organizations to promote sustainability of the project's interventions.

9. IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES AND CHALLENGES

- The fluid and volatile political situation in the country impacted the parliamentary developments in 2021. The dissolutions of the HoR, engagement of MPs in political priorities and fewer activities in parliamentary committees in the FP affected the project's planned activities, to some extent. Despite challenges, the project tactfully implemented all planned interventions by adjusting to the situations that emerged.
- Irregular and frequently disrupted winter sessions in the parliaments affected the lawmaking process *(registration of new bills, deliberation of the bills in the committees, and endorsements of the bills from the House)*. Subsequently, the project's activities including expert reviews and public consultations on the bills were affected.
- The shifted priorities of MPs and committee members in the changing political scenarios resulted in MPs' limited availability for the project's interventions till mid-July. Given the context, the project had challenges in arousing the interest of MPs, Chairs of the thematic committees and secretariats' staff to engage in the project's activities.
- With a surge in corona infection in the second quarter, the project fully adopted a virtual mode of implementation. It was challenging to engage with MPs and secretariat staff for the project's interventions as they were reluctant to join the virtual interventions due to lack of technical know-how, virtual fatigue, and unavailability of smart devices.
- The political fractions in the FP and PAs required the project to invest its extra efforts to seek MPs' time for the project's activities.
- Change in the leadership of thematic committees, no appointment of Chairs in some committees, race for the formation of coalition governments in the federation and the provinces, general conventions of the major political parties also affected the project's engagement and implementation for some planned activities.

10. PRIORITIES FOR 2022

- Professional development of Secretariats' staff
- Documenting lessons learned and memories of MPs
- Development of induction packages for the next generation of MPs
- Policy dialogues on different SDGs themes
- Project's final evaluation
- Focused program for MPs from Women and DAGs
- Institutionalization of project's initiations

11. A SPECIFIC STORY

MPs pledge to address concerns of endangered *Bankariya* community

Thuli Maya *Bankariya* is now in her seventies. She is the only eldest member of the *Bankariya* ethnic group residing at Musedhap of Manahari Rural Municipality-4 in Makwanpur, which lies some 30 km west from Hetauda, the headquarter of Bagmati Province. The *Bankariya* community is one of the most endangered ethnic groups in Nepal. The community people do not own land and until about two decades back, the community was nomadic.

Thuli Maya Bankariya narrating her stories with MPs.

Thuli Maya had lost her husband six years ago. Since then, her daughter has been taking care of her. Thuli Maya has had ailments in her back and waist for some years and her hearing capacity has also diminished. She laments that getting medical treatment is not so easy. "The nearest health facility lies at two hours of walking distance." The community people don't have access to roads. "In case of an emergency, we could not use an ambulance to go to the hospital."

Bursting into tears, she recalls her bygone days and the hardship her community endured. "We used to live in caves until two decades ago. Life was so difficult then. Finding food to eat was difficult." She remembers that most of her grandparents and in-laws died in the caves while some of them died in the forest. She wishes that the new generation of her community must not live like her. However, it's not easy to fulfill her desire. For this, she urges the government to make a conducive environment for them. "We are eagerly awaiting registration of the land we are using in our names so that our grandchildren must not undergo the plight we have experienced." She laments that their children don't have access to school in their locality. "The nearest school is too far, and it takes more than an hour to reach the school."

Like Thuli Maya, other members of the community narrated their stories of hardship and suffering to parliamentarians who had visited the community on November 14, 2021. The visit of their elected representatives had surprised the community members. At the same time, the presence of such high-

ranking officials for the first time had elated the community. The community people also shared that they are deprived of basic facilities of health services, drinking water and electricity.

Listening to the problems of the *Bankariya* community, former Chief Minister and MP of Bagmati Province Dormani Paudel and visiting MPs assured the community of making all levels of governments more accountable to solve the problems. He said, "We will pressurize three tiers of governments for management of the Bankariya community, including providing land ownership certificates and basic facilities to them."

In a follow-up to the interaction organized in Musedhap, a media briefing was organized in Hetauda where the Minister of Economic Affairs and Planning of Bagmati Provincial Government, Shalikram Jamkattel ensured to introduce special programs and allocate budget for the upliftment of the endangered communities. He said the government will make efforts to provide land ownership to the *Bankariya* community and provide them support to run schools and livelihood programs.

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News about Provincial Minister ensuring to introduce special program for Bankariya community.

A total of 21 households (79 people) of the *Bankariya* community including 45 women are living at Musedhap. The Makwanpur District Forest Office has provided them nine hectares of land where they have been living since March 21, 2006, however, the land is not registered in their names.

MPs' interaction with the *Bankariya* tribal group in their community followed by commitments of the MPs and the Provincial Minister to provide them land ownership certificates in November 2021, the issues and concerns of the *Bankariya* community have been getting wider attention from the concerned stakeholders, government agencies and media. For instance, recently (on February 5, 2022) Bishnu Dahal, Makwanpur Chair of the National Land Commission stated[78] preparations are underway to provide land ownership certificates to the *Bankariya* community for the land they have been currently living in. "We will provide them the land ownership certificate by coordinating with the Parsa National Park," Dahal is quoted in the media. The national media have been covering news and editorials[79] advocating for basic facilities and land ownership certificates to the *Bankariya* community.

