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Nepal, a new Constitution and Implications for Development Investment

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It is worth investing in integrated statistics for integrated analysis

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Slides

- Background: The Nepal Data Ecosystem
- Emerging Priorities:
 - National Statistics System
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The Nepal Data Ecosystem

- New constitution and federal structure - 2015
- Nepal's NSS officially centralised but in reality decentralized with top-down
- Central statistics sometimes considered not to reflect realities by local officials
- Provincial and local government are now data producers and users
- Provincial and local governments need data to develop policies, plans and budgets





Emerging Priorities: NSS strengthening

- The Constitution provides for a statistical office to be established in each province but these are not yet in place
- There needs to be clarity around the leadership and coordination roles of CBS across government
- In March 2019, a new NSDS was adopted, and a new Statistics Act has been drafted and progressing through Parliament
- Government have plans to address these issues and the UK will look to support implementation where possible



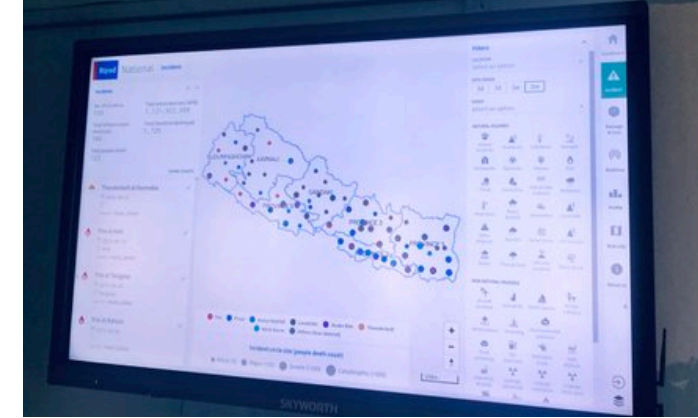
Emerging Priorities: Data Generation

- CBS are continuing their successful implementation of core statistical activities – including survey and census production
- Critical need for a LT production schedule for national surveys – esp. those supported by Development Partners
- Analysis reveals that at least 200 surveys conducted in Nepal since 2010: >75% funded by DPs.
- However, the majority (80%) of the survey data identified were not available for public access.
- For example there is an urgent need to update official data on poverty.



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Emerging Priorities: Data Use

- Respond to data needs of provincial and local governments
- Support short-term immediate data needs through access and use of existing statistics and data
- Skills development in data management, governance and use for policy making, planning and budgeting.
- Build capacity for data production, processing, analysis and use for evidence-based decision-making.





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Emerging Priorities: Open Data

- Already a strong open data community in Nepal, strengthening demand, supply and use of open data.
- Open data portals share open data on a wide range of issues including disability, hydropower, taxation and more.
- The demand for (open) data has grown in urban areas, however use remains limited.



- Data products are shared ad-hoc. DPs contribute to hundreds of surveys but few are available online.
- Need to develop a more open and transparent approach to data access and dissemination.

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DFID's Focus to now

- Since 2016 DFID have managed a programme of support through the Evidence for Development (E4D) programme.
- The first phase of E4D worked with:
 - World Bank – NSS and data generation
 - The Asia Foundation and Development Initiatives have worked with local partners - to grow demand, sharing and use of open development data.
 - UNDP worked with the Ministry of Finance on aid effectiveness.
- However the focus of all this work has been on supporting government and other organisations largely in Kathmandu



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DFID's Changed Focus

- Phase two of E4D is underway and has been designed to have a greater emphasis on developing the wider data ecosystem across all tiers of government across Nepal.
 - The World Bank – NSS, data generation and use
 - TAF and DI - continue to support development of the open data ecosystem. Also support LG data use
 - UNDP will support evidence-based policymaking and aid effectiveness.
 - UNFPA will support the 2021 Census – technical planning and logistics





Stakeholders

- The data ecosystem includes a number of other stakeholders all contributing to increased production, supply and use of data, including:
 - Private sector firms
 - Nonprofit organisations
 - Civil Society
 - Nepalese citizens
 - Development partners

