




MoICS and Daayitwa Abhiyaan Synergies

26 February, 2024

Singha Durbar, Nepal

MEETING AGENDA

- 1. Introduction**
 - 2. National Governance Symposium 2023**
 - 3. Fellowship 2024 Topic Finalization**
 - 4. Other Synergies (REAP, Knowledge Series, NGS 2024)**
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Abhiyaan Vision and Values

“

Enterprising Nepal where every individual has
the opportunity for a prosperous future

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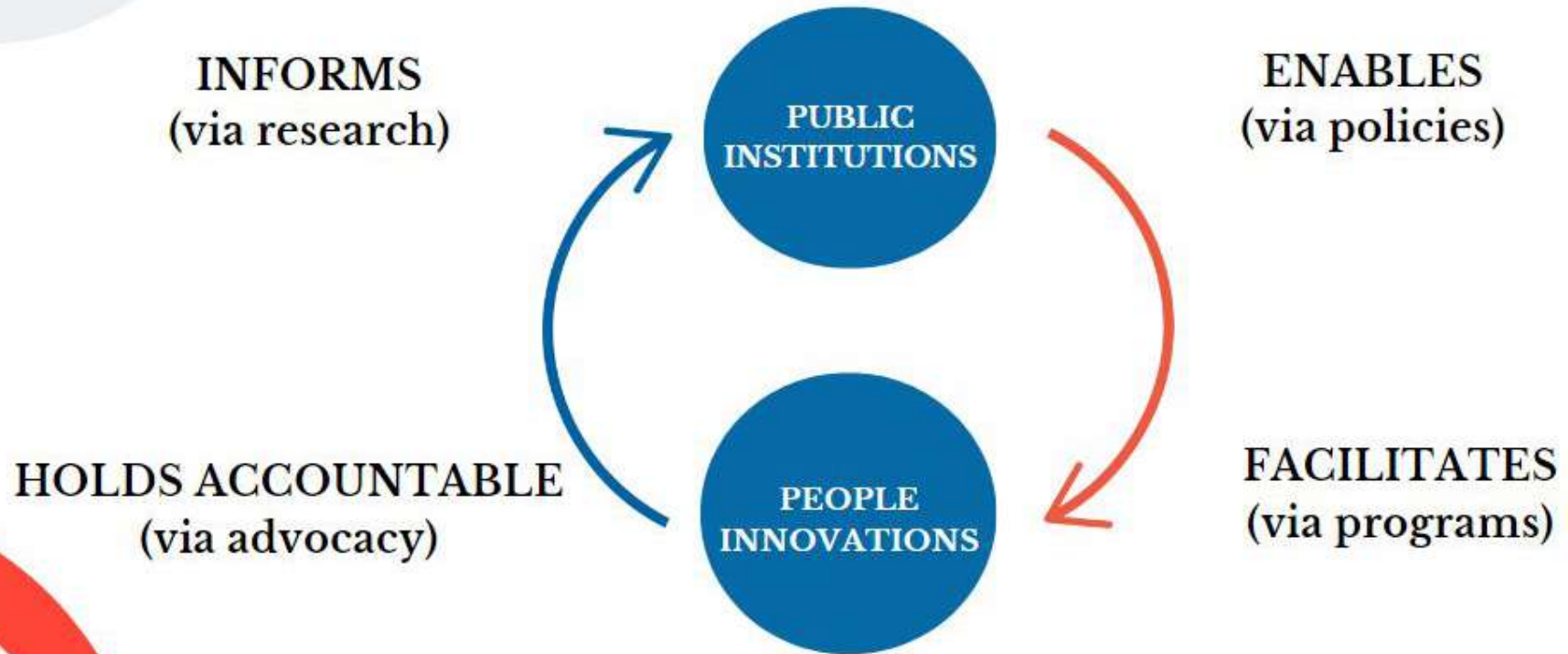
INNOVATE | COLLABORATE | SERVE

Four Pillars of Daayitwa Abhiyaan




Strategic Intent

*Bolster Virtuous Loop of Participatory Democracy and
Economic Development*



WORKING AREAS

1. Design evidence-based policies for improved decision-making
 2. Build state capability for effective policy implementation
 3. Foster stakeholder collaboration for governance innovations
 4. Strengthen inclusive economic growth
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1. Design evidence-based policies for improved decision-making



Daayitwa Nepal Public Policy Fellowship (DNPPF)



