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Enhancement of Transparency and Accountability Mechanism in PFM

In the month of July, COMMITTED conducted a workshop on Enhancement of Transparency and Accountability Mechanism in Public Finance Management. This session was conducted among five working municipalities- Damak, Bhimeshwor, Tansen, Waling and Tikapur. The major objective was to discuss on the ways to improve revenue transparency mechanism. As tax payers, citizens are concerned about how their taxes have been utilized by the municipality. Hence, it is very essential that the municipalities make their revenue sources, generated revenue and expenditures transparent to the general public.

The session also included how municipality should address the needs and priorities of its citizen while executing development plans and also allocate budget accordingly during each fiscal financial forecast.

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Role of Subjective Committees in PFM with Focus on Gender Responsive Budgeting

On July 19, 2020 COMMITTED organized a session on Role of Subjective Committees in Public Finance Management (PFM) with Focus on Gender Responsive Budgeting. This session was conducted among the municipal officials of Bhimeshwar Municipality.

The municipalities of Nepal consist of subjective committees for various sectors such as 'Economic Development', 'Social Development', 'Infrastructure Development', 'Forest, Environment and Disaster Management', and 'Institutional Development and Governance'. Therefore, the focal objective of the discussion session was to orient municipality on basic responsibilities of these subjective committees, their roles in sectoral implementation, and how the committees should function in Public Finance Management and Gender Responsive Budgeting. The session also included discussion on the available revenue generation source, how municipality can further bolster their revenue generation, execute their development needs and attain their priorities.

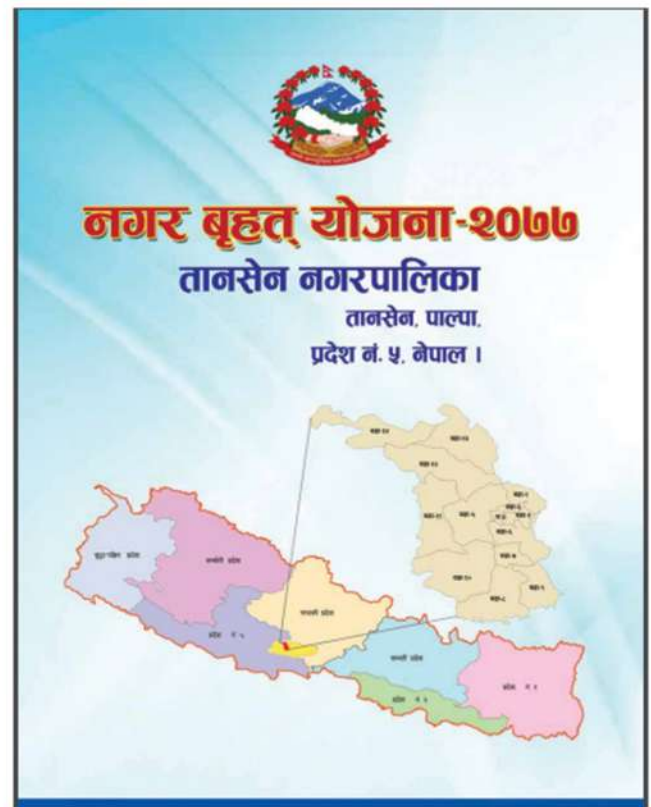
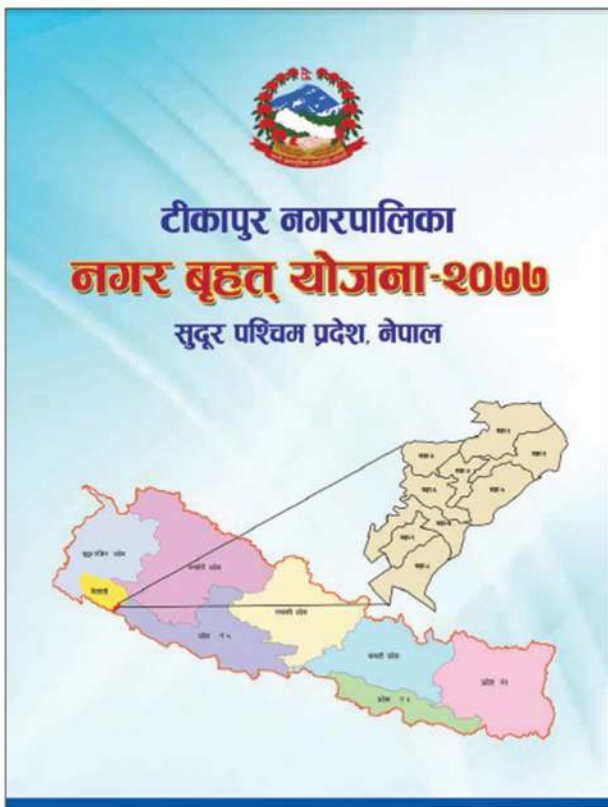
The session also covered discussion on the importance of Gender Responsive Budgeting (GRB) in municipality's budget cycle management including budget development, its implementation, monitoring and evaluation. GRB is crucial to ensure that each citizen is equally benefitting by the development achieved by the municipality. It makes sure that issues of each gender, socially and physically disadvantaged groups, vulnerable groups are addressed and their inclusion is ensured.



