



ANNUAL REPORT 2017-18

“COMMITTED to Making a Difference”

Community Members Interested-COMMITTED is a tax-exempt non-profit (NGO) in Nepal registered with the Social Welfare Council (SWC) in the year 2062 BS/ 2006 AD. COMMITTED is also registered in the United States under section 501(c) (3) of the US IRS code whose sole work is to raise funds to support our work in Nepal. These two organizations are separate entities and are not associated in any ways except for the purpose of fund raising and supporting local communities in Nepal.

COMMITTED's mission is to assist Nepalese local governments provide essential services to its citizens in an efficient and sustainable manner, with special consideration to the public education system. COMMITTED strives to fulfill its mission by assisting local governments to implement poverty alleviation, health, public facilities and land use related projects through a comprehensive community planning process.

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Core Program Areas

School Improvement Program

Improvements in the infrastructure, facilities, curriculum and extra-curricular activities are the primary focus of COMMITTED's SIP. Program attempts to align with Nepal Government's Department of Education's School Improvement Plan requirement of every school.

Social Business for Education

Social Business for Education (SBE) are agriculture-based, income-generating projects for both schools and members of the local community. Profits from the SBE are used to make the school self-sustainable as well as to support local community.

Local Governance and Service Delivery

Local Governance and Service Delivery (LGSD) project aims to help set up local governments through tested planning, development process, and resource generation methods. The three core areas covered are service delivery, education, and economic development.

Letter from the Executive Director

Dear COMMITTED Supporters,

As we embark towards an exciting and challenging year 2019, I would like to thank you for your support and encouragement throughout 2018.

2018 was very instrumental in the growth of our organization as well as our project activities. We now have a very hard working and dedicated team of staff members who excel in urban planning, GIS technology as well as local governance and public finance management. We are extremely proud of our team, which is growing in numbers and competency by the year.



We are very thankful to our donor The Asia Foundation (TAF) and the Australian Government, Dept. of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) for trusting and believing in our team and our expertise, to help plan and implement the envisioned four year project - Enhancement of Local Government Service Delivery & Economics Government (ENLoG-SDEG).

We have successfully completed Phase I activities and the output is a detailed profile publication of 7 municipalities. This profile has been prepared with the collection and compilation of intensive household and institutional survey data, and will serve as an instrumental document in the development and planning of the municipalities.

As we begin Phase II activities, our focus is on helping to prepare a Comprehensive Plan for at least five municipalities as well as create a robust Municipality Revenue Improvement Plan at least three municipalities and review existing MRIPs of seven municipalities. The recently completed profile documents will greatly assist in carrying out these activities. These are all new and challenging processes and we are confident of an optimistic outcome.

We thank all our generous contributors from Nepal, the US, and the rest of the world for your continued support. We hope to be able to grow and build this relation stronger in the days to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ritima". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Ritima Pradhan
Executive Director



Financial Statement of 2017-18

COMMITTED - U.S.		
Statement of Financial Income and Expenses		
January - December 2017		
	Income:	Amount (\$)
	Individual Donation	2020.00
	Corporate Donation	2000.00
	Bank Adjustment Income	306.80
A	Total Income in 2017	4326.80
	Expense:	
	Nepal Project Expense	25000.00
	Project Monitoring Expense	7000.00
	Postage	27.89
	Registration & Renewal	25.00
	Bank Fees	248.00
	Bank Adjustment amount	381.80
B	Total Expense in 2017	32682.69

COMMITTED - NEPAL			
Statement of Financial Income and Expenses			
July 16, 2017 - July 16, 2018			
	INCOME:	NPR	US\$= 109.34
	Grants		
	General Income	4,023,451.08	36,797.61
	Give2Asia	6,165,048.71	56,384.20
	Western Union	503,881.00	4,608.39
	Nemira Education	70,830.00	647.80
	Disaster Relief Activities	48,590.00	444.39
	Alice Sieun Park	305,000.00	2,789.46
	Nepal Rising	451,543.24	4,129.72
	Committed Education is Freedom	39,910.00	365.01
	ENLOG TAF	20,294,425.56	185,608.43
	Raithane School Retrofit	3,046,963.13	27,866.87
	Other Income	249,683.10	2,283.55
	TOTAL INCOME	35,199,325.82	321,925.42
	EXPENSES:		
	ADMIN/OPERTING EXPENSE (NOT COVERED BY PROJECTS)	3,643,965.09	33,326.92
	PROJECT EXPENSES:		
	Local Governance	26,459,474.27	241,992.63
	SIP: School Construction & Repairing	5,289,513.37	48,376.75
	SIP: Scholarship Program	39,910.00	365.01
	SBE: Community Fishery	3,800.00	34.75
	SUB TOTAL	31,792,697.64	290,769.14
	TOTAL EXPENSES	35,436,662.73	324,096.06

* **Note:** Financial Activities reported for COMMITTED U.S. and COMMITTED Nepal are for two different time frames due to varying legal accounting periods.