DNPPF builds youth-government trust for policy-making

Objectives

- Enable young policy professionals to conduct research
- Provide policy inputs to support government priorities
- Build an evidence-based policy and research ecosystem





DNPPF has deeply engaged youth and government

WITH **1 MISSION** OF EVIDENCE-BASED POLICY
RESEARCH FOR AN INCLUSIVE AND ENTERPRISING NEPAL

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DNPPF HAS
SUPPORTED **129**
YOUNG NEPALI PUBLIC
POLICY PROFESSIONALS



28 FEDERAL
PARLIAMENTARIANS



TRAINED IN **32**
COUNTRIES TO CONDUCT
RESEARCH PROJECTS FOR



32 GOVERNMENT
AGENCIES

Daayitwa Nepal Public Administration Fellowship (DNPAF)



DNPAF builds youth-government trust for policy implementation

Objectives

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- Enable local youth to understand priorities of local government and local communities
- Support implementation of municipal policies and programs
- Strengthen trust and accountability between communities and the government





Daayitwa Nepal Public Administration Fellowship

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**DNPAF FELLOWS HAVE
SUPPORTED**



**IN ALL 7 PROVINCES
OF NEPAL**



42

MUNICIPALITIES

Daayitwa Fellowship has mobilized local & global youth talents in evidence-based policy-making

DNPPF AND
DNPAF HAVE
SUPPORTED
182 NEPALI YOUTH



28 FEDERAL
PARLIAMENTARIANS



IN ALL **7** PROVINCES
OF NEPAL



TRAINED IN **32**
COUNTRIES TO
COLLABORATE WITH



74 PUBLIC AGENCIES
(IN **42** MUNICIPALITIES)



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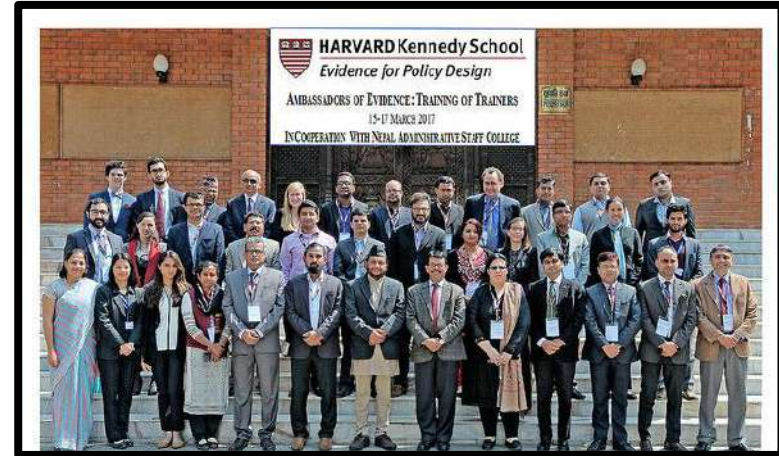
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IEN conducts cutting-edge research and policy engagement

1. Affiliated with Inclusion Economics at Yale University
2. Research to inform Nepal's federal transition
 - a. Improve political representation
 - b. Align policy priorities with citizen needs
3. Robust econometric analysis
 - a. 5 rounds of phone surveys with local officials from 753 municipalities
 - b. Survey data and administrative datasets
4. Partnerships with MuAN, NARMIN, NASC





2. Build state capability for effective policy implementation



Leadership for Economic Governance (LEG)

Objectives

- Strengthen policy leadership capacity of municipal political representatives and public officials
- Facilitate policy innovation pilots using PDIA and RRI approaches

Pilot Areas (2021/22): 3 municipalities (Tilottama, Sunwal, Musikot) of Lumbini Province

Achieved Outcomes:

- Knowledge (local economic development)
- Skills (project management, policy leadership)
- Attitude (confidence, trust)



Leadership for Governance and Development

Example: Leadership for UHC (L4UHC)

