

ACCELERATING IMPLEMENTATION OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS IN NEPAL (AISN)



BACKGROUND

The Government of Nepal has implemented various policies and programs to accelerate the implementation of Sustainable Development Goals in Nepal and had put in place the institutional and financial arrangements. The National Planning Commission (NPC) is the principal agency for SDG monitoring and has taken a number of Initiatives towards attaining the SDGs by engaging relevant stakeholders in this process. Nepal is one of the first country to take stock of its status on the proposed Sustainable Development Goals in 2016, followed by preparing SDGs Status and Roadmap 2016-2030 and SDGs Needs Assessment, Costing and Financing Strategy.

The implementation started with incorporating SDGs in the 14th Plan (2016/2017 - 2018/2019) and now mainstreaming SDGs in the 15th Plan (2019/20-2023/24) which is guided by the overarching national aspiration of 'Prosperous Nepal, Happy Nepali'. The Long-Term Vision 2043 is also built on the goals, targets and milestones of the Agenda 2030. Nepal has already introduced SDG budget coding in the national budget system to monitor public expenditure aligned with the SDGs achievements. The national Medium-Term Expenditure Framework is SDG responsive. The SDG localization at sub-national levels is also advancing to accelerate achievement of the SDGs in a comprehensive and holistic manner overcoming the challenges of resource mobilization, data management, coordination and monitoring & evaluation. The COVID-19 has brought additional challenges in this localization process.



QUICK FACTS:

Duration: January 2020 to December 2023

Focus: SDGs implementation with a focus on Poverty-Environment Action, PEC and GESI

Geographic Coverage: Nepal (in all provinces)

Implementing Agencies: National Planning Commission, Government of Nepal

Key Partners: National Planning Commission, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Forests and Environment at Federal Government, Central Bureau of Statistics, Seven Provincial Governments.

Supporting Partners: Federation of Nepalese Chamber of Commerce (FNCCI), Confederation of Nepalese Industries (CNI) Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Federation of Nepal Cottage and Small Industries (FNCSI), Small and Medium Enterprises, National Cooperative Federation of Nepal, Civil Society Organizations, and Public Enterprise.

Funded by: UNDP, European Union, Austrian Development Agency (ADA) and UN Environment Program are funding to AISN.

Budget: USD 2.6 million

What have we accomplished so far?

AISN Project has been supporting NPC in producing milestone documents including supporting to mainstream the SDGs in the national development process. Below are key documents produced so far/in the pipeline.

- Publication of Nepal Human Development Report 2020
- Publication of SDGs Progress Assessment Report 2016-2019
- Publication of SDGs Localization Source Book 2020
- Development of Financing Requirement Framework of the 15th Plan
- National Review of SDGs (Voluntary Report) to present to the High-Level Political Forum
- Study on the Socio-economic Impact of COVID-19 in Nepal

EXPECTED OUTCOME OF THE PROJECT

Planning, budgeting and M&E systems at federal level fully aligned with the SDGs,

SDGs aligned planning, budgeting and M & E systems in place at provinces and local levels.

The intergovernmental fiscal transfer mechanism incentivizes provincial and local governments to integrate the SDGs,

Cooperatives and public enterprises increased investment for SDG implementation

Private sector resources and innovative financing including global and vertical funds are mobilized to mitigate SDG financing gap and

COVID-19 financing and economic recovery plan/ strategy developed.

Summary

Accelerating Implementation of Sustainable Development Goals in Nepal (AISN) project has been implemented with the objective of supporting the Government of Nepal in achieving the SDGs in accordance with the targets set in the 15th Plan by creating enabling environment and capacity building through accelerated implementation. This will attempt to address critical development challenges of the country by mitigating SDG financing gaps and reconciling socio-economic development with environment management.

The project aims to support Nepal in achieving the SDGs and the targets of 15th Plan by creating enabling environment and capacity development through accelerated implementation. The project has two outcomes:

- 1) Planning, budgeting, monitoring & reporting systems at all levels of government are SDG responsive and functional; and
- 2) Resilient and innovative financing available for SDG implementation.

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