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**Daayitwa Abhiyaan**  
Monthly Newsletter



**We stand with Nepal's youth.**

They came to the streets with conviction to speak out against **corruption** and **demand justice**. Their courage is a reminder that **freedom of speech** and **peaceful** assemble are fundamental rights and that must be **protected**

**Daayitwa Abhiyaan** condemns the violence and calls for **justice** for the young voices who dared to rise. We stand in **solidarity** with them in the fight for a just and **accountable Nepal**.

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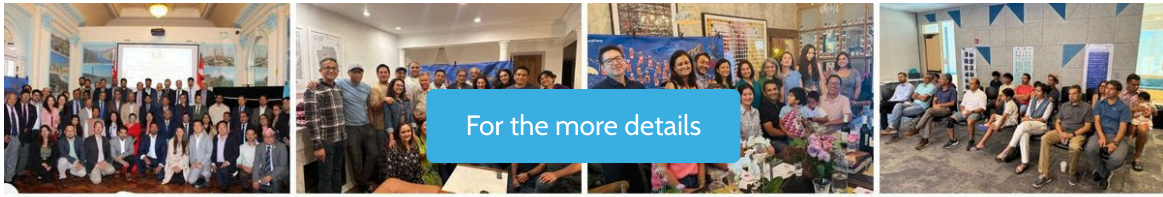
## Mission Aasha 2025: Towards Ending Youth Unemployment Crisis in Nepal

Mission Aasha 2025 took flight with a bold vision of raising \$250,000 through the generosity of our champions of change in the US, UK, and Canada. Across 17 cities, we were met with an outpouring of warmth and solidarity that reaffirmed our shared belief: Nepal's youth and women deserve the chance to build their own future with dignity and enterprise.

Alongside a fundraising endeavor, Mission Aasha has also been a journey of connection. It reminded us that the spirit of Nepal does not remain bound by geography, it thrives collectively when we join hands together.

This campaign is not only about resources; it is about carrying the air of home wherever we go, exchanging stories, values, and hopes that connect us all. It is about channeling the hopes of those abroad into opportunities for those at home. It is about believing, together, that the crisis of youth unemployment can be transformed into a generation of perseverance, innovation, and possibility.





## Growth Entrepreneurship and Employment Promotion (GEEP) Program

The GEEP team is actively shaping the next phase of our program with a focus on strategic growth and enhanced impact. To refine our approach, we are collaborating closely with government stakeholders to update and strengthen program guidelines, ensuring alignment with national priorities and community needs.

In parallel, we are forging partnerships with key players in the entrepreneurial ecosystem to expand access to finance and market opportunities for our participants. These synergies aim to amplify the program's reach and provide entrepreneurs with the resources they need to thrive.

Additionally, we recently hosted a dynamic virtual *Udhyam Chautari* session, bringing together 200 entrepreneurs to engage with our esteemed REAP Alumni: Ravi Lal Panthi and Anju KC, and Munaa Bazaar's Managing Directory, Sita Pandey as guest speakers. The session fostered knowledge-sharing, inspiration, and networking, further empowering our entrepreneurial community.

## Daayitwa Nepal Public Policy Fellowship 2025

In the first week of August, fellows had the opportunity to visit the Federal Parliament, attend the Op-Ed writing session with Ms. Sahina Shrestha, and explore Incessant Rain Studios, one of DNPPF's previous funding partners.



### Scenario Planning Tools Session

The highlight of the second week of August was a scenario planning tools session, led by Dr. Gyan Nyaupane (Immediate Past President, NACA) with valuable inputs from Dr. Chakra Pani Acharya (National Planning Commission). Drawing on Dr. Nyaupane's extensive experience advising institutions in the U.S., the session emphasized the potential of scenario planning to strengthen Nepal's policy design and institutional preparedness. The session was graced by Hon. Yogesh Bhattarai, Dr. Kiran Rupakhetee, Dr. Bhisma Kumar Bhusal, Mr. Pawan Acharya, as well as our mentors and fellows.



### Policy Dialogue I : Nepal 2.0: Rethinking Inclusive Growth, Risk and Resilience in Post-LDC Era

On August 14, 2025, DNPPF fellows organized a policy dialogue on Nepal's upcoming graduation from Least Developed Country (LDC) status, exploring how the nation can address challenges and leverage opportunities in the post-LDC era.

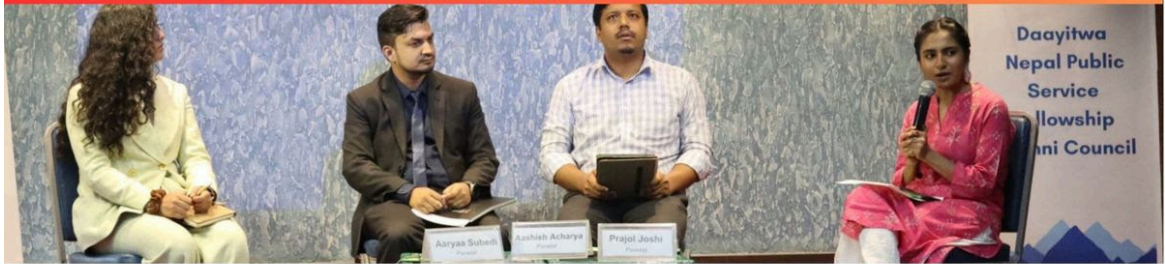
The first panel, ***"Nepal on the Rise: What LDC Graduation Means for You and the Nation,"*** was moderated by fellow Ms. Anoushka Pant and featured Mr. Prajol Joshi, Mr. Aashish Acharya, and Ms. Aaryaa Subedi.