[78] https://annapurnapost.com/news/no-house-195702
[79] https://annapurnapost.com/news/bankariya-195836

12. RISK AND ISSUE LOGS

Table 9: Risk Log Matrix

S.N	Description	**Category** *(Financial, political, operational, organizational, environmental, regulatory, security, strategic, others)*	**Likelihood of risks** (*Scale of 1 to 5 with 5 being the most likely)* **A**	**Impact** *(Scale of 1 to 5 with 5 being the highest impact)* **B**	**Risk factor (A x B)**	**Mitigation measures if risk occurs**	**Date risk is Identified**	**Last Updated**	**Status**
1	The second wave of COVID-19 created panic and public life was largely affected.	Environmental	4	2		Based on the Business Continuity Plan, the project planned its interventions in a way that made the best mix of in-person *(case by case)* and virtual activities.	March 2021	Dec 2021	On
2	The dissolutions of HoR and the lack of committee activities in the FP affected the project's planned activities to support the federal parliament.	Political	4	2		The project focused on research and creation of knowledge products	January 2021	December 2021	Off
3	The political fractions at the federal and the provincial level and shifted priorities of MPs and committee members to their political engagement resulted in MPs' limited availability to project's interventions	Political	4	2		The collaboration with thematic committees worked well for the project and it could buy in MPs' time for the project's interventions. The project team also invested extra efforts to seek the time of MPs for the project interventions	January 2021	December 2021	On

Table 10: Issue Log Matrix

S.N	Type	Date Identified	Description and Comments	Resolution measures recommended	Status of the issue	Status Change Date
1	Problem	Jan 2018	The resource persons with high credentials are mostly in government machinery, who cannot be incentivized. It makes the project implementation difficult.	The project will continue to convince, persuade, and show the value of their engagement in such programs.	Ongoing	Jan 2021
2	Problem	Dec 2020	Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, it is difficult to arrange any type of in-person meetings, interactions, and orientations while almost all MPs and secretariats' staff are eager to hold such in-person meetings.	The project continues communicating to all MPs and secretariats' staff about directives and circulars released by the GoN against such gathering and the UNDP's norms as well in this regard. The project will remain open for such events right after the effects of the pandemic lessen for which the project will take permission from the GoN and the UNDP.	Ongoing	May 2021
3	Problem	Dec 2020	The leadership of parliament increased ad-hoc demands for support in logistic-related matters or infrastructure.	The project continues communicating about limitation of fund. Additionally, the project continues making PR with parliament leaderships to continue further engagement with fewer hurdles.	Ongoing	Dec 2020
4	Problem	May 2020	Due to COVID-19 pandemic, the project is conducting virtual events *(meetings, interactions, trainings/orientations, oversights)* and supporting VCF as well, however, the interest and participation of MPs and staff seems to be decreasing in such virtual meetings these days.	Project has been providing trainings/orientations to the secretariat staff and supporting MPs for handling virtual applications and their importance during such pandemic and time saving.	Ongoing	May 2021
5	Problem	Dec 2019	Increasing other agencies *(WF, TAF, DIPD, NDI, IRI etc.)* working in parliamentary domain creating space for the FP and the PA secretariats for bargaining ad-hoc activities and duplication on the same activities.	Project has started organizing coordination meetings among all those agencies working in the parliamentary domain to minimize unnecessary space of bargaining and duplication as well.	Ongoing	April 2021
6	Problem	August 2019	Increasing UNDP's administrative procedures for contracting and travel *(vendor registration, insurance copy for examples)* is lengthy and cumbersome.	Project continues to orient vendors and cope with travel logistics.	Ongoing	Jan 2021

13. PROGRESS AGAINST ANNUAL WORK PLAN 2021

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Parliament Support Project (PSP)

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UNDAF/CPAP Outcome 2: By 2022, inclusive, democratic, accountable and transparent institutions are further strengthened towards ensuring rule of law, social justice and human rights for all particularly for vulnerable people.
UNDAF Output 2.1: National level executive and legislative branches of the Government and commissions have the capacities and tools to implement the constitution, including peaceful transition to federal structure.; Output 2.2. Systems, procedures and capacities of government institutions at subnational level in place for service delivery in an inclusive, transparent and accountable manner. UNDAF/CPD Output 2.3: Civic space for engagement, voice and participation of youth, women and vulnerable groups broadened at all levels.

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Project Output ID: 00096478 and 00122787																	
Project Output 1: Enhance the capacity of federal and provincial parliaments to be effective and participatory (ATLAS Activity-1)																	
Activity 1.1: Public Account Committees in federal and provincial parliaments are effective in fulfilling their role in Public Finance Management, including cooperation with the Office of the Auditor-General (OAG) and fiscal commissions																	
Result Framework: Public Accounts Committees (PACs) in federal and provincial parliaments are effective in fulfilling their role in Public Finance Management. Target 1: Orient 40 PAC MPs on best practices. Indicator 1: # of MPs participated in the orientation/meeting/interaction	1.1.1 Support the Committee members to share knowledge on best practices	50 MPs					UNDP/PSP	30000	MFA NOR 10503	74500	Miscellaneous	100	2	200	15,298	99%	A total of 60 MPs (21 women) of PACs increased their knowhow on scrutinizing OAG report and developed their understanding on international best practices of audits and PACs
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	71400	Personnel cost (National)	12,000	1	12,000			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	71300	National Consultants	500	2	1,000			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	75700	Training/Workshop	500	2	1,000			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	72500	Supplies	100	2	200			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	71600	Travel	500	2	1,000			
	1.1.2 Support PACs for the continued engagement with the OAG for PFM and Good governance	7 Committees					UNDP/PSP	30000	MFA NOR 10503	74500	Miscellaneous	50	7	350	23,989	98%	Over 60 MPs of PACs of seven provinces reviewed the OAG report of their respective province and committed to instruct the government for solving the financial arrears.
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	71400	Personnel cost (National)	12,000	1	12,000			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	71300	National Consultants	200	7	1,400			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	75700	Training/Workshop	1,000	7	7,000			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	72500	Supplies	50	7	350			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	71600	Travel	500	7	3,500			
	Sub-total 1.1:													40,000	39,287	98%	

