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Mission Aasha 2025

On September 28th, the All Organizers' Meet brought together the Mission Aasha organizing team to reflect on Nepal's current situation and discuss the ongoing Mission Aasha and GEEP Program. Participants emphasized the importance of continued efforts for positive societal change, highlighting the central role of youth in shaping Nepal's future. The meeting also focused on the need for stronger collaboration between the Nepali youth and the diaspora to create hope and address challenges. Daayitwa's work in guiding youth and cultivating leadership was reaffirmed as crucial, and further collaboration to connect diaspora support with ground-level impact was fully recognized.

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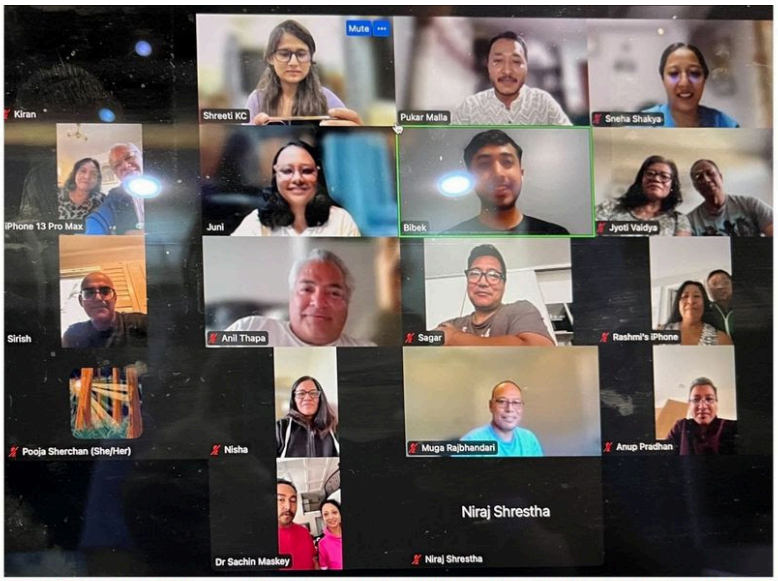

All Organizers' Meet – he Mission Aasha team, enhance youth leadership, ali youth and the diaspora

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Growth Entrepreneurship and Employment Promotion (GEEP) Program

Enterprises across Koshi and Gandaki showcase the growing strength of Nepal's rural entrepreneurship.

In Koshi, top sectors include horticulture/fruits (120 tons), agro-processing (650K units + 20 tons), and livestock/dairy (100K units + 60K liters), supporting nearly 130+ jobs and promoting value-added production. In Gandaki, leading areas such as poultry (176K+ units), fruits (104+ tons), and vegetables (178+ tons) highlight the region's strong agri-based potential.

Nearly half of all ventures are women-led, underscoring inclusive growth. Key needs include financing for irrigation, chilling, and processing, alongside improved market linkages, branding, and digital platforms to strengthen sustainable, locally rooted rural economies.

Top Sectors of GEEP Entreprises

Gandaki		Koshi	
Sector	Quantity	Sector	Quantity
Poultry	176,000+ units	Horticulture/Fruits	120 tons
Fruits	104+ tons	Agro-Processing	650K units + 20 tons
Vegetables	178+ tons	Livestock/Dairy	100K units + 60K liters

Rural enterprises in Koshi and Gandaki are fueling agri-based growth, job creation, and women's leadership driving sustainable local economies across Nepal.

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Daayitwa Nepal Public Policy Fellowship 2025

On September 3, 2025, Daayitwa Public Policy fellows organized a policy dialogue titled Bridging Climate, Gender, and Finance: Dialogue for a Sustainable Tomorrow, which brought together experts to explore the intersection of gender, agriculture, and climate finance, emphasizing inclusive and gender-responsive policies to strengthen community resilience and promote equitable climate action in Nepal.

DNPPF 2025 Graduation Ceremony

Daayitwa fellowship team also organized the DNPPF 2025 Closing Ceremony in a closed, internal, and hybrid setting at the Daayitwa office, with fellows joining virtually to reflect on their fellowship experiences in the presence of Daayitwa Chairperson Dr. Pukar Malla, Governance Lab Executive Director Dr. Nisha Onta, and GEEP Program Manager Mr. Sanjay Pokhrel.