School Improvement Program

- COMMITTED supported Kshitij Learning Fair organized by Shree Raithane Secondary School in association with Chilaune Secondary, Satkanyamati Secondary, Bhotangdevi Secondary and Bhotenamlang Secondary Schools. This education fair was conducted to help students become creative, practical and to guide their future.
- COMMITTED retrofitted Shree Raithane Secondary School of Sindhupalchowk district that was massively devastated by the April earthquake- 2015. The retrofitted building equates four classrooms which are earthquake, children and disable friendly. Classes have been resumed and running smoothly since then.
- COMMITTED provided sponsorships (books, stationery and tuition) to four students of Shree Raithane Secondary School for the year BS 2075(2017/18). These students are from socially deprived and economically poor families, who do not have necessary funds to support their child's education. Our support helped them continue the education they deserved. The fund for scholarship is supported by Nemira Foundation-Switzerland.



Accountability & Transparency Mechanism in School Governance System

The project was initiated in April 2016 which aims to strengthen local education bodies and assist them in identifying resources for implementation of their plans.

Funded by Give2Asia, the project also seeks to help create a citizen driven vigilance system to ensure all actors involved in education are transparent, accountable and diligent in their duties by providing adequate training and support. The project's site is Paanchpokhari Thagpal Rural Municipality in Sindhupalchowk District.