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Activity 1.2: PA Committees are scrutinizing draft laws and monitoring provincial government activities in an effective and participative manner																	
Result Framework: PA Committees are scrutinizing draft laws and monitoring provincial government activities in an effective and participative manner. Target 1: Conduct 2 events related to capacity building of MPs at provincial level. Indicator 1: # of MPs participated to increase their understanding level on how a parliament function. Target 2: Review 4 laws with public feedbacks. Indicator 2: Number of laws reviewed and # of public participated and provided their backs. Target 3: Support for 3 oversights functions. Indicator 3: # of oversight directives provided to provincial government.	1.2.1 Support the PA committees for the Legislative Assessment of enacted Laws and sharing	2 laws					UNDP/PSP	30000	MFA NOR 10503	74500	Miscellaneous	50	2	100	12,380	99%	The Legislative Assessment of the ten different laws related to environment protection, disaster risk reduction and management, fiscal transfer management, good governance among others completed and the report is shared to the respective province.
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	71400	Personnel cost (National)	8,000	1	10,000			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	71300	National Consultants	700	2	1,400			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	75700	Training/Workshop	400	2	800			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	72500	Supplies	50	2	100			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	71600	Travel	50	2	100			
	1.2.2 Support the PA for conducting the research and review of Committee's Performance	1 study					UNDP/PSP	30000	MFA NOR 10503	74500	Miscellaneous	100	1	100	14,299	101%	The research and review report on "Functional experience of parliamentary committees of Provincial Assemblies in the past three and half years" completed.
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	71400	Personnel cost (National)	12,000	1	12,000			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	71300	National Consultants	1,500	1	1,500			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	75700	Training/Workshop	300	1	300			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	72500	Supplies	100	1	100			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	71600	Travel	100	1	100			
	1.2.3 Support Committees for expert review and public consultations (PAs) on bills	2 Bills					UNDP/PSP	30000	MFA NOR 10503	74500	Miscellaneous	50	2	100	14,320	98%	Four bills (Environment Bill, Provincial Cooperative Bill, Tax and Non-Tax Revenue Bill and Communication Bill) reviewed by the respective committee.
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	71400	Personnel cost (National)	8,000	1	12,000			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	71300	National Consultants	750	2	1,500			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	75700	Training/Workshop	300	2	600			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	72500	Supplies	100	2	200			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	71600	Travel	100	2	200			

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	1.2.4 Support to PA Committees for Parliamentary oversights on key thematic issues	3 oversights					UNDP/PSP	30000	MFA NOR 10503	74500	Miscellaneous	50	3	150	15,321	109%	Parliamentary committees carried out 18 oversights on different issues including human rights of prisoners, environment and disaster and issued directives to the government for their solutions.
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	71400	Personnel cost (National)	10,000	1	12,000			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	71300	National Consultants	100	3	300			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	75700	Training/Workshop	200	3	600			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	72500	Supplies	50	3	150			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	71600	Travel	300	3	900			
	Sub-total 1.2													55,300	56,320	102%	
	Activity 1.3: Federal Parliament Thematic Committees are scrutinizing draft laws and monitoring federal government activities in an effective and participative manner																
Result Framework: Federal Parliament Thematic Committees are scrutinizing draft laws and monitoring federal government activities in an effective and participative manner. Target 1: Conduct 4 events related to capacity building of MPs at federal level. Indicator 1: # of MPs participated to increase their understanding level on how a parliament function.	1.3.1 Support the FP Committees for Post-Legislative Scrutiny of some crucial laws and developing of bill	2 laws and 1 private bill					UNDP/PSP	30000	MFA NOR 10503	74500	Miscellaneous	100	3	300	15,832	94%	Crime related to Rape (Clause 219, Chapter 18 of Criminal Code 2017) and Public Procurement Act were scrutinized. A "Model bill on Delegated Legislation" was drafted and submitted to the Ministry of Law, Justice, and Parliamentary Affair for further process.
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	71400	Personnel cost (National)	6,000	1	6,000			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	71300	National Consultants	3,000	3	9,000			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	72500	Supplies	100	3	300			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	75700	Training/Workshop	300	3	900			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	71600	Travel	100	3	300			
	1.3.3: Comparative study whip system and lesson for Nepal	1 study						30000	MFA NOR 10503	74500	Miscellaneous	500	1	500	6,900	99%	The comparative study on " Whip System: Concepts and Practices, A Comparative Study of Whip System of Nepal with reference to other Countries" was completed and its report is published.
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	71400	Personnel cost (National)	2,000	1	2,000			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	71300	National Consultants	4,000	1	4,000			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	75700	Training/Workshop	300	1	300			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	72500	Supplies	100	1	100			
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	1..3.4: Support FP Committees for the assessment of the Parliamentary oversights done in the past three years and sharing parliamentary leaders	1 assessment study						30000	MFA NOR 10503	74500	Miscellaneous	500	1	500	7,200	99%	The assessment study on " Functional experience of parliamentary committees in Nepal" was completed and its report is ready for sharing.
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	71400	Personnel cost (National)	2,000	1	2,000			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	71300	National Consultants	3,500	1	3,500			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	75700	Training/Workshop	500	1	500			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	72500	Supplies	200	1	200			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	71600	Travel	600	1	600			
	Sub-total 1.3													31,100	29,932	96%	
	Activity 1.4: Federal Parliament & PA committees are monitoring the implementation of SDGs																
Result Framework: Federal Parliament & PA committees are monitoring the implementation of SDGs. Target: Facilitate 4 committees to develop the SDG monitoring tool . Indicator:# of SDGs monitoring report submitted.	1.4.1 Support effective operation of SDGs Resource Centre through Policy dialogues on different SDG agenda	5 policy dialogues					UNDP/PSP	30000	MFA NOR 10503	74500	Miscellaneous	50	5	250	9,366	99%	Policy dialogues on climate-induced disasters and its reduction; political leadership and SDGs; parliamentarians' role in achieving SDGs; SDGs and existing laws of Nepal; and achieving SDGs in the COVID-19 context and directives were issued to the government.
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	71400	Personnel cost (National)	6,000	1	6,000			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	71300	National Consultants	300	5	1,500			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	75700	Training/Workshop	150	5	750			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	72500	Supplies	100	5	500			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	71600	Travel	100	5	500			
	1.4.2 Support the SDGGC of Fed. Parliament and PA's concerned committees for the effective monitoring of SDG implementation-	4 Committees					UNDP/PSP	30000	MFA NOR 10503	74500	Miscellaneous	50	4	200	11,436	99%	Parliamentary committees after monitoring the fields issued directives to the government for the solution of issues related to disaster affected people; human rights of disadvantaged groups; effectiveness of government employment programs; SDG analysis from budget perspectives.
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	71400	Personnel cost (National)	8,000	1	8,000			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	71300	National Consultants	50	4	200			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	75700	Training/Workshop	200	4	800			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	72500	Supplies	100	4	400			
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	Sub-total 1.4													21,100	20,802	99%	
	Activity 1.5: Political update																
	Political update	25 briefing					UNDP/PSP	04000	UNDP 00012	73100	National Consultants	3,333	1	3,333	2,699	81%	Political update reports on going and issues submitted to the UNDP.
	Sub-total 1.5													3,333	2,699	81%	
	Programmed Support Cost						UNDP/PSP	04000	UNDP 00012	71400	Personnel cost (National)	1,000	12	12000	51,326	98%	
								04000	UNDP 00012	72100	Contractual Service-Company (cleaning, IT and security)	800	12	9600			
								04000	UNDP 00012	72200	Office Machinery	2000	1	2000			
								04000	UNDP 00012	72400	Communication (L, M & I)	200	12	2400			
								04000	UNDP 00012	72500	Stationery & Cleaning Supplies	50	12	600			
								04000	UNDP 00012	73300	Main. and Operation - Equipment	50	12	600			
								04000	UNDP 00012	73100	Rental and Maintenance - Premises	800	12	9600			
								04000	UNDP 00012	73400	Vehicle rental, operation & maint. of vehicle	100	12	1200			
								04000	UNDP 00012	74500	Miscellaneous (UNDSS costs, bank charges, Depreciation and sundry etc.)	1200	12	14400			
	Sub-total of operation cost													52,400	51,326	98%	
	Total of the Output 1													203,233	200,366	99%	
Project Output 2: Enhance the capacity of parliamentary secretariats to be capable and innovative in their support to MPs and committees (ATLAS Activity-5)																	
Result framework: FP and PA staff have capacity to support assemblies and their committees in functioning effectively and in an open and participative manner. Target: orient 50 staff of federal parliament and provincial assembly secretariat:	Activity 2.1: PA staff have capacity to support assemblies and their committees in functioning effectively and in an open and participative manner.																
	2.1.1 Support to Capacity Development of Secretariat staffs for effective operation of PA Business	3 events (50 Staffs)					UNDP/PSP	30000	MFA NOR 10503	71400	Personnel cost (National)	4,000	1	4,000	29,006	102%	Over 110 Staff (women= 14%) increased their functional skills which they need to support assemblies and committees.
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	71300	National Consultants	500	3	1,500			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	74500	Miscellaneous	100	3	300			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	75700	Training/Workshop	2,500	3	7,500			

