# 2022-23 nepal Development Program Progress ReportING

## Progress against COVID-19 development Response plan results indicators

### Health Security

| **Key Results Indicators** | **Progress/Result** |
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| Strengthened health systems including preparedness for health emergencies - evidence of technical and policy advice in health-related policies, guidelines, and procedures for target municipalities (Target: 4 policies/guidelines) | Technical support provided to eight municipalities to draft health policies related to registration, management and monitoring of health institutions, as well as on emergency health services. Training and advisory support were also provided on the implementation of the Minimum Initial Service Package in health facilities.  A total of eight health policies/guidelines were developed during the period of the COVID-19 Response Plan. |
| Infectious disease outbreak response – number of people reached through public health security related information and awareness efforts (Target: 53,700) | A total of 2.9 million people reached through DFAT funded public health messaging on COVID-19 via radio, social media, SMS messages, community public announcements and printed material. In addition, targeted COVID-19 related information sessions were held in schools and for women’s groups. |
| Number of new health supplies stored, delivered, and made accessible in a timely manner (target: 9,000 cubic metres and 900 metric tonnes) | In partnership with the World Food Program (WFP), DFAT supported the storage of 10,654 cubic metres of health supplies and delivered 5,679 cubic metres of medical supplies during the pandemic period (exceeding targets). This is in addition to supporting the construction of two mobile humanitarian staging areas for the prepositioning of relief items for emergencies. |
| Sexual and reproductive health – number of contraceptive kits made available through Australian support (Target: 33) | DFAT funded supported the distribution of 77 Inter-Agency Reproductive Health (IARH) kits (target: 33) in 50 referral hospitals across the country to ensure continuity of essential sexual and reproductive health services during the pandemic. The IARH kits included oral and injectable contraceptives that provided women with protection from unplanned pregnancies. |

### Stability

| **Key Results Indicators** | **Progress/Result** |
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| Improved governance – number of significant policy changes supported by Australia to strengthen sub-national governance in Nepal (Target: 7) | Technical support provided to draft over 30 pieces of legislation, including the Urban Solid Waste Management Bill, which aims to clarify the roles and responsibilities of the three tiers of government in managing solid waste – a key priority for local governments. |
| Number of elected women representatives report increased confidence in their leadership skills regarding pandemic/disaster response (Target: 70 per cent of women trained) | Leadership training provided to 1,083 elected women representatives, resulting in all women reporting increased confidence in their leadership skills in disaster preparedness and response. |
| Number of people receiving basic hand washing facilities in their households (Target: 40,000\*) | An estimated 40,690 people accessed basic handing washing facilities through DFAT funded support to local level water, sanitation, and hygiene coordination committees. |
| Food security – policy and technical advice on building capacity for food security. Examples: support to produce food security and nutrition surveillance monitoring reports | In partnership with WFP and the Government of Nepal, Australia funded a phone-based survey mobile Vulnerability Analysis and Mapping approach – to assess the impact of COVID-19 at the household level, which provided updated information on food security at the national and provincial levels on a quarterly basis. |

### Economic Recovery

| **Key Results Indicators** | **Progress/Result** |
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| Economic policy support – technical and policy advice provided on stimulus measures for longer-term economic recovery | DFAT funded policy support included the mid-term review of the Bagmati Province five-year periodic plan. The Review, endorsed by the Provincial Government, will inform the province's second five-year plan (2023/24 to 2027/28). |
| Economic empowerment – number of female entrepreneurs provided with financial and/or business development services (including microfinance) (Target: 7,200) | 38,540 women accessed financial/business development training through the DFAT funded Business Partnership Platform and the COVID-19 Emergency Response investments. In addition, 67 women brick producers were provided with training and support services to set up small scale enterprises. |
| Number of people with access to digital financial services (Target: 25,000) | 27,532 people accessed digital financial services, including 18,230 women, promoting financial inclusion in remote locations in Nepal during the pandemic period, where access to remittances, was important to meet basic needs. |

### Investment Performance ratings

| **Investment Details** | **Year** | **Effectiveness** | **Efficiency** | **Gender Equality** |
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| **Public Financial Management Multi-Donor Trust Fund Phase II** | 2023 IMR | 4 | 4 | 3 |
| Investment duration: 2016-26; Budget: $5.3m | 2022 IMR | 3 | 4 | 3 |
| **She Leads Nepal** | 2023 IMR | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| Investment duration: 2019-22; Budget: $3.8m | 2022 IMR | 5 | 5 | 4 |
| **Strengthening Humanitarian Preparedness in Nepal** | 2023 IMR | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Investment duration: 2018-24; Budget: $4.77m | 2022 IMR | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| **Subnational Governance Program for Nepal – Phase 2** | 2023 IMR | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Investment duration: 2020-27; Budget: $27m | 2022 IMR | n/a | n/a | n/a |

### Final Investment Performance ratings

| **Investment Details** | **Year** | **Effectiveness** | **Efficiency** | **Gender Equality** |
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| **COVID-19 Emergency Response for Nepal** | 2023 FIMR | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| Investment duration: 2021-23; Budget: $7.44m | 2022 IMR | 4 | 4 | 4 |

#### Definitions of rating scale:

Satisfactory (4, 5 and 6)

6 = Very good; satisfies criteria in all areas.   
5 = Good; satisfies criteria in almost all areas.  
4 = Adequate; on balance, satisfies criteria; does not fail in any major area.

Less than satisfactory (1, 2 and 3)

3 = Less than adequate; on balance does not satisfy criteria and/or fails in at least one major area.  
2 = Poor; does not satisfy criteria in major areas.  
1 = Very poor; does not satisfy criteria in many major area.