We are incredibly thankful to our funding partners, WorldLink, Nimbus, eSewa, and F1Soft, for their inevitable and generous support for the 2025 fellowship cycle. We would also like to thank our training and mentorship partner, Nepali Academics in America (NACA) for their incredible support to the fellows and fellowship program this year.

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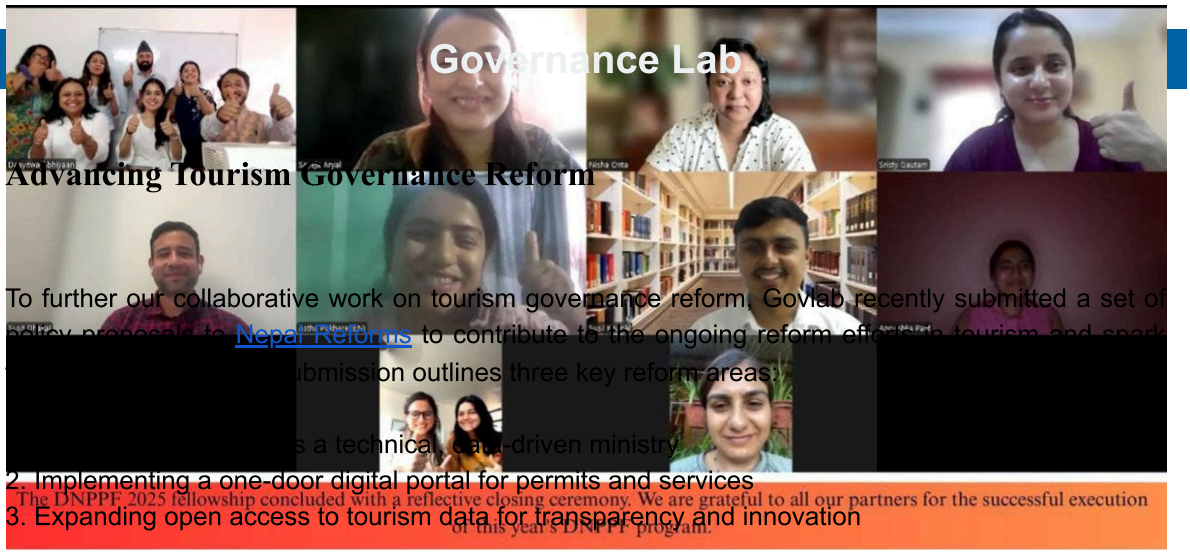

The submission was developed through collective input from our extended network across academia, civil society, and the tourism private sector.

What's Next: Moving into Phase I Research

We are initiating Phase I of our tourism research, with a core focus on identifying governance and financing gaps in the tourism ecosystem. This phase aims to :

- Identify governance overlaps and financial inefficiencies across agencies
- Refine the body of knowledge, including:
    - Visual tourism value chain mapping
    - Stakeholder ecosystem mapping
    - Policy mapping and instrument analysis
- Lay the groundwork for systemic reform by building tools, networks, and generating early insights

This phase sets the foundation for Phase II, which will build directly on these outputs—deepening analysis and translating findings into longer-term reform pathways. Stay tuned for outputs from Phase I.

WEFE Nexus Capacity Building Workshop

GovLab, in partnership with the International Water Management Institute's Work Plan Nepal, hosted a WEFE Nexus Capacity Building Workshop on Multi Stakeholder Platform in Barahathawa Municipality, Sarlahi District. This workshop is designed to empower local governments and stakeholders by deepening their understanding and equipping them with practical tools to implement a gender-responsive WEFE (Water, Energy, Food, Environment) Nexus approach. It directly tackles challenges related to limited capacity and gender inclusivity, paving the way for integrated, sustainable resource management.

