

Canada Fund for Local Initiatives (CFLI)-Nepal

Annual Strategy for FY 2011-2012

The Canada Fund has been established in Nepal, since 1987. The CFLI is a responsive mechanism which supports specific local needs using community-based approach, and organizes around community-based organizations (CBOs) to implement and sustain local initiatives access to other resources for secured livelihoods and participate in local governance processes. The purpose of the Canada Fund (CFLI) is to address Canada's six Official Development Assistance (ODA) priorities: Basic Human Needs, Gender Equality, Infrastructure Services, Human Rights, Democracy/ Good Governance, the Private Sector and the Environment. The CFLI broadly supports CIDA Nepal Program Strategy – to contribute to sustainable economic growth through community development. It can support humanitarian needs on one off basis as per the needs of the community.

The CFLI adapts to work in conflict and post-conflict environments, by approving those projects activities 'owned' by community users' groups which will exhibit a high level of transparency by using local staffs which will directly benefit the community. Nepal's current political transition and post-conflict environment have created more opportunities to support needy communities to participate in their own self-sustaining development process.

The CCO will ensure that the proponents have carried out risk assessments of the projects and propose mitigation measures for medium to high risk projects. The CCO will carefully monitor the mitigation strategy during the monitoring of the CFLI sub-projects.

Geographic location

The CFLI will be responsive to the needy areas based on Nepal's Human Development Indicators. The CFLI will carefully select sub-projects without limiting the regions and adopt affirmative action to support the needy communities in Nepal.

Thematic areas

The CFLI will focus mainly on two themes;

- **Basic Human Needs/Community Infrastructure** supporting primary health care, basic education, water and sanitation and deliver environmentally sound infrastructure services, with an emphasis on assisting poorer groups on building their capacity.
- **Human Rights/Good Governance/Democratic Development** supporting HR education, good governance principles and practices, and public hearing/democratic transition.

Cross cutting priorities

The CFLI will make gender and social inclusion, environment and governance as cross cutting priorities. The sub-projects will take pro-active initiatives to positively affect these issues.

CFLI Administration/management

The primary responsible person to deal on receiving proposals, preparing agreements and drafting the annual report is the "Project Coordinator" hired by the Canadian Cooperation Office (CCO) or Program Support Unit (PSU) of Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) in Nepal. The Project Coordinator provides day to day administration of the Canada Fund for Local Initiatives (CFLI). The Coordinator reports to the CIDA Manager via the CCO Director. The CFLI/Nepal is a cost effective mechanism with the operational cost of 15% as per the Canada Fund operational guidelines.

Strategic Results Framework

Goal

To improve the quality of life of the people in Nepal in a sustainable manner.

Purpose

- i) To address basic human needs; develop socio-economic infrastructures in the project areas;
- ii) To promote gender equality, human rights, and democracy and good governance

Expected Results

Impact

Enhanced quality of life of the people in Nepal through improved education, health, socio-economic status and their participation in making decisions.

Outcomes

- 1 Strengthened ability and capacity of local communities and community based organizations (caste, class, gender, and ethnicity) in partnership with the local government to plan, implement, and manage sustainable development projects through the process of devolution.
- 2 Improved access to basic human needs with rights based focus on community education, health, socio-economic status, and rural infrastructure, integrating gender, environment, and natural resources management in the project areas.
- 3 Increased leadership among women and underprivileged groups (caste, class, ethnicity) to promote gender and social equality at the community level.
4. Enhanced strategy with the CIDA bilateral initiatives.

Outputs

- 1.1 Increased knowledge and skills of local communities and community based organizations in planning, implementation, networking, coordination, and managing sustainable development projects within the framework of devolution.
- 2.1 Increased access to specific basic human needs, socio-economic services, and rural infrastructures by integrating gender and social inclusion, environment, and local governance in the project areas.
- 3.1 Increased and strengthened involvement of women's and underprivileged groups (caste, class, and ethnicity) in planning, implementation and decision making in community development projects.
- 4.1 Strengthened CIDA local and bilateral initiatives by providing flexibility, building partnerships, and responding to new and innovative opportunities.