

Advocacy for Rights and Good Corporate Governance (UNNATI-Inclusive Growth Programme in Nepal)



AT A GLANCE

→ Partners

Ministry of Agricultural Development (MoAD), UN Capital Development Fund (UNCDF), International Finance Corporation (IFC), Nepal Business Forum (NBF), ORGUT, NATHAN, NIRAS, Workers' and Employers' Organizations and the media.

→ Duration

April 2015-December 2018

→ Target beneficiaries

Commodity associations, value-chain actors, business organizations, cooperatives, workers' and employers' organizations, service providers (consulting firms, Non-Governmental Organizations), line agencies and the media.

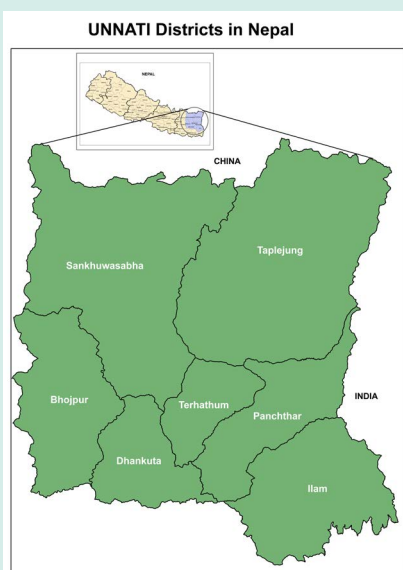
→ Donor

Government of Denmark



→ Geographical focus

Seven hilly districts of eastern Nepal:



- Dhankuta
- Tehrathum
- Sankhuwasabha
- Bhojpur
- Ilam
- Panchthar
- Taplejung

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

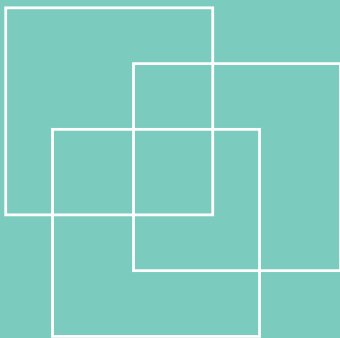
The overall objective of the UNNATI-Inclusive Growth Programme in Nepal is to promote sustainable and inclusive growth to reduce poverty and raise the living standards of the people.

This is a new initiative under the partnership between the Government of Denmark and the International Labour Organization (ILO) to promote responsible business practices, including efficient implementation of labour rights and good corporate governance. The project focuses on the four value chains, including orthodox tea, ginger, dairy and cardamom.

The Advocacy for Rights and Good Corporate Governance is a sub-component of UNNATI programme which contributes through an Advocacy Challenge Fund mechanism for disbursing funds through an efficient, fair and competitive process. The Fund awards grants to organizations to achieve these objectives:

- Building capacities for advocacy and dialogue,
- Promoting sustainability, and
- Promoting broad public awareness





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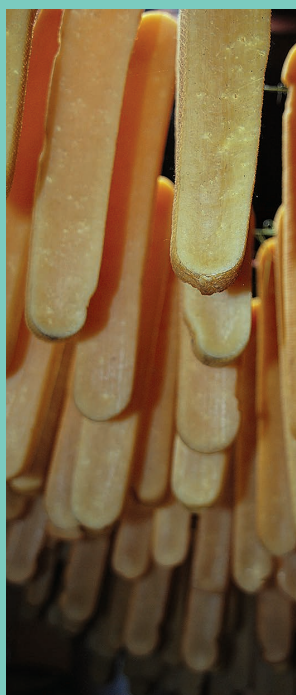
PROJECT OUTCOMES

Immediate Objective 1: To ensure effective and efficient operation and management of the Advocacy Challenge Fund.

Immediate Objective 2: To improve the capacities of private sector organizations for their active engagement in advocating interests of their members.

Immediate Objective 3: To enhance the capacity of private sector organizations to become technically, managerially and financially sustainable.

Immediate Objective 4: To raise public awareness on the importance of responsible business, including the rights and corporate governance.



MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS

- Established the Advocacy Challenge Fund (ACF) and website (www.advocacychallengefund.org) to support business associations, private sector organizations, NGOs, cooperatives, media and line agencies to conduct evidence-based advocacy and promote responsible business in four value chains.
 - Organized workshops to disseminate information on the processes of application and guided potential applicants to complete the concept note for ACF.
 - In response to the call for concept note in national newspaper for ACF, a total of 33 out of 80 concept notes were shortlisted. Independent assessment panel members have reviewed the proposals and recommended for further process.
 - Built the capacity of ILO constituents, value chain actors and the media on thematic areas, including Result-based Management (RBM), evidence-based advocacy, responsible business practices and business advocacy.
 - Provided technical assistance to the Ministry of Labour and Employment (MOLE), and employers' and workers' organizations on the National Employment Policy (now approved) and the new Labour Law (Bill).
 - Enhanced knowledge of ILO constituents, value chain actors, implementing agencies/NGOs and the media through a training on Multinational Enterprise Declaration and Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work to create a pool of advocates on socially responsible business practices.
 - A tripartite-plus dialogue identified key decent work issues and resulted in the establishment of the "Task Force on Quality Tea through Promoting Responsible and Sustainable Business Practices in the Tea Sector."
- (As of November 2016)

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