

## Municipalities Selected for Municipal Profiling and Planning

Within the Australian Government-The Asia Foundation Partnership, Community Members Interested (COMMITTED) is profiling emblematic municipalities to capture the status of public service delivery for devolved sectors. This will help define and establish a tested planning and development process that will enable a long-term vision and objective to address urban service delivery challenges through innovative approaches.

As of mid-November 2017, COMMITTED has completed the municipal visits to screen the initial list of 22 municipalities, and finalized a shortlist of 11 municipalities. The shortlisting was conducted using a quantitative ranking based on multiple criteria which include scores for pro-activeness, efforts to address Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) concerns in their respective municipalities, ease of access to information on municipal finance, census reports, intergovernmental coordination, and presence of other donor agencies and development partners. The quantitative ranking was then compared to qualitative rankings based on the team's observations that looked not only at pro-activeness but the political economic dynamics that informed relationships and behaviors of municipal actors.

The list of 11 municipalities is provided below.

No.	Municipality	Province
1	Damak	1
2	Dhankuta	
3	Belbari	
4	Kalaiya	2
5	Bhimeshwor	3
6	Waling	4
7	Tansen	5
8	Ghorahi	
9	Birendranagar	6
10	Amargadhi	
11	Tikapur	7

COMMITTED will partner with these municipalities to develop extensive municipal profiles informed by key sectoral statistics that will serve as a baseline. To kick off this partnership, a two-day Municipalities Round Table Discussion will be organized on 18-19 December 2017 bringing together Mayors, Deputy Mayors, and Chief Administrative Officers from the 11 municipalities. The outputs of the round table will be documented through a policy brief or issue paper, and disseminated at various fora.