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## Daayitwa Abhiyaan

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### Growth Entrepreneurship and Employment Promotion (GEEP) Program

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In October, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Gandaki Province Government, participating Palikas, and Daayitwa to continue the Growth Entrepreneurship and Employment Promotion (GEEP) Program across five Palikas in the province under Daayitwa's programmatic support.

The meeting was graced by Hon. Surendraraj Pandey, Chief Minister of Gandaki Province; Hon. Mitralal Basyal, Minister for Industry and Tourism(MoIT); Mr. Danduraj Ghimire, Chief Secretary, OCMCM Gandaki; and Dr. Krishna Chandra Devkota, Vice-Chairperson of the Province Policy and Planning Commission. Also present were the Chairpersons and Chief Administrative Officers of Hupsekot, Siranchowk, and Myagde,Jaljala & Badigad; Province Secretary Shri Indra Prasad Basyal (Ministry of Industry & Tourism);and secretaries of OCMCM & MoIT along with Dr. Pukar Malla, Mr. Sanjay Pokharel, Ms. Sneha Shakya, and Ms. Juntara B. Magar from Daayitwa.

This collaboration marks a continued commitment to fostering entrepreneurship and employment-led growth in Gandaki Province.



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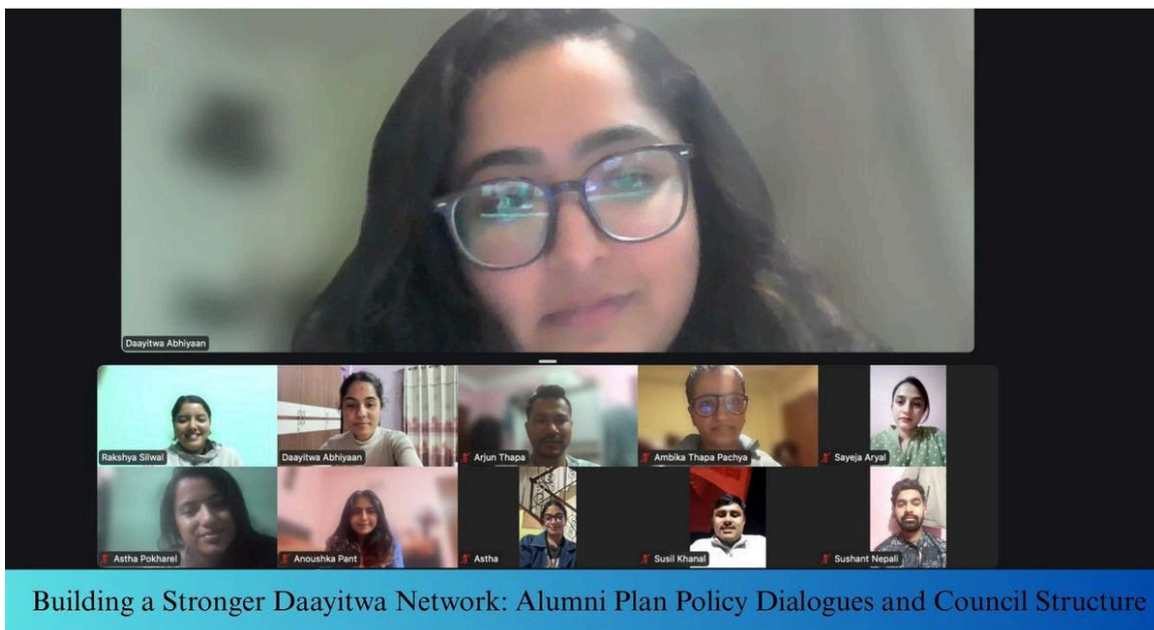
## Daayitwa Nepal Public Policy Fellowship 2025

### Daayitwa Abhiyaan meets with Nepali Academics in America

The Governance Lab, NACA, and Daayitwa team met to reflect on their two-year collaboration and chart future directions for sustained partnership. The discussion focused on transitioning from pilot projects to long-term initiatives and co-organizing an academic conference in collaboration with universities to strengthen research capacity in Nepal.

### Daayitwa Alumni Engagement Meeting

Daayitwa alumni met virtually to discuss engagement strategies to strengthen the alumni community. Key highlights included planning a series of policy dialogues on civic participation and youth leadership, structuring the Alumni Council with defined roles, and alumni engagement at the upcoming National Governance Symposium.



## Mission Aasha 2025

We were delighted to welcome Impact Pioneers to the Daayitwa Abhiyaan office who have made such a meaningful contribution to Mission Aasha. During their visit to our office, they engaged in thoughtful conversations with our team and had the chance to see firsthand the impact of our work. These discussions were not only inspiring but also deepened our mutual understanding of how we can move forward together. It was a powerful reminder of the strength of our reconnections and partnerships, and we're excited to continue building on this shared vision for a hopeful future.



The Governance Lab is introducing a new Learning Series, an initiative to create space for reflection, dialogue, and shared learning across the Daayitwa Abhiyaan team.

**Impact Pioneers Visit Daayitwa Abhiyaan Office to Explore Collaborative Impact**  
 In a rapidly changing governance landscape shaped by political transitions, technology, and new civic movements, this series offers an opportunity to pause, exchange ideas, and connect global and national developments to Nepal's evolving realities.

The first session entitled "The Gen Z Movement & The Way Forward" is being led by our governance coordinator Mr. Arjun Thapa. This opening conversation will explore how Gen Z's values and actions are influencing political and social change and what this means for the future of governance and civic engagement in Nepal.

## Inclusion Economics Nepal

## Understanding Political Selection in Nepal

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### IEN Engages Senior Female Politicians to Strengthen Women's Leadership Ahead of 2027 Elections

Inclusion Economics Nepal (IEN) met with senior female politicians from Nepal's three major parties to discuss barriers women face within political parties and elections, and strategies to strengthen women's leadership ahead of the 2027 local elections.

The discussion highlighted several key issues, including persistent social norms that discourage women from contesting leadership roles, economic barriers that limit women's ability to campaign effectively, and the lack of visible role models within parties. Participants also emphasized the need for stronger policy commitments to ensure women's representation in executive positions.

A major takeaway from the meeting was the urgent need to encourage more women to contest for executive positions, especially ward chair, where women currently hold only about 1% of seats. In response, we decided to expand our participant pool to include female ward chair aspirants and female ward member candidates who contested open positions in the past two elections. We have begun contacting 24 such candidates in Parbat district to assess their leadership aspirations and interest in joining the cross-party women's leadership network.

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## Publication

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### Climate change : What Nepal's local leaders think about it

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Opinion



## Climate change: What Nepal's local leaders think about it

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