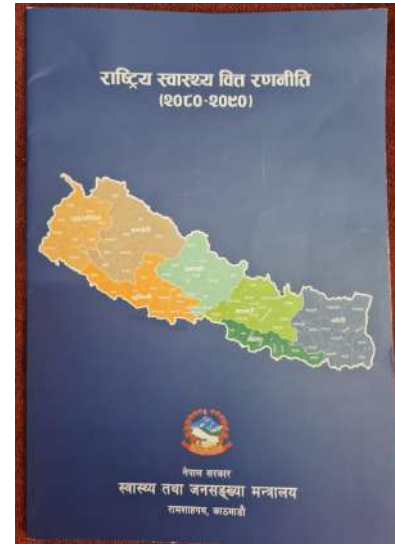
- 8 years: 2016-2024
- MoHP as lead agency
- 3 cycles of L4UHC
 - Cycle 1 - Improving Drug Availability
 - Cycle 2 - Formulating National Health Financing Strategy
 - Cycle 3 - Implementing National Health Financing Strategy



L4UHC builds leadership and innovation capacity in RRI teams

During Cycle 2 ²²

- 4 RRI Teams created with 33 members from MoHP, HIB, NPC, MoF, MoLESS, NNRFC, MoWCSC and development partners (WHO, World Bank, GIZ, and FCDO/NHSSP)
- 3 Thematic RRI Team wrote 3 NHFS sections, 1 Integration RRI Team created coherence among those sections



RRI teams deliver policy results with high-level support



L4UHC Cycle 3 - Challenge Note Handover to the RRI Coordinators at Stakeholder Orientation Workshop

RRI 1 Team	RRI 2 Team	RRI 3 Team
Create <u>NHFS Implementation Plan</u> co-owned by all relevant stakeholders	Create <u>Health Insurance Strategic Roadmap</u> that executes the provisions in existing policies and laws	Develop and pilot <u>BHS Monitoring Framework</u> in 7 provinces, representing all ecological & urban/rural regions


Training of Trainers (ToT) on Local Economic Development

Objectives


- Develop a pool of local trainers on LED with an adequate capacity and expertise
- Facilitate training on their own at the local level.
- Enhance the facilitation skills of local trainers following an innovative approach.

Pilot Area (2022): Karnali Province





3. Foster stakeholder collaboration for governance innovations



National Governance Symposium 2023

- **Focus:** Understanding local innovative models of economic growth and methods to scale up local learning
- **Government partners:** OPMCM, MoFAGA, NPC, MoF
- **Objectives:**
 - Celebrate Nepal's innovative models of inclusive development
 - Identify interventions for economic, social and political inclusion
 - Foster collaboration among governance stakeholders



National Governance Symposium 2022

- **Focus:** Understanding local innovative models of economic growth and methods to scale up local learning
- **Process:** 2 days, 4 case sessions, 4 keynotes, 3 panels and 1 seminar, 200+ participants
- **Local government:** 12 municipalities from 6 provinces
- **Government partners:** OPMCM, MoFAGA, NPC, MuAN
- **Knowledge partners:** Economic Policy Incubator (EPI/FCDO), Nepal Urban Resilience Program (NURP/FCDO), Subnational Governance Program at The Asia Foundation (TAF/DFAT)



Policy and Governance Dialogues

- Policy dialogues with bureaucrats and parliamentarians
- Governance dialogues with municipal political representatives, international academicians and development practitioners
- Podsperspective by Daayitwa Abhiyaan (podcast series)



NEPAL GOVERNANCE DIALOGUE SERIES आर्थिक स्वासन्नता लागि नेतृत्व
Leadership for Economic Governance

ROAD TO YOUTH POLITICAL LEADERSHIP IN NEPAL

Panelist

Ms. Saima Khatun
Central Committee Member of Janata Samajwadi Party
Former Deputy Mayor, Pokhara Municipality

Panelist

Mr. Saad Sulzar
Assistant Professor of Politics and International Affairs
Princeton University

Panelist

Ms. Bidushi Bhargal
Program Specialist
National Democratic Institute (Nepal)

Moderator

Dr. Pokar Malla
Chairperson
Governance Lab and Daayitwa

Financial Partners: USAID, USAID/HRN

Government Partners: Ministry of Labour and Employment, Ministry of Education, Science and Technology

Implementation Partners: Daayitwa, ECOTALKS, NDI

DATE: WEDNESDAY, 28TH SEPT 2022
TIME: 4:00 TO 7:30 PM (NEPALI TIME)

FROM POLICY TO PRACTICE

Strengthening Bureaucratic and Public Finance System in Federal Nepal

EP 4

RAMESHORE KHANAL
Former Secretary
Ministry of Finance
Nepal

Podsperspective



4. Strengthen Inclusive Economic Growth



Rural Enterprise Acceleration Program (REAP)