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Indicator: # of staff participated in the orientations and supported committees and MPs for making their works effective.								30000	MFA NOR 10503	72200	Equipment & Furnitures	12,950	1	12,950			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	72500	Supplies	100	3	300			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	71600	Travel	600	3	1,800			
	2.1.2 Apps Development for public engagement in parliament's work	1 apps						30000	MFA NOR 10503	71400	Personnel cost (National)	4,500	1	4,500	7,305	91%	Public survey application was developed and is ready to be used while discussing on the bills in the committee.
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	71300	National Consultants	3,000	1	3,000			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	74500	Miscellaneous	100	1	100			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	75700	Training/Workshop	100	1	100			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	72500	Supplies	100	1	100			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	71600	Travel	200	1	200			
	Sub-total 2.1													36,350	36,311	100%	
	Activity 2.2: Federal Parliament staff have capacity to support assemblies and their committees in functioning effectively and in an open and participative manner.																
	2.2.1 Support to Knowledge sharing and learning on best practices	2 events (30 staffs)					UNDP/PSP	30000	MFA NOR 10503	71400	Personnel cost (National)	4,500	1	4,500	14,754	99%	Knowledge sharing events (Business Advisory Committees and Secretaries' meet) provided a platform for 53 staff (women=19%) including Secretary General and Secretaries to share their experiences and learnings to each other.
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	71300	National Consultants	200	2	400			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	74500	Miscellaneous	100	2	200			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	75700	Training/Workshop	3,500	2	7,000			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	72500	Supplies	100	2	200			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	71600	Travel	1,300	2	2,600			
	Sub-total 2.2													14,900	14,754	99%	
Resource Framework: Federal Parliament and PA secretariats have resources and	Activity 2.3: Federal Parliament and PA secretariats have resources and capacity to implement innovative use of ICT for knowledge management and to support effective, inclusive and participative committees																
	2.3.1 Support to enhance capacity of Secretariat	2 events					UNDP/	30000	MFA NOR 10503	74500	Miscellaneous	100	2	200	24,305	97%	A total of 25 Staff (women=12%) enhanced their ICT skills on VCF, use of

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capacity to implement innovative use of ICT. Target: 3 PAs have current technology and resources & capacity to implement innovative use of ICT. Indicator: # of PAs have current technology and resources & capacity to implement innovative use of ICT	staffs on use of ICT in Parliament	(20 staffs)						30000	MFA NOR 10503	71400	Personnel cost (National)	3,000	1	3,000			social media, data management, etc.
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	71300	National Consultants	500	2	1,000			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	72200	Equipment & Furnitures	16,000	1	16,000			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	75700	Training/Workshop	2,000	2	4,000			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	72500	Supplies	100	2	200			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	71600	Travel	300	2	600			
	2.3.2: Support FP Secretariat for archiving FP old and historic documents for better documentation.	150 documents						30000	MFA NOR 10503	71400	Personnel cost (National)	9,000	1	9,000	11,880	99%	IT equipment was provided to archive the old and historic documents.
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	71300	National Consultants	2,000	1	2,000			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	74500	Miscellaneous	150	1	150			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	75700	Training/Workshop	500	1	500			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	72500	Supplies	100	1	100			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	71600	Travel	200	1	200			
	Sub-total 2.3													36,950	36,185	98%	
Result Framework: Federal Parliament Secretariat ensures coordination and sharing of information. amongst project partners. Target 1: Organize 1 meeting. Indicator: # of implementing partners participated in the meetings.	Activity 2.4: Federal Parliament Secretariat ensures coordination and sharing of information amongst project partners																
	2.4.1 Support to Coordination Meetings between FP Secretariat and Project Implementers	1 Meeting					UNDP/PSP	04000	UNDP 00012	74500	Miscellaneous	25	2	50	6,145	95%	Coordination meeting among developing partners (working in parliaments) concluded with a mechanism of regular meeting.
								04000	UNDP 00012	71400	Personnel cost (National)	6,000	1	6,000			
								04000	UNDP 00012	71300	National Consultants	50	2	100			
								04000	UNDP 00012	75700	Training/Workshop	50	2	100			