The second panel, ***"Disasters Don't Graduate: Recalibrating Nepal's Risk Management Systems Post-LDC Status,"*** was moderated by fellow Ms. Supun Dahal, with panelists Mr. Ujjwal Upadhyay, Mr. Pradip Khatiwada, and Mr. Prabin Man Singh. The dialogue concluded with rich discussions and promising directions for policy recommendations.

## DNPPF 2025 Fellows Conduct Policy Dialogue



### Nepal on the Rise: What LDC Graduation Means for You and the Nation



### Disasters Don't Graduate: Recalibrating Nepal's Risk Management Systems Post-LDC Status

## Fellows' Presentation at PRI

On August 28, fellows presented their research findings at the Policy Research Institute (PRI). Experts from relevant fields offered constructive feedback and recommendations, which will help fellows strengthen their final reports and enhance their policy impact.

## Governance Lab

### The Kurakani Kollektive - What's up With Us?

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**WHAT'S UP WITH US? HIERARCHY AND THE LACK OF SELF-AWARENESS IN 'BIKAASE' LAND.**

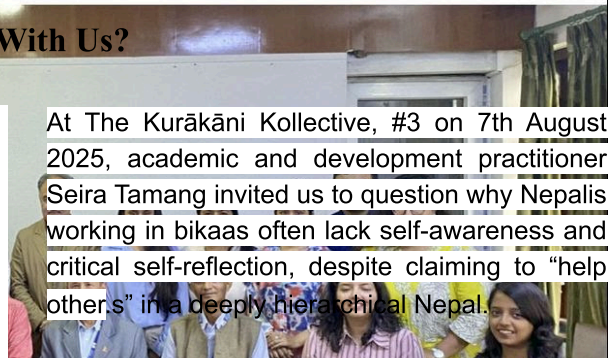
**SPEAKER:**  
**SEIRA TAMANG**

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A time to confront our blind spots and rethink how we do development



At The Kurākāni Kollektive, #3 on 7th August 2025, academic and development practitioner Seira Tamang invited us to question why Nepalis working in bikaas often lack self-awareness and critical self-reflection, despite claiming to “help others” in a deeply hierarchical Nepal.

She urged us to ask how we can innovate if we do not include the voices of all 30.7 million citizens, and whether mindset development should come first. She reflected on the irony that the more one talks about poverty, the more one gains — and reminded us that hierarchy slaughters us, cutting us off from a truly innovative, competitive, and justice-filled world.

With the current funding upheaval, now is the time to confront our blind spots and rethink how we do development

## Meeting with the Tourism Board

The Tourism Research meeting at our office marked an important step toward establishing a clear, shared understanding of Nepal's current tourism landscape. The Governance Lab's team gathered valuable feedback and insights from experts and stakeholders committed to the sector's growth. Our lab will lead the research efforts and ensure findings are validated collaboratively, driving informed and impactful progress for Nepal tourism Future.



## Govlab meets with Nepal Tourism Board

### **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.

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.

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## Inclusion Economics Nepal

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### **Understanding Political Selection in Nepal**

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The Inclusion Economics Nepal (IEN) is conducting the first pilot of the Women's Network in Parbat District. It aims to bring together aspiring female leaders preparing to contest for mayor, deputy mayor, and ward chairperson positions in the 2027 local elections. Organized in partnership with NARMIN, Daayitwa, and the Governance Lab, the event will provide a platform for women to connect, build solidarity, and strengthen their political networks. Participants will discuss strategies for engaging with party decision-makers, amplifying women's voices in local governance, and effectively communicating their competence and electability. This gathering is part of a broader effort to support women leaders in overcoming barriers to political representation and advancing gender equality in Nepal's local governments.

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## Daayitwa Aabhiyaan

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### Publication

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## Reimagining Development Funding

As global aid flows shrink—with major cuts from the US and UK—Nepal’s nonprofit sector must pivot from donor dependence to self-reliant financing. The way forward lies in cross-sector collaboration, leveraging domestic resources, and outcome-driven partnerships.

Key pathways include:

- Strategic budget allocation: Redirecting Nepal’s chronically underspent public funds to community health, education, and entrepreneurship through performance-based grants with NGOs.
- CSR mobilisation: Transforming CSR from ad-hoc philanthropy into transparent, impact-driven investments with measurable social returns.
- Philanthropic reform: Shifting foundations from short-term charity to long-term capacity building and ecosystem support.
- Diaspora engagement: Unlocking Nepal’s remittance power through government-verified crowdfunding portals and diaspora bonds.

Sustainable development financing requires government leadership, stronger accountability systems, and transparent mechanisms that foster trust. With these reforms, Nepal can strengthen local ownership and resilience in its development journey.

The screenshot shows the front page of The Kathmandu Post. The masthead includes the newspaper's name, the motto "Without Fear or Favour", the date "Tuesday, September 23, 2023", and the weather "26.12°C Kathmandu". A "WHAT'S NEWS" section lists headlines such as "Complaints against ride-hailing apps", "GoFundMe campaign after Gen Z uprising", "Malaria and dengue surge warnings", and "Cabinet expansion". The main article featured is "Reimagining development funding" by a columnist, with a sub-headline: "Despite issues of efficiency with NGOs, their grassroots presence is still essential." The article's graphic features a large orange arrow pointing upwards, a person standing on a bar chart, and another person holding a magnifying glass over a bar chart. To the right, a "MOST READ FROM COLUMNS" section lists other articles with small thumbnail images: "Barbarians at the barricade", "Generational question", "Welcome to the 'Eros Effect', Gen Z", "Gen Z movement: Winners and losers", and "Why the next six months could mark the beginning of new era in Nepal".

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