KAGATI DIDI

Featured in **Nepali Times**


Goma Bhandari
Entrepreneur

 **REAP**
Rural Enterprise Acceleration Program

HOTELIER DAI

Featured in **Nepali Times**

Tanka Nath Ghimire
Entrepreneur

 **REAP**

STAYING HOME TO CREATE JOBS

Featured in **Nepali Times** and **Himal Khabar**

Sita Pun
Entrepreneur

 **REAP**

WEAVING THE FABRIC OF A NEW LIFE

Featured in **Nepali Times**

Pabi Sara Rajali
Entrepreneur

 **REAP**

MILKING EVERY OPPORTUNITY

Ravi Lal Pantha
Entrepreneur

 **REAP**

Rural Enterprise Acceleration Program (REAP)



- 240+ rural youth entrepreneurs capacitated
- 105 (63 women) rural enterprises accelerated
- 3 provinces (Bagmati, Lumbini, Gandaki)
 - 25-75% budget from local government
 - 40% entrepreneurs secured BFI financing
 - 100% continuing enterprises

Daayitwa is proud to have worked with rural women entrepreneurs of Nepal



Women's Rural Enterprise Acceleration Program

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Women Entrepreneurs Accelerated

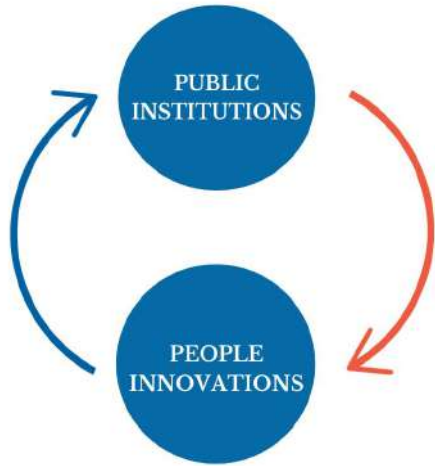
Daayitwa Abhiyaan's governance and development innovations build on its grassroots engagements with rural entrepreneurs and diasporic communities



Rural Enterprise Acceleration



Diasporic Engagement



Daayitwa Abhiyaan believes
trustful collaboration between
government and community
results in sustainable impact

