



VIDEH FOUNDATION

DEVELOPMENT

ACCOUNTABLE

INCLUSIVE

SUSTAINABLE

CONSCIOUS FEDERAL LEADERSHIP



FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT

LOCAL GOVERNMENT



ABOUT US

Videh Foundation initiated its journey back in 2007 through the empowerment of marginalized communities- especially women via series of advocacy trainings, workshops, knowledge sharing sessions, IEC campaigns and researches both at central and local level. As then, the country was all set to have Constituent Assembly (CA) election and making federal Constitution **the Foundation capacitated thousands of women and marginalized ones on state restructuring, federalism, local governance and accountability.**

MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRPERSON



It's been a great privilege to serve as a chairperson of this Foundation dedicated for equality, accountability and empowerment of all. The organization since its inception has worked for the empowerment of women and marginalized ones and moreover ensuring their voices during the phase of Constitution making process in Nepal [2008-2013].

My two-decade long journey as a legal and development practitioner have made me realize that ensuring Gender Equality and Social Inclusion [GESI] is the most holistic approach to bring social harmony and building mutual accountability. With my long engagement and multi-sectoral experiences, I believe political will and commitment is equally important to balance supply side of the state and demand side of the people.

Fortunately, I could be the part of the Constituent Assembly II [2013-2015] and contribute in the Constitution drafting process. We were able to make the most inclusive Constitution of Nepal.

Also, I got the opportunity of working as a chair of the Parliamentary Committee on Women, Children, Senior Citizens and Social Welfare during 2014-2017. In my tenure I with my Committee was able to make 14 new laws vis-à-vis Education, Health, Youth, Senior citizens, Women Empowerment and Social Welfare with deeper reflections of GESI.

According to the new federal Constitution of Nepal, local government has much stronger authorities to exercise with wide set of jurisdiction of decision making. 22 different rights fall under the scope of local government, for which it is autonomous to make decisions.

Hence, it is now evident that, stronger local government can turn into the real change-maker and transform our societies/communities accountable through effective service delivery mechanism.

Videh shall now be revitalizing its efforts to make local governance more GESI responsive and building conscious federal leadership. I will be coordinating more with the state as well as non-state actors to support these noble initiatives.

Ranju Thakur

“Time to **Reactivate** and **Revitalize** the Efforts”

OUR CORE VALUES



JUSTICE

We believe social justice is the underpinning factor for holistic justice and harmony. Equity within the distribution of and access to resources can promote justice among people.



ETHICS

Ethics should be enshrined and pragmatically reflected in all public service delivery systems. It is the foundational start to balance the demand side of the people and supply side of the state.



OPPORTUNITY

Opportunity to empower should be accessible to everyone and must be need-based. Linking to the opportunity and strengthening the capacity to reap the benefits of opportunity is our focus.



RIGHTS

Right over a particular domain naturally creates some degree of duty. Vidhān envisions right and duty as two sides of the accountability equilibrium.

OUR CORE AREAS OF FOCUS

Strengthening Education and School Governance

Political Empowerment of Women

Building Accountable Local Government



QUALITY
EDUCATION



GENDER
EQUALITY



REDUCED
INEQUALITIES



PEACE, JUSTICE
AND STRONG
INSTITUTIONS

WHAT WE HAVE ACHIEVED? [2008-2014]



- As one of our flagship achievements, we implemented CoCAS (Coalition for Constituent Assembly Support) Project [2008-2010] in collaboration with The Asia Foundation, whereby the excluded groups [women and Dalit] of 120 VDCs of 6 districts [falls in Province 2 Now] were empowered and made able to put their voices and concerns to be included in the new constitution, when the first CA was still active.
- We successfully accomplished a nationwide Consortium Project- Gender Responsive Electoral Process in Nepal supported by UN WOMEN during Constituent Assembly- II Election [2013]. The Foundation had implemented the project in the 16 districts of Eastern Development Region [previous structure]. We developed Master Trainers in each district on Gender Responsive election, governance and institutions, who later launched trainings and IEC campaigns in all the constituencies.
- The Foundation had launched more than 10 initiatives in cooperation with Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation [2008-2013] on strengthening local governance through political empowerment of women. One of the major highlights of these initiatives was the **Federal Study Tours** to State of Bihar - India, whereby CA members and local leaders could visualize the successful models of good governance, women empowerment and infrastructure development under Nitish Kumar led government.

