

OPM Nepal

In summary



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Our *In summary* publications aim to give an introduction to a key area of our expertise and the capabilities we offer in supporting governments, funders, practitioners, and partners in achieving lasting, positive change through policy reform.

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About OPM Nepal

We have been working in Nepal for nearly two decades, supporting development efforts across the policy cycle and across different sectors. We work with the Nepalese Government, international donors, and regional and local agencies, analysing public policy, evaluating programmes, and providing technical assistance.

Our work in Nepal focuses on:

- strengthening the use of data for formulating, monitoring, and evaluating policies and programmes and enhancing accountability;
- providing technical assistance, capacity building, and training across different sectors;
- developing effective and accountable public financial management systems; and
- conducting macroeconomic policy analyses and reviewing private and financial sector policies and programmes.

Our in-house team of public policy practitioners works closely with experts from our sectoral teams and specialists from around the world.



Areas we work in

Climate change and disaster risk

We promote climate resilient development in Nepal, as well as south Asia as a whole. We combine analytical rigour and practical expertise with innovative research techniques and understanding of decision making and policy processes to deliver the best possible work, ensuring durable and sustainable growth and development with respect to climate change.

We are leading the **Policy and Institutions Facility**, a DFID-funded programme, aiming to strengthen Nepal's policy and institutional framework for disaster resilience and climate change. The programme aims to address key constraints to Nepal's disaster risk and climate change policy to scale up the response to climate shocks and improve the resilience to climate disasters in the country.



Health

We provide technical assistance in health financing, capacity building, and public financial management. We support the development of annual work plans and budgets to improve budget and expenditure tracking, develop financial monitoring reports, and analyse business plans. We also help develop consolidated annual procurement plans, and monitor and evaluate national health programmes.

As part of the **Nepal Health Sector Support Programme**, we helped to scale up capacity in health financing in the Ministry of Health and Population and Department of Health Services, supporting the monitoring and evaluation of demand side financing and development of a health financing strategy.



Macroeconomic, financial, and private sector development

We help design and implement sustainable solutions, based on rigorous analyses. Our experience suggests that by combining the understanding of the political context with technical solutions, we achieve the most successful development interventions.

Using political economy analysis, we analyse the political incentives and institutional factors, shaping the economic environment, to identify feasible policy options to support inclusive growth.

Governance and social protection

We provide technical support to federal budgeting and planning reforms and have undertaken engagements to assess and advise on the reforms required to improve capacity. Working directly with sub-national governments, we have helped them to overcome challenges arising from the upscaling of projects from regional to federal level.

The DFID-funded **Karnali Employment Programme** is a social safety net programme, supplementing the livelihoods of the poorest and most vulnerable communities during lean seasons, when they are most affected by external shocks. We are providing technical assistance to the programme, supporting the Government of Nepal in developing, testing, and implementing new approaches to employment-led poverty reduction.



Monitoring, evaluation, and learning

We have extensive experience in designing and implementing monitoring and evaluation systems with a strong focus on learning for government and donor programmes across sectors. Our systems are designed to provide the most useful information that effectively feeds back into programme management and reporting processes.

We have been managing the monitoring and evaluation component of the DFID-funded **Community Development Programme**, a non-state-led service delivery component of the Local Governance and Community Development Programme being implemented by the Ministry of Federal Affairs and Local Development Nepal. Within the programme, we have conducted operational reviews and household surveys, and established a management information system to monitor ongoing project activities.

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