

Nepal has been going through a period of comprehensive political and administrative change. Following the adoption of a new constitution in 2015 and the first round of elections under the new system in 2017, a government was formed in February 2018. The new system is radically different. A previously centralized government is now decentralized - with funds, legislation, government institutions and administrative functions managed by the seven states and 753 local governments. The central government, now known as the federal government, is focused on oversight. This change has caused period of temporary disruption in Nepal, with government departments not yet adapted, and a lack of clarity on policy at all levels of government. However, Nepal is hopeful for improved stability in future.

Significant development challenges in Nepal include resolving the crisis of youth unemployment, reinvigorating the agricultural sector, and bringing development initiatives to the hard-to-reach areas of the country.



OUR PROGRAMMES

BRAC Nepal's Integrated Community Development Project continues smoothly. BRAC and the two implementing partners (FOWEP and NMES) have signed an agreement to extend the partnership until June 2019. The project continues to pilot a range of interventions in skills development, ELA, agriculture and livestock farming, and with small health component.

OUR TEAM



BRAC Nepal is a small team of **5** staff, of whom **3** are women and all are Nepali nationals

CURRENT GRANTS

PROGRAMME	PROJECT	DONOR	STARTING DATE	DURATION	BUDGET (USD IN MILLIONS)
ELA, Health, Agriculture and Livestock, Skills Development	Integrated Community Development Project (ICDP)	BRAC	July 2017	2 years	0.6
ELA, Skills Development	Empowering girls through lighting entrepreneurship	Philips Lighting Foundation (Signify)	September 2018	1.5 years	0.1

MONITORING HIGHLIGHTS

PROGRAMME/PROJECT	KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	ANNUAL TARGET 2018	ACHIEVEMENT (SEPTEMBER 2018)	% ACHIEVED
Health	Number of households visited by female community health volunteers (FCHV) in this month	500	515	103.0
Skills Development Project (SDP)	Number of youth who received skill development apprenticeship	39	18	46.1
	Number of youth who started self-employment after apprenticeship	29	11	37.9

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

After the successful completion of first phase of the programme in Namobuddha municipality, an external multidisciplinary team led by the Social Welfare Council completed the final evaluation of BRAC Nepal's Pilot Project – finding positive effects and recommending expansion of the programmes.

A positive development for the future of BRAC Nepal is DFAT's invitation to join a partnership to design their new Livelihoods Programme. BRAC Nepal with the support of BRAC UK are currently engaged in this design work, in partnership with Palladium and DFAT's Market Development Facility. An Investment Design Document will be submitted to DFAT Canberra by the end of November 2018. The total value of the proposed programme is AUD 25 million for five years, of which BRAC Nepal would take a substantial share.

CHALLENGES

- The federal restructuring process has led many donors to delay their funding until the structure and policies of the new government becomes clear – making fundraising more difficult.
- BRAC Nepal's registration as an international NGO prevents direct implementation. This necessitates implementation through local partners, which adds additional technical, monitoring, and management challenges.

PRIORITIES FOR 2019



- **Build country team:** Invest in personal and professional growth of team members with skills, trainings, and relevant support.
- **Partnerships:** Continue strengthening relationship with the two implementing partner NGOs and build capacity of partner NGO staff.
- **Accountability:** BRAC Nepal will have zero-tolerance on issues of child-abuse, violence against women, and corruption.
- **Fundraising:** Identify and explore new in-country funding opportunities