



Summary of DFID's work in Nepal 2011-2016

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Why we work in Nepal

Nepal is the second poorest country in Asia after Afghanistan (GNI/Capita, 2010). 40% of under-fives have stunted growth, a quarter are underweight and one in 22 children do not survive to their first birthday. Although peace has been sustained since 2006, poor infrastructure, weak economic policies and political uncertainty, mean Nepal's development has fallen behind the rest of the region. Nepal has made progress in some areas, particularly in health, and poverty levels continue to fall. Nepal is also one of the most disaster-prone countries in the world with more than 4,000 disaster related fatalities in the last 10 years and economic losses of over £3 billion.



Key Challenges

- Nepal has struggled to fulfil its economic growth potential in recent years
- Inequality remains a major challenge
- The poor are highly vulnerable to climate change and natural disasters

"Now with the income, I send my children - two sons and a daughter - to school. We have meat for meals more often, and I have given my leaking house a tin roof. And more importantly, I have found my voice in society." Tanka Maya Magrati (a Dalit woman), Rural Access Programme, Chair of Road Building Group

What we will achieve

Between 2011 and 2015 DFID Nepal will:

- Create 230,000 jobs, half of them for women.
- Build or maintain over 4,000 km of road.
- Increase climate and disaster resilience for 4 million people.
- Improve livelihoods for 570,000 poor and excluded people through DFID's forestry work, of which over half will be women.
- 80% of local government projects will be subject to public audits by local communities.
- Support 7 million people to vote in elections.
- Ensure 250,000 people (51% women) benefit from safe latrines.

In 2015/16 we will continue to deliver results across these areas, consolidating our progress to date and ensuring DFID Nepal continues to directly benefit the lives of poor people. This will include:

- Creating an additional 60,000 jobs.
- Supporting an additional 665,000 people to cope with the effects of climate change and natural disasters.

To achieve these results we are increasing our work on issues that are critical for Nepal's development. We are expanding the scope of our economic development activities to help poor and excluded people get jobs and benefit from economic growth, increasing our support to help people adapt to the effects of climate change and prepare for natural disasters, including earthquakes; and doing more to improve the lives of women and girls.

Who we will work with

The UK remains a long-standing friend of Nepal. We work closely with the Government of Nepal to provide finance and technical expertise to reduce poverty, provide services to the poor, and encourage economic development. We co-operate effectively with civil society organisations that play a vital role in delivering services and advocating for the poor and vulnerable. We partner with the private sector to address barriers to economic growth and build infrastructure. We also work closely with other UK Government departments and donor agencies.



"I was scared to have my baby at home so I came to the health post. It's all worked very well and I feel safe here." Sangita Chaudhary, a beneficiary of a UK supported health programme.

How we will work

The DFID Nepal Operational Plan commits up to £413 million of UK aid to Nepal during 2011 – 2016. This Operational Plan is built on experience and lessons learned from a well established portfolio of projects in Nepal. Our approach is informed by internationally agreed aid effectiveness principles and risk-management approaches. We are committed to achieving results, while protecting UK funds from fraud and corruption, and we are determined to ensure value for money for every taxpayer pound spent on development.

- **Value for money:** DFID Nepal will monitor and improve the value for money of our entire country programme to ensure our support has the greatest possible impact.
- **Transparency:** DFID regards transparency as fundamental to improving its accountability to both UK and Nepali citizens. We are publishing clear, concise information about our programmes, helping civil society and non governmental organisations to be more transparent, promoting greater accountability of the government to its citizens, and supporting improved public financial management and reporting systems.
- **Working with girls and women:** Improving opportunities for girls helps prevent poverty passing from one generation to the next. The better the education that girls receive, the later they marry and the greater control they have over their lives. We have specific targets for girls and women, such as our goal to improve the livelihoods of 313,500 women through our forestry programme. We will also focus on reducing violence against girls and women.

More information

For a more detailed breakdown of Nepal's Operational Plan, please visit

<http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dfid-nepal-operational-plan-2014>

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