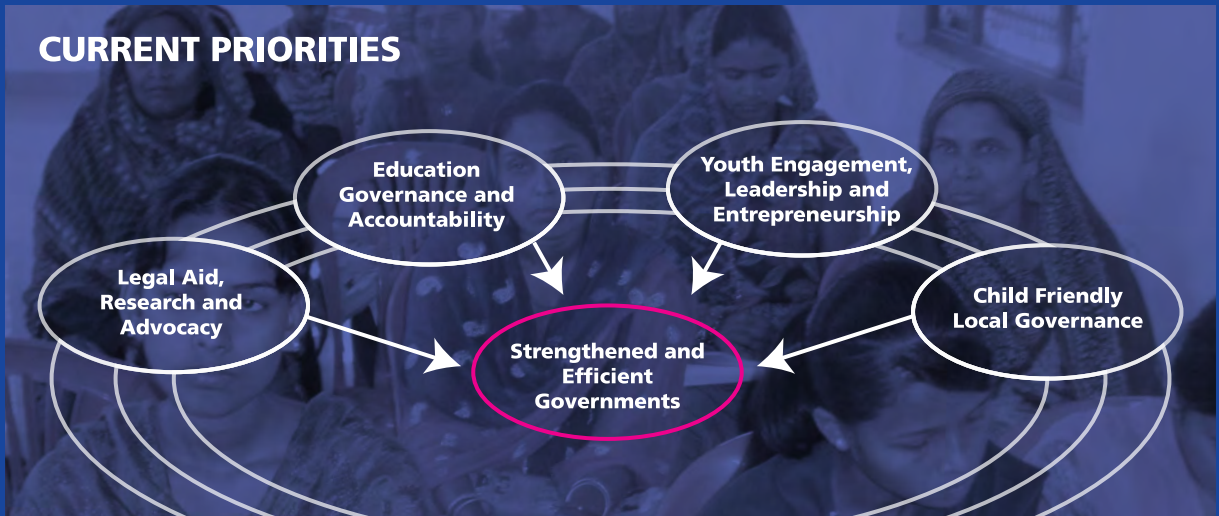


"Stronger Local Government can be the cornerstone for Stronger Federal Institutions"

COLLABORATION WITH GOVERNMENT OF NEPAL

Videh conducted two intensive trainings in 2011 for the Officers of National Vigilance Center on tracking corruption at public offices.

CURRENT PRIORITIES



CONSCIOUS FEDERAL LEADERSHIP

Conscious Federal Leadership is an integrated approach of unlearning the mechanism of power centralization and internalizing the essence of power devolution. Videh Foundation shall have its proactive roles and initiatives for harmonized facilitation of this process.

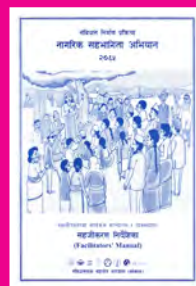
Nepal and her people are standing in the 'relocation time' of taking and adopting the shifts of power through federal restructuring. In our new federal governance model, people will have governments closer to them and both of these shall have greater opportunities for joint decision making within their 'local effect'. CFL can ease all the ongoing transitions and shall lead us to the pathways of growth and development.

The Foundation shall specifically be bridging the followings:

- Capacitate the representatives of elected local government on effective planning, budgeting and monitoring of the activities dedicated for public welfare.
- Fundamentally, promote their roles for improved Education governance at the local level.
- Accelerate their roles for child-friendly environments, gender responsive communities and youth-led economies.
- Support for the coordination between local, provincial and federal governments.

PUBLICATIONS

The Foundation publishes a bi-monthly magazine “Sadachar” in Nepali with few selective English articles. Sadachar is a Sanskrit word that literally means good behavior. The magazine covers various public issues that are conducive in strengthening ethics in public sector. It further highlights the nuances of making local government accountable and pro-people through good practices at global and national level. The Foundation had also published series of IEC materials - Posters, Leaflets, Booklets and Flipcharts on rights and concerns of women and marginalized communities in the Constitution.



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