

Capacity Development of New Municipalities (CD-Mun)

Nepal – German Development Cooperation

Background

Nepal's new constitution assigns a wide-range of powers and functions to local governments. Local level restructuring has determined 460 rural municipalities and 293 municipalities. Successfully held local elections have re-established mandated political leadership at the local level. With this legitimacy, local leadership's responsibility is to operate the local government and implement territorial reform.

Project components

1. National level coordination on capacity development measures

Key actors with nationwide responsibility for the implementation of municipal reforms are supported in their efforts. Capacities at the system level are strengthened for cross-sectoral cooperation and networking among key actors through expert and process consultation at national level coordination platforms consisting of relevant government ministries such as Ministry of Federal Affairs and General Administration (MoFAGA), Ministry of Urban Development (MoUD), Municipal Association of Nepal (MuAN), Town Development Fund (TDF), and Urban Development Training Centre (UDTC).

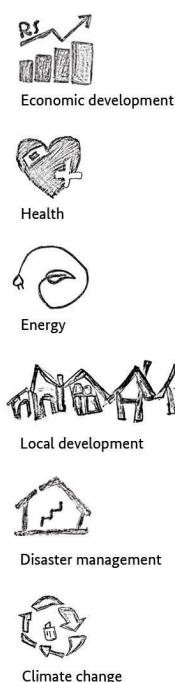
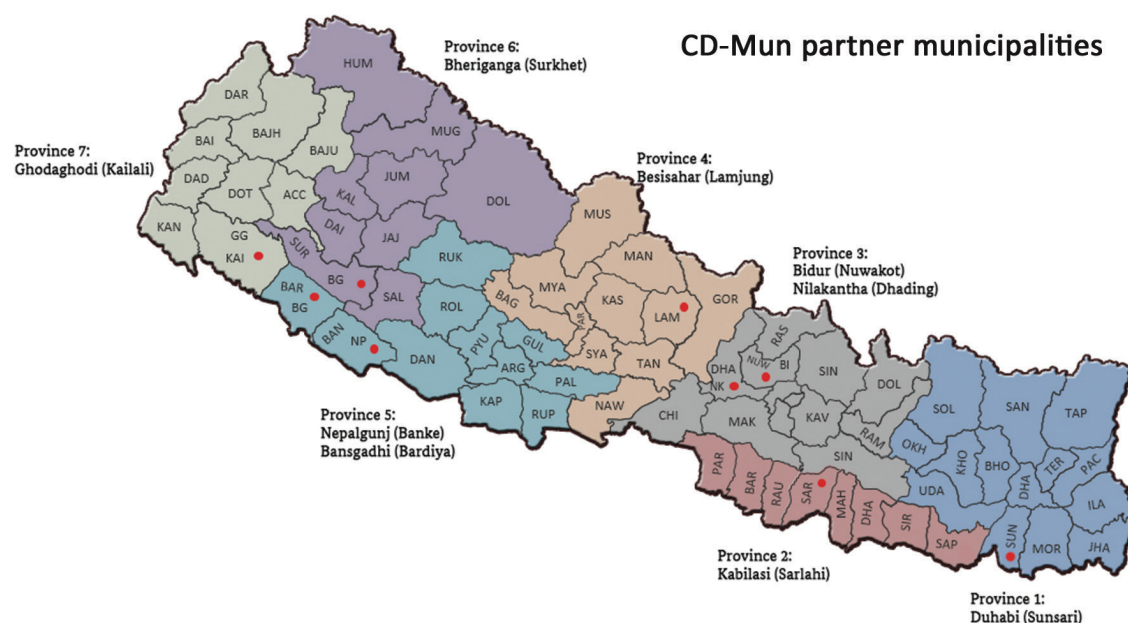


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2. Models for citizen and service oriented administrative structures

Adhering to the principle of "leave no one behind", municipalities are supported as they develop organizational structures that dispense basic services. Particular focus is on improving access, especially for women, poor and members of disadvantaged groups. As new functions are to be undertaken by local governments, personnel and organizational capacities of municipalities and change requirements are analyzed with partner municipalities in systematic exchange with local communities. Participatory audits, such as a social audit, identify disadvantaged groups and their needs. On this basis, new and innovative approaches for service delivery are designed and tested.

CD-Mun partner municipalities



3. Capacity development for improved municipal services

Municipalities are supported as they prepare and disseminate concepts for improvement of selected municipal services in priority areas of German Development Cooperation in Nepal such as health, renewable energy, economic development, and disaster management. Ensuring adequate citizen participation, needs are analyzed systematically and specific services in priority areas are selected for improvement. Service modules are shared between partners and surrounding municipalities through peer learning institutions for mutual learning. Municipal staff prepare relevant guidebooks that are made available nationwide.



Impacts

- Local government services were improved, especially for women, the poor and disadvantaged groups through the contribution of CD-Mun support measures.
- Based on information and evidence from the field, national level institutions designed policies and capacity development strategies.
- Innovative approaches for service delivery were designed and implemented by local governments.
- Partner municipalities were strengthened and they involved women and disadvantaged groups meaningfully in decision making processes.
- Partner municipalities were in a better position to increase their own source revenue, establish building permit processes, adopt inclusive planning processes and mobilize administrative staff in the field more effectively based on needs and competence.
- Municipal service delivery was improved in selected sectors and respective experiences were shared nationally in the form of service delivery guidebooks and models.

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