Collaboration with Local Governments



MoU with Musikot Municipality



MoU with Tansen Municipality



MoU with Sunwal Municipality



MoU with Galkot Municipality

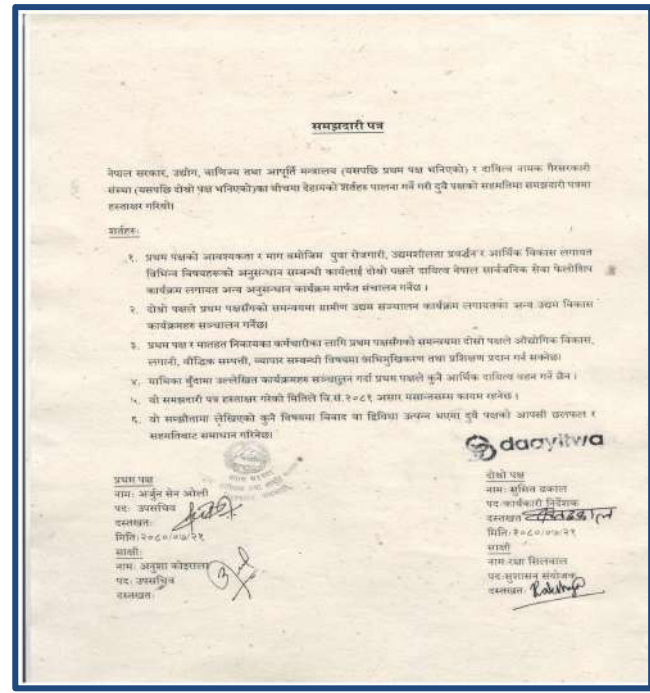
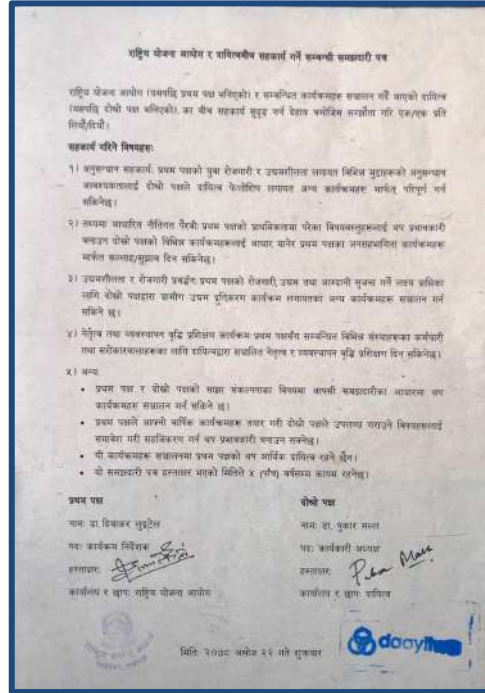
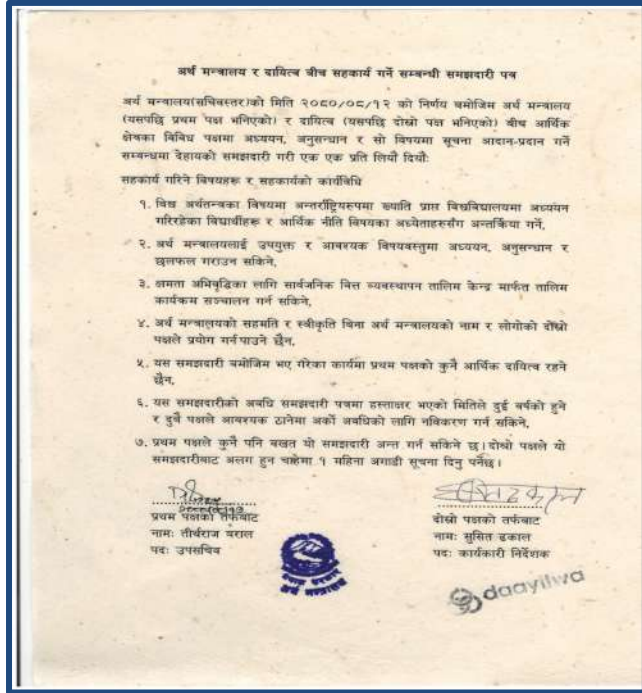


MoU with Tilottama Municipality

Collaboration with Provincial Governments



Collaboration with Federal Government (NPC, MoF, MoICS)



Collaboration with Federal Government



NATIONAL GOVERNANCE SYMPOSIUM

2023

"Governance Innovations for Inclusive Development"

National Governance Symposium 2023

Theme

- Governance Innovations for Inclusive Development

Objectives

- Celebrate Nepal's innovative models of inclusive development
- Identify interventions for economic, social, and political inclusion
- Foster collaboration among governance stakeholders

Government Partners

- Ministry of Federal Affairs and General Administration
- Ministry of Finance
- National Planning Commission
- Office of the Prime Minister and the Council of Ministers



Cultivating Innovation: Nurturing Youth-Government Collaboration for Evidence-Based Policy Decisions

- Promote intergenerational dialogue and collaboration, to challenge the cultural and social norms that hinder youth voice and agency, and to recognize and celebrate the achievements and contributions of youth in various fields and sectors.
- Reform the educational curriculum and training and also provide opportunities for youth to gain practical and hands-on experience, such as through internships, apprenticeships, and mentorship programs.
- Promote platforms at the federal, provincial and local government level that host youth advisors or youth sounding board.
- Integrate youth issues and perspectives in all stages and aspects of policy making and governance, such as agenda setting, policy analysis, policy formulation, policy implementation, policy evaluation, and policy communication.
- Promote research culture along with critical evaluation of research methods and data validity.



Breaking Barriers: Moving Beyond Representation to Dignity

- Strengthen the implementation of existing legal and policy frameworks for promoting inclusivity, and review and upgrade monitoring and evaluation mechanisms for effectiveness at different levels.
- Conduct a comprehensive review of the quota system to evaluate its effectiveness in promoting active participation of marginalized communities in state mechanisms.
- Conduct rigorous reviews of representation in constitutional bodies, parliaments, and local government to eradicate token representation.
- Strengthen gender and social inclusion efforts by recognizing the intersectionality of identities and considering the experiences of different marginalized communities.
- Ensure informed policies that prioritize empowerment over sympathy as a form of inclusion.



