

## ASSESSMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME (PWP) IN KARNALI REGION

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**Project Area:** All districts of Karnali region

Public works programmes (PWP) are social protection instruments used in country-specific circumstances with dual objectives of providing temporary employment and generating and/or maintaining some labour-intensive infrastructural projects and social services.<sup>1</sup> In Karnali region, PWP have become one of the primary instruments to fight poverty and address temporary work shortages by providing poor and vulnerable households with a source of income through temporary employment projects. One such programme, implemented by the Government of Nepal, is Karnali Employment Programme (KEP).

KEP is an initiative with an overarching objective of providing a short-term employment of 100 days to targeted citizens of Karnali districts. However, KEP is not the only PWP in the region. A range of new (e.g. RAP) and continuous programmes (such as RCIW and DRILP) sharing the KEP modalities and objectives to a certain extent are operational in the region. Together, there is significant scope for PWP to work together to achieve the overall goal of providing a minimum of 100 days of employment to deserving poor and vulnerable households of Karnali region.



Given this context, Deego Pvt Ltd has been assigned to carry out an assessment of PW programmes implemented by various NGO's and INGO's along with KEP that share implementation modalities and overall objectives of providing social safety net to the most vulnerable citizens of Karnali region.

The specific purpose of the assignment is to assess, coordinate and harmonize various PWP's working in the two districts of the region (Jumla and Kalikot) to develop single system delivery mechanism to accomplish KEP objectives.

In undertaking this assignment, Deego team has been undertaking four analytical tasks: (i) comparative performance assessment of major public works programs in the Karnali region; (ii) complementary analysis based on mapping of PWP-based data (activities, inputs, outputs and outcomes); (iii) implementation guidelines harmonization, and (iv) KEP-TA Management Information System (MIS) strengthening. In doing so, the team has been using the following information collection approaches and tools

- a. secondary information collection and review
- b. primary information collection: Key Informant Interview (KII), stakeholder coordination, field visits, field observations.

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<sup>1</sup> Public Works as a Safety Net: Design Evidence and Implementation, The World Bank