**BACKGROUND**

Nepal is the least developed country with a GDP per capita income of $1071 (The World Bank, 2019). COVID 19 has created a more adverse effect on economics and has impacted more adversely on women. The country is ranked 106th out of 156 countries in terms of the Gender Gap Index (World Economic Forum, 2021). There is also inequality in terms of accessing education as the male literacy rate is 79% and the female literacy rate is 60% (The World Bank, 2018). Unfortunately, the country is ranked as the fourth adversely impacted country considering climate change vulnerability (UNDP Nepal, 2020).

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) provide a strategic development framework and it strongly believes in inter-connectedness and inter-dependence of these goals. The 15th Plan (2019–2023) is also anchored on a vision to graduate the country from the least developed country to a middle-income country by 2030 that can be done with the alignment with SG achievements and localisation of SDGs cannot be undermined (National Planning Commission, 2020).

Leaving no one behind (LNOB) has been a central overarching concern of the 2030 sustainable development agenda. The LNOB consortium in Nepal is a civil society platform that includes different national and international CSOs with a strong commitment to strengthening the capacities of civil society organisations (CSOs) in Nepal around inclusive data and evidence generation.

**PROJECT CONTEXT**

In the context of pre-dominance of inequality, the Leave No One Behind (LNOB) Partnership has emerged as a synergised option to reduce these gaps of unequal power relationships in development politics. Community-led monitoring has been an effective tool for empowering marginalised communities to hold duty bearers to account.

The LNOB Partnership is adopting methodologies of community-led monitoring (CLM) process, that allows citizens to take control of their own evidence and information and use it to exert influence over institutions that affect their lives.

LNOB Nepal consortium’s initiative on SDG monitoring adopting Community Score Card (CSC) focusing specific indicators under SDG goals 4, 5, 10, 13, 16, and 17 considering dire needs on improving progress on these goals.

**FACT SHEET**

**LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND**

Making Voices Heard and Count in Nepal: Youth-led SDG Monitoring

**INITIATIVE IN BRIEF**

**SDGs/indicators**

SDGs 4, 5, 10, 13, 16 and 17

**Primary Actors**

6,000 marginalised community members

**Data generation methodologies**

Intersectionalities based on caste, gender, and disability under marginalised communities.

**Geography**

Community Scorecard and Multi-Stakeholder Dialogues

**Consortium Members:**

Four municipalities in two provinces (Karnali and Madhes Province)

**Our Collaborators**

ActionAid Nepal
ADRA Nepal
Beyond Beijing Committee
CARE Nepal
CBM Nepal
Islamic Relief Nepal
National Federation of the Disabled – Nepal (NFDN)
Plan Nepal
VSO Nepal
World Vision Nepal
WWF Nepal

**WHAT IS LNOB?**

Civil society platforms comprising of national and international CSOs

Empowerment of community

Multistakeholder engagement

Strengthen capacities of civil society organisations (CSOs) in Nepal

Engagement of duty bearer and community

Generate inclusive data and evidence generation.

**OBJECTIVES**

- To strengthen capacities of civil society organisations (CSOs) in Nepal around inclusive data and evidence generation.
- To influence government stakeholders for increased responsiveness on citizen engagement in SDG monitoring.

**DELIVERABLES**

- Scope identification and survey development and design the LNOB advocacy strategy.
- Capacity development workshops for local youth groups and volunteers and Focus Group Discussions (FGDs) with representatives of most-marginalised communities.
- Multi-stakeholder dialogues and provincial-level sharing.
- Sharing the findings at the national and international level.

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**WHAT IT DOES?**

Use of Community Score Card tool for data collection

Evidence based Advocacy

Engagement with right holders and duty bearer

Sharing of data and finding at the relevant spaces

Dialogue in provincial and national level forum

Policy recommendation

**CONSORTIUM Members**

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By monitoring public policy and services, citizens can tell their own stories, from their own perspectives, about how they experience service provision and the impact it has on their functioning and life chances. It provides accessible tools that allow citizens to reflect on and analyse their own realities but support them to go further to demand rights and accountability from the state, service providers, and other powerful actors in society.

Community-led monitoring, therefore, is a demand-driven process where citizens track and monitor aspects of state and institutional performance and use that evidence to claim rights and demand change.

The initiative has trained youth from marginalized groups on community-generated data approaches and tools like community scorecards and interface meetings to collect data from communities. Based on the data, a report thus developed will serve as a tool to influence the policy and practices at various levels.
Community-Led Monitoring on SDG indicators using Community Score Cards Process

IDENTIFICATION AND CAPACITY BUILDING OF FACILITATOR
Preparatory Activities
Training and Coordination
Community Dialogue and Interaction
Orientation, Interaction, and dialogue on SDGs
Interface dialogue between community and duty bearers
Multi stakeholder dialogues and sharing

IDENTIFICATION OF PARTICIPANTS FOR THE COMMUNITY dialogues and interface meetings
Prepare score card matrix and consultations with people and duty bearers
Workshops, field visits, planning, input tracking
Capacity Building of youth groups on SDG and monitoring tools
Self-Evaluation by Community
Community Score Cards
Self-Evaluation by Service Provider
Community Score Cards
Consolidation of Scores
Action Plan Design
Analysis and Advocacy
Dissemination of policy changes

INTERSECTIONALITIES
Dalit, women, and people with disability are three main groups which are marginalised in many ways. Data of this group are reviewed in all SDG goals that this project aims to focus on. Through this project, it aims to reach 50% women, 3% of people with and 15% Dalit out of total six thousand direct people reached.

It has been evidenced that the interaction of multiple factors, such as disability, age, gender, caste, economic class can create multiple layers of discriminations. Therefore, the Intersectionalities of these youth will be considered while engaging them as change agents for SDG monitoring.

MAJOR INTERVENTIONS
Community Score Card for data collection
Sharing data and finding at the relevant spaces
Dialogues in Provincial and Federal Policy Forums
Policy recommendation
Provide voice to community

DESIRED OUTCOMES
1. Enhance capacities of national CSOs and local civil society for a meaningful engagement in an evidence-driven SDG monitoring, review and implementation.
2. Strengthen existing participatory spaces and feedback mechanisms that give voice and agency to marginalised communities.
3. Close knowledge gaps on drivers of marginalisation via community-driven data generation.
4. Influence the revision and/or generation of meaningful policies and services to address the situation of marginalised groups.
5. Foster an enabling political environment towards a more evidence-driven, inclusive, and participatory SDG implementation, based on the increased recognition and use of community-driven data.

REFLECTIONS
Marginalised community and duty bearers in a common platform to discuss status, community expectation and challenges of service providers
A safe place for oppressed people to express themselves and helped to break hierarchies to some extent.
Helped to understand the importance of SDG and their roles in achieving the SDG goals – localisation of SDGs.

FINDINGS
Average Scoring of 47 indicators from 2 municipalities

LNOB IN NEPAL

Nepal’s second VNR
2020 - Nepal Citizen’s Report 2020 - VNR

Voices Heard and Count
SDG Monitoring + broader engagement

Community Score Card