

PRESS RELEASE

The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain has agreed to provide a financial aid and technical co-operation of £15.2 million (equivalent to approximately Rs. 2.02 billion) to the Government of Nepal for the implementation of Family Planning Services for excluded and vulnerable groups. Memorandum of Understanding to this effect was signed and exchanged between the two governments at the Ministry of Finance, Kathmandu, today.

The outputs of this Project will be to increasing access to family planning services, especially for those women who are deprived from these services, and meeting increasing demand where the use of contraceptives is low, expanding the range of contraceptive methods available to excluded and vulnerable women and understanding determinants of non-use, market and supply chains, and to demonstrate the impact.

This additional support to family planning will complement the ongoing support that the British Government has been providing to the Government of Nepal's Health Sector Program. The project will be implemented within a period of four years from September 2013 to October 2017, and it will be implemented in 12 districts - Teharthur, Bhojpur, Udaypur, Ramechhap, Parbat, Arghakhanchi, Rukum, Kalikot, Jajarkot, Bajhang, Achham and Doti. In these districts the project will focus on those women and young girls who are poor, uneducated, socially excluded and living in the remote areas. Both Department of Health Services and Department for International Development (DFID) will be the implementing agencies for the project on behalf of the Government of Nepal and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain, respectively.

The Memorandum of Understanding was signed by Mr. Madhu Kumar Marasini, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Finance, and Mr. Dominic O'Neill, Head of DFID to Nepal on behalf of their respective Governments.

The Government of Nepal has expressed its sincere appreciation to the people and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain for this financial aid and technical co-operation, and also for their continued support in the socio-economic development of Nepal.

Ministry of Finance
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