

## Local Roads Improvement Programme (LRIP)

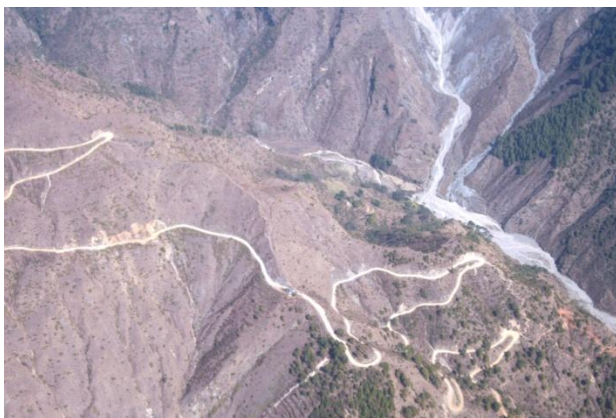
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There is a positive correlation between poverty and poor road accessibility. Therefore, better road accessibility to remote place is one of the ways to uplift poverty in those areas.

In order to increase the mobility, SDC initiated Local Roads Improvement Programme (LRIP). LRIP is 12 year program which focuses on rehabilitating, upgrading and maintaining rural roads using labour based, environmentally friendly and participatory (LEP) ways in four districts of Nepal. The programme also targets disadvantaged groups (DAGs) by providing short and long term employment opportunities through the road works.



After the conceptualization of programme in June 2012, a preliminary consultative workshop was organized by SDC. Following the initial workshop and preparation of draft programme document for Phase I out of four phases, Deego was assigned to organize and conduct a workshop comprising relevant stakeholders including GoN and DPs to finalize and prepare the programme document.

In undertaking the assignment, Deego, through consultative process, further refined the draft Programme Document and prepared a final one for this key rural transport infrastructure investment programme of the Government of Switzerland. Furthermore, Deego presented findings of the recently organized evaluation study for the DRSP programme, providing feedback on various lessons learnt from DRSP which could be useful in the design of LRIP. During the workshop, the approach and modality of the programme, budgetary allocation, social safeguards and technical aspect of LRIP were also discussed.