

The Australian Government - The Asia Foundation Partnership in Nepal aims to promote an enabling environment for the development of strong, effective, and inclusive subnational governance in the country. Listed below is analytical work undertaken by the Partnership, as of 28 February 2018.

Analytical Work	Work Description	Completion Date			
Election Observation	Election Observation Reports and Analysis Updates on Electoral Violence				
Election observation reports from local, provincial, and federal elections	Election observation reports from three phases of local elections in which 3,975 short-term election observers, 142 long-term observers, and 55 eminent observers were deployed.	Completed November 2017			
	Election observation reports from provincial and national elections in which 287 short-term election observers, 15 long-term observers, 50 eminent observers, and 5 international observers will be deployed.	Completed February 2018			
Analysis updates on electoral violence	Analysis updates on electoral violence in each election cycle. Relevant reports can be found at <u>http://democracyresource.org/political-violence-monitoring/</u> .	Periodic updates throughout electoral cycles up to March 2018			
Draft Bills					
Draft bill on business procedures for rural municipalities and municipalities	Draft bill on business procedures or parliamentary procedures for rural municipalities and municipalities serving as a blueprint for legislation at the subnational level.	Completed November 2017			
Needs Assessment Study Report					
A needs assessment study report to strengthen women representatives of local governments	A study identifying skills, capacity, and operational knowledge of newly-elected women representatives to guide curriculum development for necessary trainings and skill development activities.	March 2018			

Note: The list is not exhaustive and excludes activities under development.

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Municipal Profiles		
Municipal Profiles	22 basic municipal profiles capturing the status of public service delivery for certain devolved sectors at the municipal level.	Completed December 2017
	11 comprehensive municipal profiles serving as a needs assessment to inform the planning and budgeting of services.	June 2018
Economic Outlook Re	eport	
Economic Outlook Report on growth sectors and factors affecting growth at the sub-national level	An Economic Outlook Report providing a snapshot of a municipality's economy and identifying its growth sectors, while also highlighting factors favoring and/or deterring growth, and recommending policy and/or procedural reform agenda to improve business environment at the local level.	To be determined
Study of Subnational	Governance	1
Diagnostic Study of Subnational Governance in Federal Nepal	The report outlines a number of critical questions regarding the framework for local governance, assesses the current situation in view of these questions, and defines a set of indicators to track in the unfolding transition to the new governance structure over the coming years.	March 2018
Political Economy An	alyses	
Political economy analysis of post- earthquake reconstruction	Political economy analysis on private and civil society actors, institutions, the opportunities and constraints that they face, as well as the existing and potential roles for local government, in post- earthquake reconstruction.	April 2018
Political economy analysis of local government	Political economy analysis on the opportunities and challenges for local governments in institutionalizing norms and values of social inclusion, national integration, state restructuring, and power devolution.	April 2018
Political economy analysis of conservation in Nepal	Conduct political economy of biodiversity conservation and natural resource management in Nepal by weighing in the risks, opportunities,	May 2018

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	and challenges presented and posed by the federal structure.	
Political economy analysis of education governance	Political economy analysis on the capacity of local governments in terms of their functions and available resources.	May 2018
Political economy analysis of health governance	Political economy analysis on the capacity of local governments in terms of their functions and available resources.	June 2018
Accountability Frame	ework	
Accountability framework for local government and elected officials	Accountability framework capturing accountability with respect to fairness and equity, finance and transparency, and performance and results.	April 2018
Surveys		
Survey of the Nepali people	Annual survey report providing data on public perceptions of Nepalis that can be disaggregated to local governments level.	March 2018
Companion Volume	I	
Reflections on survey of the Nepali people	A periodic companion volume to the annual survey that explores federalism and subnational governance issues in more depth.	June 2018
Report on Corruption	n and Impunity	
Study on Corruption and Impunity in Nepal	Fifth report in the series of studies documenting impunity in Nepal published by The Asia Foundation which will build on prior reports to study and reveal the underlying structural elements underpinning corruption and impunity in Nepal.	April 2018
Investigative Journal		
Media scrutiny for local governance	Series of investigative stories produced by monitoring and tracking the performances of newly elected leaders to contribute to a broader comprehensive program of capacity development for governance and service delivery by subnational governments.	One publication in every two months up to October 2018

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	Follow-up stories to the investigative stories.	Bimonthly publications up to October 2018			
Policy Work	Policy Work				
Model Laws	Model laws on health, education, infrastructure regulation, and organizational management to strengthen legislative capacity of rural municipalities.	March 2018			
Policy Recommendation on restructuring Nepal Police	Comprehensive policy guidelines for law and order agencies to establish functional links across federal, provincial, and local governments.	June 2018			
Sectoral Study					
Financial Accountability of Political Parties in Nepal	Research study to measure the extent and magnitude of financial accountability of political parties in Nepal contesting in the provincial and federal elections.	Final draft received February 2018			
Study on the impact of federalism on Labor Migration Governance	Research study to understand the structure, functions, and rights and responsibilities of the federal, provincial, and local governments for an efficient labor migration management that effectively governs the sector; and protects and promotes the rights of migrants and their families.	April 2018			
Policy Brief					
Constitutional status of local governments in Nepal	The policy brief will discuss the constitutional status of local governments in Nepal. It will also include the extant constraints and threats to implementation of the federal provisions.	March 2018			