

EUROPEAN UNION SUPPORT TO INCLUSIVE FEDERALISM (EUSIF)



BACKGROUND

The Government of Nepal (GoN) initiated its flagship programme, the Provincial and Local Governance Support Programme (PLGSP) in July 2019, which continues through 2023. The programme is designed to capacitate elected provincial and local representatives and civil servants, incentivize innovations and partnerships for inclusive local development, strengthen public finance management to minimize fiduciary risks and foster better coordination and collaboration across three levels of government as envisioned by the Constitution of Nepal 2015.

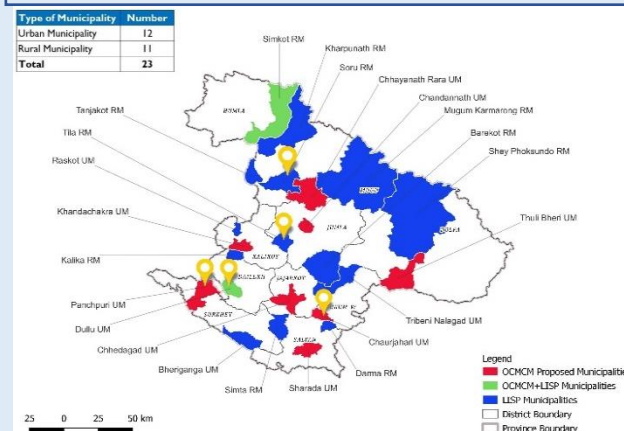
The GoN committed to contribute €28.5 million (approximately USD 30 million) to PLGSP which has a total funding of USD 130 million from development partners. The European Union (EU) is the largest contributor to PLGSP among the five development partners including the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). As per the PLGSP Financing Agreement between the EU and GoN of March 2020, in addition to the EU basket funding to PLGSP, the EU has earmarked €2 million for the European Union Support to Inclusive Federalism (EUSIF), which is complementary to PLGSP in enhancing inclusiveness, accountability, and sustainability of provincial and local government (PLG) systems and procedures through the Green, Resilient and Inclusive Development (GRID) approach. EUSIF engages with PLGs to enhance their capacity to provide quality, resilient and sustainable services to all people in an inclusive manner.

EUSIF works closely with the PLGSP at the Ministry of Federal Affairs and General Administration (MoFAGA) and the province and local governments in Karnali, capacitating them in participatory planning, evidence-based decision making and budget execution, inclusive and effective basic service delivery (BSD), mainstreaming of gender and social inclusion (GESI) policies and targeted interventions in subnational systems and transformative behavioral change. The project also supports subnational governments in the application of social accountability tools to make them accountable and responsive towards their constituents. The project's support includes capacitating the Provincial Centre for Good Governance (PGCC) and capturing good practices through BSD interventions.

QUICK FACTS

Thematic Area:	Inclusive governance
Duration:	January 2022 – August 2024
Coverage:	Karnali Province
Implementing Agency:	UNDP
Budget:	€2 million
Funding Source:	European Union

Inclusive Basic Service Delivery Mapping Palikas



ACHIEVEMENTS SO FAR

- Inclusive Basic Service Delivery mapping conducted in 23 local governments of Karnali Province. The findings will inform the local government systems, processes and resources management towards effective and inclusive service delivery.
- GIS-based Project Information Management System (PIMS) developed for the Karnali Province Government to assist evidence-based and balanced development interventions.
- An inclusive pool of local trainers on Local Economic Development (LED) established at the Provincial Centre for Good Governance (PCGG) through transparent and competitive selection process. The trainers will be mobilized by the PLGSP/PCGG to facilitate LED trainings in two clusters covering six districts of Karnali.
- 61 Deputy Mayors and Vice Chairpersons-- over 70% women -- capacitated through orientation on inclusive governance.
- 200 local government officials and members of community-based organizations (CBOs) were capacitated on participatory and accountable annual planning and budgeting simulation exercises and orientations at the ward and community levels in three Palikas.

GENDER AND SOCIAL INCLUSION

- A 29-point 'Karnali Declaration' demonstrating the province and local governments' commitment to GESI was drafted with inputs from Deputy Mayors and Vice Chairs and later adopted by the provincial government.
- Provided technical assistance to the Office of the Chief Minister and Council of Ministers, Karnali Province, to conduct a study on the socio-economic status of Badi community to help the subnational governments to make informed decisions on planning and budgeting.
- Developed GESI Assessment Framework for the Provincial Centre for Good Governance (PCGG).
- Developed and applied GESI/Gender-responsive Budgeting (GRB) checklist for inclusive local level planning process.
- Designed GESI Audit Training Module for Karnali PCGG.
- Ensured GESI criteria in the selection of 32 local economic development (LED) resource persons, who will be mobilized by the PCGG.
- Embedded GESI/GRB components in capacity-building exercises on planning and budgeting processes in three local levels of Karnali.

Expected Outcomes

- Inclusiveness, Community Benefit and Sustainability of Local Government and Ward Basic Services enhanced in line with Green, Resilient and Inclusive Development (GRID) objectives.
- Provincial and local governments (PLG) data management, monitoring and reporting systems are evidence-based and enable achieving PLG Green, Resilient and Inclusive Development objectives.
- Institutional capacity development of Provincial Centre for Good Governance (PCGG): Provide complementary technical assistance to the Provincial and Local Governance Support Programme (PLGSP)
- Capacity of Local Government Associations enhanced for evidence-based advocacy and representation of Local Government Voice.

Knowledge Products

- **Study report on the marginalized Badi community (prepared by the Provincial government with EUSIF technical support)**
- **Resource Book on Ward Service Delivery**
- **GESI Audit Training Module**

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