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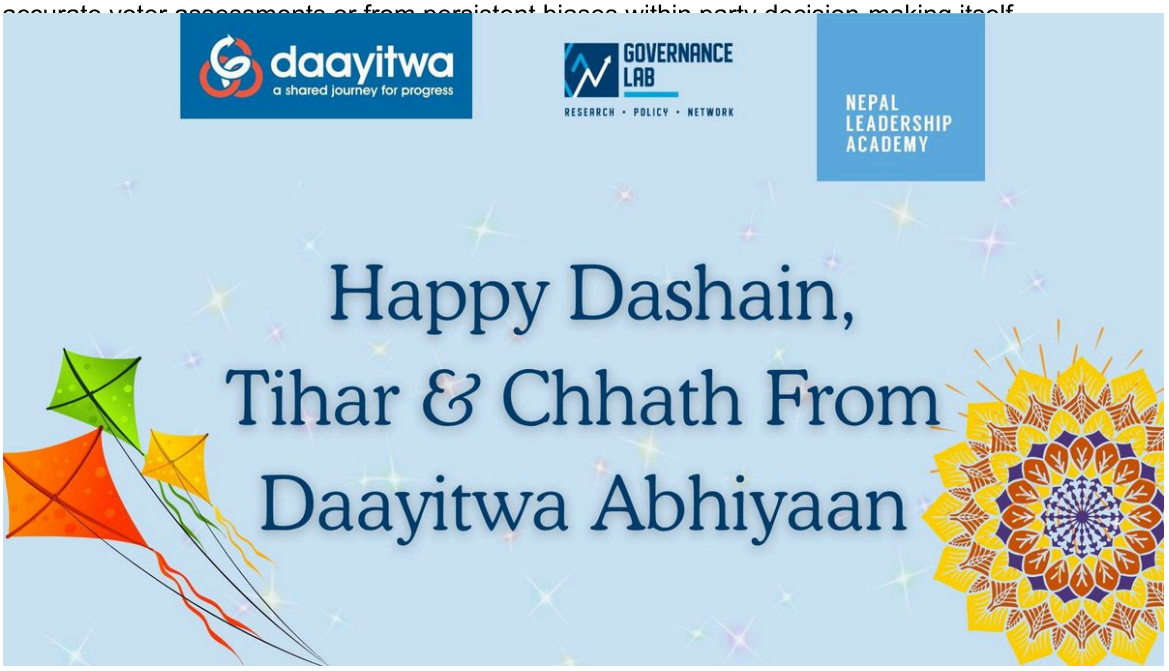
Through immersive sessions, participants explored GESI-responsive WEFE Nexus principles and engaged in vibrant knowledge exchanges across sectors like water, energy, agriculture, forestry, and climate. The workshop aimed to guide local actors to weave this inclusive framework into planning and decision-making processes, sparking collaboration that drives equitable socio-economic progress.

Inclusion Economics Nepal

Understanding Political Selection in Nepal

Inclusion Economics at Governance Lab published a policy brief and a blog post based on the findings from the 2025 voter survey. The survey provides new evidence on how Nepali citizens perceive women in political leadership. Surveying 1,760 voters across 55 local levels, we found that while both male and female voters overwhelmingly favor male incumbents when ranking familiar local representatives, their views become more complex when comparing male and female ward chairs in general. When asked to rank their current representatives, over 85% of voters chose a man as their top choice, typically the sitting ward chair. Male representatives were also rated most highly across leadership traits such as dedication, honesty, and effectiveness, reflecting both incumbency and visibility advantages. Yet, when gender was isolated from incumbency, attitudes shifted. A majority of men expressed indifference between male and female ward chairs, while women leaned strongly toward female leadership. Both groups viewed female chairs as more honest and male chairs as more corrupt, though men credited men with greater availability and authority.

Taken together, these findings suggest that party gatekeeping, rather than voter resistance, may be the key constraint on women's political advancement. While party elites often cite voter bias to justify male-dominated nominations, our data indicate that female voters are more supportive of women leaders than party behavior reflects. To explore this gap, we are now surveying party selection committee members to compare their beliefs about voter preferences with what voters actually express. This next step will clarify whether women's underrepresentation in leadership stems from accurate voter assessments or from persistent biases within party decision-making itself.



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