

Summary of DFID's work in Nepal 2011-2015

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Why we work in Nepal

Nepal suffers from chronic poverty complicated by a number of factors, including gender, caste, ethnicity, age, religion, disability, language, and geography. The civil war (1996-2006) was fuelled by high levels of poverty and social exclusion, a situation that remains largely unchanged. Corruption, poor infrastructure, weak economic policies and political instability have meant that Nepal often lags behind the rest of the region in development terms. Nepal is also one of the 20 most disaster-prone countries in the world. Since the peace agreement was signed there has been slow progress in achieving lasting political solutions to key issues. Political developments in 2012 suggest further delays to concluding the peace process and writing a new constitution. Large challenges remain ahead to ensure that lasting peace brings jobs, stability, better services, and more resilience against disasters and the effects of climate change.



"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

- Create 230,000 jobs, 50% of them for women
- Build 532 km and maintain 3,700 km of road
- Reduce the climate and disaster vulnerability of four million poor people, of which 2.19 million will be women
- Lift 570,000 people out of poverty through the forestry programme, of which 313,500 will be women
- Avert 108,000 unintended pregnancies
- Ensure 110,000 people (55% women) benefit from safe latrines, partly through our support to the Gurkha Welfare Scheme

What's our approach?

The UK's Operational Plan for Nepal takes an integrated approach. It recognises that to reduce poverty and vulnerability we need to promote stability, ensure jobs are created and that people have better access to essential services like health, education and water.

What's our commitment?

By 2014/15, we will have increased our annual aid to Nepal by 91% (£331 million over four years 2011-2015). We are:

- Supporting the peace process, helping strengthen governance and improving security and access to justice
- Helping poor and excluded people get jobs and benefit from economic growth
- Helping deliver better health and education services
- Helping Nepal adapt to the effects of climate change
- Reducing risk from disasters, including earthquakes
- Improving the lives of women and girls



Who are we working with

The UK remains a long-standing friend of Nepal. We are providing support and technical expertise in key areas, working closely with the Government, civil society, the private sector and development partners to support the peace process and reduce poverty. The UK's investments in Nepal are designed so that DFID funds are channelled through the Government, or through partners. As well as working closely with the Government of Nepal, we cooperate effectively with civil society organisations which play a vital role in service delivery and advocacy for the poor and vulnerable.

"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 DFID-supported health programme

How are we working

More than ever, in the current financial climate, we have a duty to show that we are achieving value for money in everything we do. Results, transparency and accountability are our watchwords and we are determined to get value for money for every hard-earned taxpayer pound spent on development.

- **Value for money** To ensure this, DFID Nepal is putting in place a comprehensive Value for Money Strategy which will tackle corruption risks and monitor and improve the value for money of our entire country programme.
- **Transparency** DFID regards transparency as fundamental to improving its accountability to both UK and Nepali citizens. We publish clear, concise information about our programmes; support civil society and non government organisations to be more transparent; and promote greater accountability of the Government to its citizens and support improved financial management systems and financial reporting.
- **Working with women and girls.** Improving the opportunities for girls helps prevent the passing of poverty from one generation to the next. The better educated girls are, the later they marry and the greater control they have over their lives. Separate results targets are set out for women and girls, such as lifting 313,500 women out of poverty through our forestry programme. We will also focus on reducing violence against women and girls.

More information

For a more detailed breakdown of Nepal's Operational Plan, please visit: www.dfid.gov.uk/nepal

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