Building Bridges: Making a Case for National Women Enterprise Development Strategy

- Prioritize formulation and implementation of NWEDS.
- Encourage collaboration between relevant ministries, particularly the MOICS and MoWCSC, to ensure comprehensive ownership and effective coordination in formulating and implementing the NWEDS.
- Emphasize the importance of grounding policies in evidence and research to inform decision-making processes.
- Foster a culture of commitment and collaboration among government stakeholders, to garner support for the NWEDS and ensure its successful implementation.
- Establish mechanisms for continuous monitoring and evaluation of the NWEDS implementation progress to enhance its effectiveness and sustainability over time.



Using Large-scale Data Collection and Analysis to Understand Governance Challenges and Inform Policymaking

- Emphasize large-scale data collection and analysis identifying the potential of big data in understanding governance challenges and informing policymaking.
- Discover and communicate research ideas to formulate accurate policy.
- Incorporate contextual research methodologies, including incorporating local languages for surveys is important.
- Promote transparent sharing of government data for independent research, particularly to enhance local governance.



Inclusive Climate Governance: Challenges and Way Forward

- Actively engage a diverse range of stakeholders in shaping climate policies, fostering a comprehensive understanding of varied perspectives and needs.
- Advocate for equitable representation of vulnerable nations, such as Nepal, in global forums to influence fair and impactful international climate policies.
- Prioritize funding for inclusive measures within climate policies, empowering marginalized groups and ensuring the effective utilization of climate finance through bilateral channels.
- Acknowledge and support grassroots initiatives, enabling local communities to provide valuable insights and align policies with their specific vulnerabilities.
- Address systemic barriers to active participation in climate governance, especially for women and indigenous communities, promoting a more just and responsive approach to climate change.



Rebuilding Hope: Reintegrating Migrant Returnees in Domestic Employment in Nepal

- Provide migrant returnees with sustainable loan access, financial literacy, and debt management programmes
- Create campaigns to foster community support and social inclusion. Provide more specialized psychological support services, paying specific attention to migrant workers and women who are particularly at-risk populations
- Organize training before departure, ensuring compliance with standards in the destination nations, and set up procedures for efficiently putting newly acquired skills to use while returning home
- Enhance employability chances by strengthening communication methods regarding government programs and offering certificates for gained skills. This will increase awareness of and access to support services
- Establish specialized employment offices to connect migrant returnees with appropriate job openings



Major Recommendations

- **Youth in Evidence-based Policymaking:** Institutionalize platforms at the federal, provincial and local government levels that integrate youth issues and perspectives in all stages and aspects of policy making and governance.
- **Dignity in Social Inclusion:** Advance from representation to dignity by recognizing the intersectionality of identities.
- **Women in Economic Leadership:** Prioritize formulation and implementation of National Women Enterprise Development Strategy.
- **Rigorous Data Analysis in Policy Making:** Emphasize large-scale data collection and usage of innovative analytical methods to understand governance challenges and inform policymaking.
- **Inclusive Climate Governance:** Acknowledge and promote grassroots initiatives, enabling local communities to provide valuable insights and align policies with their specific vulnerabilities.
- **Domestic Employment for Migrant Returnees:** Prioritize programs that support reintegration of migrant returnees in domestic employment.



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Potential 2024 Topic Areas

- Harmonizing Policies related to Women Enterprise Development across Government Organizations
- Strengthening Intergovernmental Collaboration for Supporting MSEs

Collaboration Possibilities

#	Focus Areas	Projects/Programs	Synergies
1	Design evidence-based policies for improved decision-making	Daayitwa Fellowship (100 Fellows per year) Governance Lab	DF - Research need identification with MoICS IEN/NACA/GovLab Partners - Knowledge Series
2	Build state capability for effective policy implementation	Leadership for Economic Governance (LEG) Leadership for Governance and Development (LGD)	LEG - Promotion of MSEs at local level LGD - OPMCM vision of strengthened bureaucratic capacity - Creation of policy reform documents (e.g. National Women Enterprise Development Strategy)
3	Foster stakeholder collaboration for governance innovations	Annual Governance Symposium Policy Dialogues	NGS 2024 - Discuss governance innovations to critical development issues among key stakeholders (NGS 2024) PD 2024 - Dialogues on relevant topics at provincial and national level
4.	Strengthen inclusive economic growth	Rural Enterprise Acceleration Programme (REAP)	MoICS Visit to REAP implemented areas in Lumbini province

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