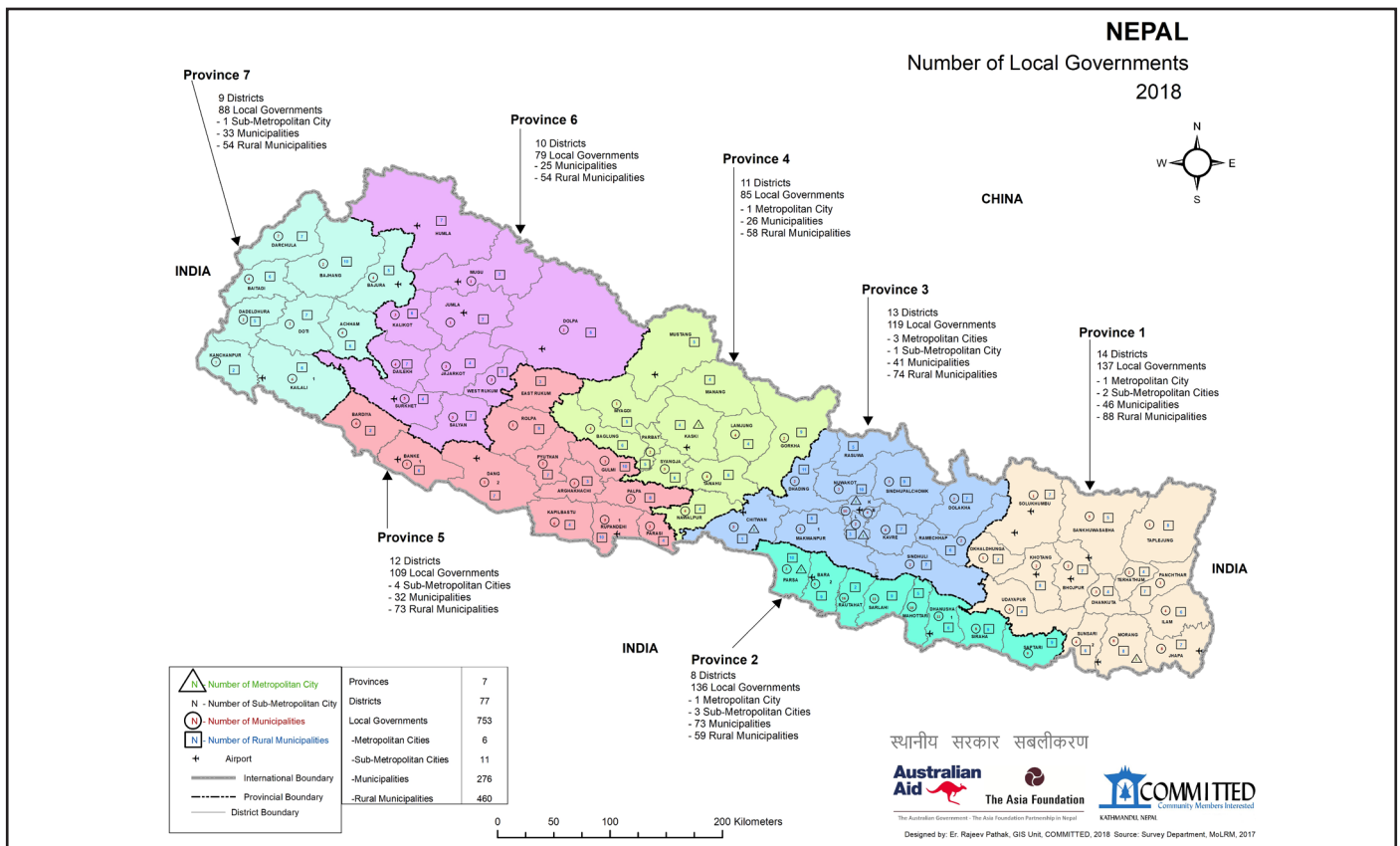


Highlights of activities in 2017-18

- Conducted social audits for rebuilding of Shree Taltuleshwory Basic School and repairing of Shree Chilaune Secondary School in Paanchpokhari Thangpal Rural Municipality, Sindhupalchowk District.
- Formed Rural Municipality Education Committees (RMEC) by replacing former Village Education Committees (VEC) after the restructuring of local governments in Nepal.
- Conducted various workshops for the formulation of five years' Rural Municipality Education Plan (RMEP).
- Collected household and school data for the making of School Improvement Plans.
- Conducted workshops on Schools' Improvement Plans to acquire School Improvement Plan updates of all 34 schools that are under Rural Municipality Education Committee (RMEC).
- A Ward Education Committee (WEC) each was formed in every eight wards of Paanchpokhari Thangpal RM.
- To ensure accurate and reliable data keeping and reporting, five schools of ward 'Langarche' and three of ward 'Bhanskharka' in Paanchpokhari Thangpal Rural Municipality were provided sets of computers and printers each, along with internet access.

Highlights of activities in 2017-18

- Visited 22 municipalities from all seven provinces of Nepal for intense interaction and selection.
- Out of the visited 22, eleven municipalities were selected for direct involvement in the project. The selected 11 municipalities are Amargadhi, Belbari, Bhimeshwor, Birendranagar, Damak, Dhankuta, Ghorahi, Kalaiya, Tansen, Tikapur, and Waling.
- Mayors, Deputy Mayors, Chief Administrative Officers and other municipal bureaucrats from selected 11 municipalities encompassing all seven provinces of Nepal were brought together for a round table discussion on identifying current urban governance issues.
- Produced the map of Nepal showcasing its local governments after the country was restructured with the establishment of the federal states. The map is probably the first of its kind to be produced.
- Facilitated Public Finance Management (PFM) workshops on developing revenue improvement plan at five municipalities namely Amargadhi, Birendranagar, Ghorahi, Bhimeshwor and Belbari.
- Printed Municipal Revenue Improvement Plans (MRIP) of five municipalities.
- Conducted trainings for enumerators and collected household and institutional data of all eleven municipalities.
- Published profiles of seven municipalities.





Ahead in 2018-19

Publication of RMEP

COMMITTED is gearing up to print five years' Rural Municipality Education Plan (RMEP) of Paanchpokhari Thangpal Rural Municipality in Sidhupalchowk district. RMEP consists of plans and strategies regarding the management of public schools, improving student enrollment, establishing catchment area, school infrastructures development including libraries, science labs and in general enhancing the learning environment within the public education system. The printed RMEP will be disseminated to the Rural Municipality Education Committee.

Municipal Profile Publication

Along with the household and institutional data collection, COMMITTED will be printing municipal profiles of remaining four municipalities. Profile publication is the major activity of first phase of our project 'Enhancement of Local Governments Service Delivery & Economic Governance (EnLoG-SDEG)'. The municipal profiles will help to identify gaps and address the municipality's needs in its overall sectors.

Commencement of Phase II of EnLoG-SDEG

The project EnLoG-SDEG will enter into its second phase which will comprise of activities like comprehensive planning process that includes focus group discussion in every wards of the eleven municipalities. The project's second phase will also include Municipal Revenue Improvement Plans in remaining municipalities.



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