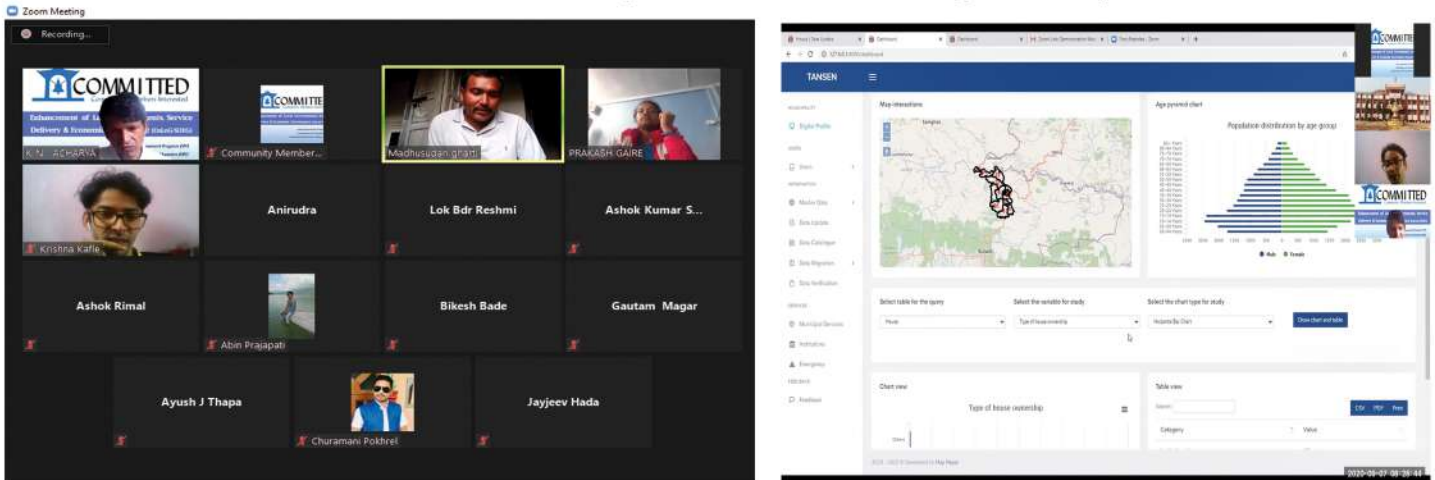
Completed Development of Tikapur and Tansen Comprehensive Plans

This quarter remarked the completion of development of Comprehensive Plans of Tikapur and Tansen Municipalities. The Comprehensive Plan is a legal and guiding document of municipalities sectoral policies, plans and programs. It was established through citizen centric grass-root process to establish the vision, acknowledge needs and pave path towards addressing those needs. Comprehensive Municipal Plan encompasses various sectors of municipality such as: Land Use & Settlement, Health, Security, Disaster and Emergency Response, Transportation, Education, Local Economy Development, Public Works, Environment & Natural Resources, Parks & Recreation, Heritage Conservation, Gender Equality & Social Inclusion (GESI), Transparency & Accountability. The comprehensive plans were prepared with extensive consultation meetings with municipal representatives, citizen involved Focus Group Discussions in all wards, analysis of municipalities' Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities & Threats, formulation of policies, compilation of sectoral plans and inputs from municipality and sectoral experts.

After the preparation of the draft plans, public hearings were conducted by Citizen Advisory Council (CAC) to ensure all citizen have additional opportunities to instill ownership. Then after, the feedbacks from public hearings were assimilated in the document and was sent to municipality for final approval. Now, Comprehensive Plans of Tansen and Tikapur have now been completed and its printed copies will be dispatched to the municipality office.



Demonstration of Municipal Information Management System



On September 7, COMMITTED conducted a demonstration session of Municipal Information Management System with Tansen Municipality. The session covered display of developed digital database portal and oriented municipality on how they can have access to such database and update it time to time. It included thorough discussion on each feature of the database system and feedbacks from the municipality were also noted in order to incorporate in the system.

Municipal Information Management System is very useful and reliable database system that supports municipality in proper resource management, organized service delivery, disaster management, effective planning and decision-making process.

Evaluation of COMMITTED's EnLoG-SDEG Project with the Municipalities

Board Members of COMMITTED conducted evaluation session of its ongoing EnLoG-SDEG project with the municipal officials of Damak, Bhimeshwor, Tansen, Waling and Tikapur Municipalities. The meetings were conducted in order to evaluate the effectiveness of COMMITTED's ongoing project 'Enhancement of Local Government Service Delivery and Economic Governance (EnLoG-SDEG)'. Project's strengths, weaknesses, impacts and sustainability were evaluated along with municipality's ownership on the achieved results and outputs. Each municipality's Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Chief Administrative Officer, The Asia Foundation's Field Coordinator and COMMITTED's Social Mobilizer were interviewed one by one via Zoom App.