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								04000	UNDP 00012	71600	Travel	50	2	100			
	Sub-total 2.4													6,450	6,145	95%	
	Programme Support Cost						UNDP/PSP	04000	UNDP 00012	71400	Personnel cost (National)	1,000	12	12,000	49,682	99%	
								04000	UNDP 00012	72100	Contractual Service-Company (cleaning, IT and security)	800	12	9,600			
								04000	UNDP 00012	72200	Office Machinery	1150	1	1,150			
								04000	UNDP 00012	72400	Communication (L, M & I)	100	12	1,200			
								04000	UNDP 00012	72500	Stationery & Cleaning Supplies	50	12	600			
								04000	UNDP 00012	73300	Maint. and Operation - Equipment	50	12	600			
								04000	UNDP 00012	73100	Rental and Maintenance - Premises	800	12	9,600			
								04000	UNDP 00012	73400	Vehicle rental, operation & maint. of vehicle	100	12	1,200			
								04000	UNDP 00012	74500	Miscellaneous (UNDSS costs, bank charges, Depreciation and sundry etc.)	1200	12	14,400			
	Sub-total of operation cost													50,350	49,682	99%	
	Total of the Output 2													145,000	143,077	99%	
Project Output 3: Enhance the capacity of the Federal Parliament and Provincial Assemblies to be open, interactive and accountable with citizens. (ATLAS Activity-3)																	
Result framework: PAs establish systems and implement Policies, procedures and mechanisms that promote openness and information sharing with citizens: Target: Develop policies, procedures and mechanisms that promote openness and information sharing with citizens: Indicator: 3 PAs have system, policies and procedures and mechanism that	Activity 3.1: PAs establish systems and implement policies, procedures and mechanisms that promote openness and information sharing with citizens																
	3.1.1 Support to develop Outreach and Communication Policies and/or Plan for PAs	3 Provincial Plans					UNDP/PSP	30000	MFA NOR 10503	74500	Miscellaneous	50	3	150	11,903	98%	"Framework for Outreach and Communication Plan" is ready for its use in 3 PAs.
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	71400	Personnel cost (National)	7,000	1	7,000			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	71300	National Consultants	1,000	3	3,000			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	75700	Training/Workshop	200	3	600			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	72500	Supplies	50	3	150			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	71600	Travel	400	3	1,200			

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promote openness and information sharing with citizens.	3.1.2 Support PAs for Best Practices in openness and transparency	7 Orientations					UNDP/PSP	30000	MFA NOR 10503	74500	Miscellaneous	50	7	350	15,599	95%	Parliamentary committees practiced and engaged with over 1200 People (women= 25%) and interacted on the public issues. Media briefs, public hearings organized together with MPs and media.
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	71400	Personnel cost (National)	7,000	1	7,000			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	71300	National Consultants	500	7	3,500			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	75700	Training/Workshop	300	7	2,100			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	72500	Supplies	100	7	700			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	71600	Travel	400	7	2,800			
	Sub-total 3.1													28,550	27,502	96%	
Result framework: Federal Parliament and its MPs establishes and implements mechanisms for routine outreach to citizens and to share information and knowledge with regard to the work of the Parliament. Target1: Develop outreach procedures for FP. Indicator 1: # of procedures/plans developed. Target 2: Interact between MPs and citizens. Indicator 2: # of citizens engaged by MPs in public dialogues. .	Activity 3.2: Federal Parliament establishes and implements mechanisms for routine outreach to citizens and to share information and knowledge with regard to the work of the Parliament																
	3.2.1 Support to engage the media for effective Parliament Outreach	1 study					UNDP/PSP	04000	UNDP 00012	74500	Miscellaneous	100	1	100	7,460	98%	"Media engagement Strategy of FP" is ready for use
								04000	UNDP 00012	71400	Personnel cost (National)	5000	1	5,000			
								04000	UNDP 00012	71300	National Consultants	2000	1	2,000			
								04000	UNDP 00012	75700	Training/Workshop	300	1	300			
								04000	UNDP 00012	72500	Supplies	100	1	100			
								04000	UNDP 00012	71600	Travel	100	1	100			
	Sub-total 3.2													7,600	7,460	98%	
	Activity 3.3: Individual MPs at provincial & federal levels are engaged in a dialogue with citizens on a routine basis																
	3.3.1 Support to facilitate the meaningful engagement of MPs with the citizen	5 interactions with 250 citizens					UNDP/PSP	04000	UNDP 00012	74500	Miscellaneous	30	5	150	14,176	104%	Over 60 MPs (women=50%) took note on public issues (example: housing of musher community) and instructed the government to speed up the process of its support. Over 1200 People (women= 25%) attended these interactions.
								04000	UNDP 00012	71400	Personnel cost (National)	10000	1	10,000			
								04000	UNDP 00012	71300	National Consultants	50	5	250			
								04000	UNDP 00012	75700	Training/Workshop	150	5	750			
								04000	UNDP 00012	72500	Supplies	100	5	500			
								04000	UNDP 00012	71600	Travel	400	5	2,000			
	3.3.2 Support to install and run VCF system in Province 1	1 system					UNDP/PSP	04000	UNDP 00012	74500	Miscellaneous	100	1	100	47,095	99%	VCF installed in the provincial assembly and in the DCC's of districts.
								04000	UNDP 00012	71400	Personnel cost (National)	6000	1	6,000			
								04000	UNDP 00012	71300	National Consultants	1000	1	1,000			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	72100	Contractual Service-Company	40,000	1	40,000			

