

## NEPAL HEALTH SECTOR SUPPORT PROGRAMME (NHSSP) (MAR 2017 - DEC 2022)

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HERD International, as a consortium partner for Nepal Health Sector Support Programme (NHSSP), managed and extended technical support to the Ministry of Health and Population (MoHP) in Nepal. This programme was designed as an embedded Technical Assistance to the Government of Nepal for the implementation of the Nepal Health Sector Strategy (NHSS) 2016-2022 and was spread across all seven provinces. The technical support in these areas was provided by a multidisciplinary team across federal, provincial and local levels The main component of the programme was for enhancing the capacity of the MoHP to develop policy and legal framework, strengthening service delivery, evidence-based planning and gender and social inclusion. The Programme was implemented in the context of the Post-Earthquake and passed through the federalization process and COVID-19 Pandemic. Hence, support for the MoHP was tailored considering the evolving context and priority areas. Within the scope of the Programme, HERD International also engaged with multiple development partners and stakeholders within and beyond the health sector under the framework of Sector Wide Approach. Besides technical assistance in strategic areas, various study reports and knowledge products were also produced to support evidence-informed policy and planning processes.

## AREAS OF ENGAGEMENT

- Leadership and Governance mainly focus on the development of policy and legal framework.
- Expansion of service coverage with a greater focus on the quality of care
- Generation and Use of Evidence for Decision Making
- Promoting Gender Equity and Social Inclusion in the Health Sector
- Strengthening health infrastructure towards

Technical support was provided across the federal, province and local levels through a multidisciplinary team adopting an embedded approach

- Stocktaking of the health sector policies of Nepal and development of policies, strategies and legal framework.
- Analysis of the health sector functions of all three levels of government and policy support
- Framework for improved management of health information in the context of federal governance structures in Nepal
- Strengthening planning and budgeting at national and sub-national level
- Standard design of 300-bedded infectious disease hospital and 50-bedded infectious disease department
- Retrofitting of selected public hospitals which were heavily damaged by the 2015 earthquake
- Analysis of the equity gaps in health service utilization for selected services, highlighting the challenges faced by marginalized and vulnerable populations.

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