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								04000	UNDP 00012	72500	Supplies	100	1	100			
								04000	UNDP 00012	71600	Travel	400	1	400			
	Sub-total 3.3													61,250	61,271	100%	
	Activity 3.4: Parliament operates in an open and accountable manner and in accordance with Open Parliament (OP) principles																
	3.4.1 Support to FP to develop and implement Open Parliament Plan	1 plan					UNDP/PSP	04000	UNDP 00012	74500	Miscellaneous	100	1	100	12,966	101%	Open Parliament Plan is ready for its use in Sudurpaschim, Karnali and Madhesh PAs.
								04000	UNDP 00012	71400	Personnel cost (National)	6000	1	6,000			
								04000	UNDP 00012	71300	National Consultants	3000	1	3,000			
								04000	UNDP 00012	75700	Training/Workshop	300	1	300			
								04000	UNDP 00012	72500	Supplies	100	1	100			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	74200	Printing	2000	1.5	3,000			
								04000	UNDP 00012	71600	Travel	300	1	300			
	3.4.2 Support to study and review legislative openness	1 study					UNDP/PSP	04000	UNDP 00012	74500	Miscellaneous	50	1	50	8,439	100%	A study on " Legislative openness practice in PAs" is ready for sharing.
								04000	UNDP 00012	71400	Personnel cost (National)	6000	1	6,000			
								04000	UNDP 00012	71300	National Consultants	2000	1	2,000			
								04000	UNDP 00012	75700	Training/Workshop	200	1	200			
								04000	UNDP 00012	72500	Supplies	50	1	50			
								04000	UNDP 00012	71600	Travel	100	1	100			
	Sub-total 3.4													21,200	21,405	101%	
	Programme Support Cost						UNDP/PSP	04000	UNDP 00012	71400	Personnel cost (National)	1,000	12	12,000	48,950	99%	
								04000	UNDP 00012	72100	Contractual Service-Company (cleaning, IT and security)	800	12	9,600			
								04000	UNDP 00012	72200	Office Machinery	1000	1	1,000			
								04000	UNDP 00012	72400	Communication (L, M & I)	50	12	600			
								04000	UNDP 00012	72500	Stationery & Cleaning Supplies	50	12	600			
								04000	UNDP 00012	73300	Maint. and Operation - Equipment	50	12	600			
								04000	UNDP 00012	73100	Rental and Maintenance - Premises	800	12	9,600			
								04000	UNDP 00012	73400	Vehicle rental, operation & maint. of vehicle	100	12	1,200			

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								04000	UNDP 00012	74500	Miscellaneous (UNDSS costs, bank charges, Depreciation and sundry etc.)	1200	12	14,400			
	Sub-total of operation cost													49,600	48,950	99%	
	Total of the Output 3													168,200	166,588	99%	
Project Output 4: Build the capacity of women MPs and MPs from disadvantaged groups to be effective and parliaments at the federal & provincial levels to routinely engage with women, youth and other disadvantaged citizens. (ATLAS Activity-6)																	
Result framework: Capacity of MPs representing from women enhanced in communication skills and leadership. Target: Conduct symposium for 1 women Chair of FP and PAs. Indicator: # of women chair participated in the symposium.	Activity 4.1: Support women MPs for their key roles within parliaments																
	4.1.1 Support to organize PA committee women Chairs Symposium	1 symposium (10 Chairs)					UNDP/PSP	30000	MFA NOR 10503	74500	Miscellaneous	200	1	200	16,543	98%	Symposium of women chairs could not be done due to general conventions of political parties and unavailability of women MPs within set time. Instead, PSP conducted communication and leadership development training to women staff of FP and PAs secretariats.
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	71400	Personnel cost (National)	8,000	1	10,000			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	71300	National Consultants	500	1	500			
								04000	UNDP 00012	75700	Training/Workshop	4000	1	4,000			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	72500	Supplies	200	1	200			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	71600	Travel	2000	1	2,000			
	4.1.2 Support Women MPs for their interaction with media	3 events						30000	MFA NOR 10503	74500	Miscellaneous	100	3	300	7,004	103%	A total of 50 Women MPs increased their understanding on how to deal with media.
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	71400	Personnel cost (National)	5,000	1	5,000			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	71300	National Consultants	50	3	150			
								04000	UNDP 00012	75700	Training/Workshop	300	3	900			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	72500	Supplies	100	3	300			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	71600	Travel	50	3	150			
	4.1.3 Support to assess the role of women MPs in parliaments in the past years.	1 assessment study						30000	MFA NOR 10503	74500	Miscellaneous	100	1	100	4,835	99%	The assessment report on "Representational role of women MPs in parliament "is ready for sharing.
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	71400	Personnel cost (National)	2,500	1	2,500			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	71300	National Consultants	1,500	1	1,500			

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								04000	UNDP 00012	75700	Training/Workshop	500	1	500			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	72500	Supplies	100	1	100			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	71600	Travel	200	1	200			
	4.1.4: Support women and Marginalized MPs for their roles in budget planning from GESI perspective.	7 provincial assemblies						30000	MFA NOR 10503	74500	Miscellaneous	100	1	100	9,730	99%	Over 90 MPs (male=33%) had opportunity to reinforce their roles for inclusive and gender responsive budgeting.
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	71400	Personnel cost (National)	2,500	1	2,500			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	71300	National Consultants	6,000	1	6,000			
								04000	UNDP 00012	75700	Training/Workshop	1000	1	1,000			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	72500	Supplies	100	1	100			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	71600	Travel	100	1	100			
	Sub-total 4.1													38,400	38,112	99%	
	Activity 4.2: Provincial and federal parliament committees are engaging women in their work on a routine basis.																
Result Framework: Women and DAG MPs of provincial and federal parliament are engaging in their work on a routine basis. Target 1: Organize events for the 60 MPs Indicator 1: # of MPs participated in the events. Target 2: Conduct 4 dialogues between women MP and women groups. Indicator 2: # of dialogues conducted	4.2.1 Support to engage women MPs to celebrate the 16 days campaign on GBV and other similar events	1 event					UNDP/PSP	04000	UNDP 00012	74500	Miscellaneous	100	1	100	11,590	106%	Radio episodes and TV talk show were carried out to inform public on parliamentary affairs, social issues that were disseminated through FMs in 77 districts, and TV and social media. Over 48,000 people reached out through these programs.
								04000	UNDP 00012	71400	Personnel cost (National)	6000	1	8,000			
								04000	UNDP 00012	71300	National Consultants	250	1	250			
								04000	UNDP 00012	75700	Training/Workshop	2000	1	2,000			
								04000	UNDP 00012	72500	Supplies	300	1	300			
								04000	UNDP 00012	71600	Travel	300	1	300			
	Sub-total 4.2													10,950	11,590	106%	
	Activity 4.3: Committees at provincial & federal levels are engaged in a dialogue with disadvantaged groups on a routine basis																

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	4.3 .1 Pilot specific approaches in engaging disadvantaged citizens by FP & PA committees	4 dialogues					UNDP/PSP	30000	MFA NOR 10503	74500	Miscellaneous	50	4	200	15,530	98%	Over 400 participants (women= 25%) including MPs, citizens, CSOs, journalists, academicians and activists discussed on the issues related to issues (caste-based discrimination, people's housing program , gender-based violence and concerns of indigenous communities) and committed to work together for the solutions.
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	71400	Personnel cost (National)	8,000	1	8,000			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	71300	National Consultants	200	4	800			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	75700	Training/Workshop	1,500	4	6,000			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	72500	Supplies	100	4	400			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	71600	Travel	100	4	400			
	Su-total 4.3													15,800	15,530	98%	
	Activity 4.4: Capacity of women MPs at federal and provincial levels is enhanced to allow for meaningful contributions to parliamentary debates																
Result Framework: Capacity of women MPs at federal and provincial levels is enhanced to allow for meaningful contributions to parliamentary debates. Target: Capacity of 80 MPs increased to play their role effectively in the parliamentary deliberations Indicator: # no of MPs participated in the events and increased capacity.	4.4.1 Capacity development support to women MPs to enhance their effectiveness through parliamentary debates on different thematic issues	2 events (40 women MPs)					UNDP/PSP	30000	MFA NOR 10503	74500	Miscellaneous	100	2	200	15,788	99%	Tailored sessions on five different themes have strengthened capacities of 80 women MPs.
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	71400	Personnel cost (National)	8,000	1	8,000			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	71300	National Consultants	300	2	600			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	75700	Training/Workshop	3,000	2	6,000			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	72500	Supplies	200	2	400			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	71600	Travel	400	2	800			
	Sub-total 4.4													16,000	15,788	99%	
	Activity 4.5: Capacity of MPs from disadvantaged groups at federal and provincial levels is enhanced to allow for meaningful contributions to parliamentary debates																
	4.5.1 Capacity development support to MPs	2 events					UNDP/	30000	MFA NOR 10503	74500	Miscellaneous	100	2	200	15,678	98%	Tailored sessions on five different subjects have strengthened capacities of 75

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			Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		Funding Source (code)	Donor names and codes	Budget Codes	Budget Description	Unit Cost in USD	No. of Units	Total Amount in USD			
	from disadvantaged groups to enhance their effectiveness through parliamentary debates on different thematic issues	(40 MPs)						30000	MFA NOR 10503	71400	Personnel cost (National)	8,000	1	8,000			MPs from disadvantaged groups.
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	71300	National Consultants	300	2	600			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	75700	Training/Workshop	3,000	2	6,000			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	72500	Supplies	200	2	400			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	71600	Travel	400	2	800			
	Sub-total 4.5													16,000	15678	98%	
	Activity 4.6: Federal Parliament and PAs establish dialogue forums (e.g. – youth parliaments; civic forums) that provide substantive and timely opportunities for youth inputs parallel to parliament debates																
Resource framework: Parliament establish dialogue forums Target: establish dialogue forum in 3 provinces Indicator: # no of dialogue forums established	4.6.1 Support parliaments to interact with youth on various thematic areas	3 forums (90 youths) and 4 parliamentary schools					UNDP/PSP	30000	MFA NOR 10503	74500	Miscellaneous	150	3	450	26,111	99%	Over 170 youth broadened their understanding on key concepts of parliament, approaches of civic engagement and opportunity of youth for their active engagement in parliamentary discourse.
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	71400	Personnel cost (National)	8,000	1	8,000			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	71300	National Consultants	200	3	600			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	75700	Training/Workshop	2,500	3	7,500			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	72100	Contractual service	7,000	1	7,000			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	72500	Supplies	200	3	600			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	71600	Travel	700	3	2,100			
	Sub-total 4.6													26,250	26,111	99%	
	Programme Support Cost						UNDP/PSP	04000	UNDP 00012	71400	Personnel cost (National)	1,000	12	12,000	49,137	99%	
								04000	UNDP 00012	72100	Contractual Service-Company (cleaning, IT and security, Internet)	800	12	9,600			
								04000	UNDP 00012	72200	Office Machinery	817	1	817			
								04000	UNDP 00012	72400	Communication (L, M & I)	75	12	900			
								04000	UNDP 00012	72500	Stationery & Cleaning Supplies	50	12	600			
								04000	UNDP 00012	73300	Maint. and Operation - Equipment	50	12	600			

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								04000	UNDP 00012	73100	Rental and Maintenance - Premises	800	12	9,600			
								04000	UNDP 00012	73400	Vehicle rental, operation & maint. of vehicle	100	12	1,200			
								04000	UNDP 00012	74500	Miscellaneous (UNDSS costs, bank charges, Depreciation and sundry etc.)	1200	12	14,400			
	Sub-total of operation cost													49,717	49,137	99%	
	Total of output 4													173,117	171,946	99%	
Project Output 5: Enhance the capacity of parliaments at the federal & provincial levels to routinely response pandemic in the post COVID 19. (ATLAS Project Output No. 000122787)																	
Result Framework: capacity of parliaments at the federal & provincial levels to routinely response pandemic in the post COVID 19. Target 1. Capacity of MPs increased their awareness to ensure effective response of the government to COVID 19. Indicator 1. # no of MPs from women and disadvantaged group MPs participated in the COVID related activities.	Activity 5.1: Thematic committees are monitoring government's responses to the post COVID 19 in an effective manner.																
	5.1.1 Technical support to thematic committees in oversight of government's responses in the COVID-19 pandemic.	5 oversights					UNDP/PSP	04000	UNDP 00012	74500	Miscellaneous	100	5	500	16,702	104%	Over 15 oversights by parliamentary committees have accounted for making the governments and their agencies responsible for better management and timely response to the pandemic
								04000	UNDP 00012	71400	Personnel cost (National)	8000	1	8000			
								04000	UNDP 00012	71300	National Consultants	100	5	500			
								04000	UNDP 00012	75700	Training/Workshop	450	5	2250			
								04000	UNDP 00012	72500	Supplies	100	5	500			
								04000	UNDP 00012	71600	Travel	1000	5	5000			
	5.1.2 Facilitate public-parliament dialogues, public hearing including media interactions in provinces and federal through radio programme in the post COVID 19.	20 Episodes					UNDP/PSP	04000	UNDP 00012	74500	Miscellaneous	100	1	100	37,062	97%	20 episodes of the radio programme on "Hamro Sansad" contributed to enhance parliamentary accountability towards citizens by covering a wide range of issues including COVID-19 response; gender-based violence; public consultation on bills; performance and effectiveness of parliaments and reached out to 42,951 listeners.
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	71400	Personnel cost (National)	6,000	1	6,000			
								04000	UNDP 00012	71300	National Consultants	1000	1	1000			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	72100	Contractual Service-Company	29,462	1	29,462			
								04000	UNDP 00012	72500	Supplies	500	1	500			
								04000	UNDP 00012	71600	travel	1000	1	1000			
	5.1.3 Support orientation to MPs of FP and PA for their roles on SDGs in post COVID 19	3 Orientations (50 MPs)					UNDP/PSP	04000	UNDP 00012	74500	Miscellaneous	100	3	300	17,243	101%	A total of 90 MPs oriented on their roles in SDGs.
								04000	UNDP 00012	71400	Personnel cost (National)	9000	1	9000			
								04000	UNDP 00012	71300	National Consultants	500	3	1500			
								04000	UNDP 00012	75700	Training/Workshop	1500	3	4500			
								04000	UNDP 00012	72500	Supplies	100	3	300			
								04000	UNDP 00012	71600	Travel	500	3	1500			

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	Sub-total 5.1													71,912	71,007	99%	
	Activity 5.2: Support MPs from women and disadvantaged groups for their key roles in addressing issues of women and disadvantaged groups in the post COVID 19.																
	5.2.1 Support to conduct a comparative Study on Parliamentary response amid Covid-19 Pandemic	1 study					UNDP/PSP	30000	MFA NOR 10503	72100	Miscellaneous	150	1	150	10,432	103%	The comparative study on "Parliamentary response on the impact of COVID-19"report is ready for sharing.
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	71400	Personnel cost (National)	7,000	1	7,000			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	71300	National Consultants	2,200	1	2,200			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	72100	Training/Workshop	200	1	200			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	72100	Supplies	150	1	150			
								30000	MFA NOR 10503	72100	Travel	400	1	400			
	Sub-total 5.2.1													10,100	10,432	103%	
	Programme Support Cost						UNDP/PSP	04000	UNDP 00012	71400	Personnel cost (National)	1,500	3	4,500	14,290	97%	
								04000	UNDP 00012	72100	Contractual Service-Company (cleaning, IT and security)	600	3	1,800			
								04000	UNDP 00012	72200	Office Machinery	1000	1	1,000			
								04000	UNDP 00012	72400	Communication (L, M & I)	100	3	300			
								04000	UNDP 00012	72500	Stationery & Cleaning Supplies	50	3	150			
								04000	UNDP 00012	73300	Maint. and Operation - Equipment	50	3	150			
								04000	UNDP 00012	73100	Rental and Maintenance - Premises	1000	3	3,000			
								04000	UNDP 00012	73400	Vehicle rental, operation & maint. of vehicle	100	3	300			
								04000	UNDP 00012	74500	Miscellaneous (UNDSS costs, bank charges, Depreciation and sundry etc.)	1200	3	3,600			
	Sub-total of operation cost													14,800	14,290	97%	
	Total of the output 5 (Project ID: 000122787)													96,812	95,729	99%	
	Review of RRF, M&E mechanism and plan	1 Review					UNDP/	04000	UNDP 00012	71300	National Consultants	3500	1	3,500	3,464.00	99%	Already endorsed

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	Orientation of knowledge management and manual preparation	1 Orientation						30000	MFA NOR 10503	71300	National Consultants	3000	1	3,000	3,705.70	124%	Sharing of the knowledge management manual shared to over 50 secretariat Staff (women= 10); The knowledge was also shared to PSP- staff.
	Review of GESI strategy	1 GESI strategy						30000	MFA NOR 10503	71300	National Consultants	3000	1	3,000	2,087.00	70%	The strategy is being implemented.
	Sub-total													9,500	9,257	97%	
	General Management Support Cost							30000	MFA NOR 10503	75100	General Management Support Cost @8%			37,189	35,899	97%	
	Grand Total (Project Output ID: 00096478 and 000122787)													**833,051**	**822,862**	**99%**	

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