

DGM Update

NEWSLETTER

August- December 2025



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Dear Readers, Partners, and Change-Makers,
Some months quietly pass. Others move with purpose.

Welcome to this edition of our newsletter a space where voices from the ground meet policy conversations, impactful actions and where Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities continue shaping Nepal's climate and forest governance journey.

August to December 2025 was a season where ideas turned into access, and access turned into action under the DGM Nepal Project. It began with opportunity. Scholarship grants opened doors for Indigenous and local youth not just to classrooms, but to enabling their access to hands-on training, enhancement of livelihood skills, strengthen income opportunities, and participate more confidently in community and representation in spaces where their voices matter.

Then came deeper engagement. Across provinces, capacity-building sessions on the Emission Reduction Program (ERP) and Benefit Sharing Plan (BSP) – (yes under the Carbon Credits!) shifted conversations from technical compliance to community ownership. Participants didn't just "attend" workshops they debated benefit-sharing fairness, questioned governance gaps, and connected carbon frameworks to their lived forest realities.

And finally, the publication of the new Expression of Interest (EOI) cycle sparked renewed energy. Outreach moved beyond digital announcements into face-to-face mobilization, ensuring marginalized groups were not merely informed but prepared, supported, and confident to apply.

It was a reminder that when information reaches the ground, when access becomes equitable, and when communities are trusted as decision-makers climate governance transforms.

This edition captures those moments of shift from access to agency, from participation to leadership.

Thank you for being part of this evolving journey toward inclusive forest and climate governance.

Welcome to this edition where momentum meets impact.

-DGM Nepal Team

Capacity Building of IPLCs

In line with the objectives of the DGM Nepal Project, a series of capacity-building events on ERP Benefit Sharing were conducted to empower Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPLCs) in participatory REDD+ governance and sustainable forest management (SFM). These events aimed to enhance knowledge, clarify investment and carbon benefit-sharing processes, and equip community members and local leaders with practical skills to engage effectively in decision-making.

By providing targeted training and interactive discussions, the initiative supports the Project's goals of inclusive participation, equitable benefit distribution, and strengthening community-level forest governance, enabling IPLCs to actively manage forest resources while accessing climate-related benefits.

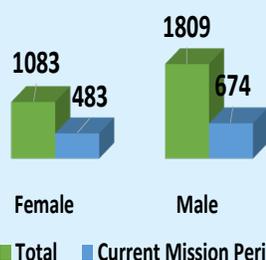
AND WE SUCCESSFULLY REACHED OUT TO :

Number of Capacity Building Events of the Mission Period (June to December 2025) = 16

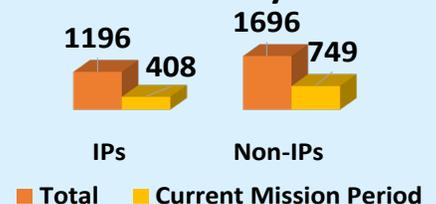
Total Beneficiaries = 2892

Beneficiaries of Mission Period = 1157 (40% of total)

Beneficiaries Based on Gender



Beneficiaries Based on Ethnicity



REDD+ Milestone Achieved: Carbon Benefit Sharing Launch in Bhairahawa, Lumbini Province

The DGM Nepal Project, in collaboration with the Ministry of Forests and Environment (MoFE) and REDD Implementation Centre (REDD IC), successfully conducted a 2-day national seminar on the “Investment Plan and Carbon Benefit Sharing Plan of Emission Reduction” on 16th and 17th Oct, 2026. The event marked the official start of implementing Nepal’s Benefit Sharing Plan under the Emission Reduction Program (ERP).

The seminar brought together 70 senior officials from federal, provincial, and district levels, including MoFE Secretary, REDD IC Chief, provincial secretaries, DFOs, REDD Focal Persons, and other stakeholders. Discussions provided clear policy guidance and operational direction for rolling out the ERP Investment and Benefit Sharing Plans.

Following Nepal’s first Emission Reduction Payment, the seminar initiated the operationalization of carbon benefit distribution, setting a foundation for transparent and inclusive community-level implementation. DGM Nepal and REDD IC prepared to expand similar capacity-building and consultation programs across 13 districts of the Terai Arc Landscape (TAL), further strengthening CFUGs, local governments, and IPLC engagement in REDD+ activities.



NEPAL RECEIVES \$9.4 MILLION FOR FOREST CARBON CREDITS

News release

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- Inclusive group (Dalit, Women, Youth only)
- Buffer zone areas CFUGs
- Passive CFUGs identification (to active)
- 2. Capacity development training on orientation of REDD+ with BSPJP for REDD Cell Formation

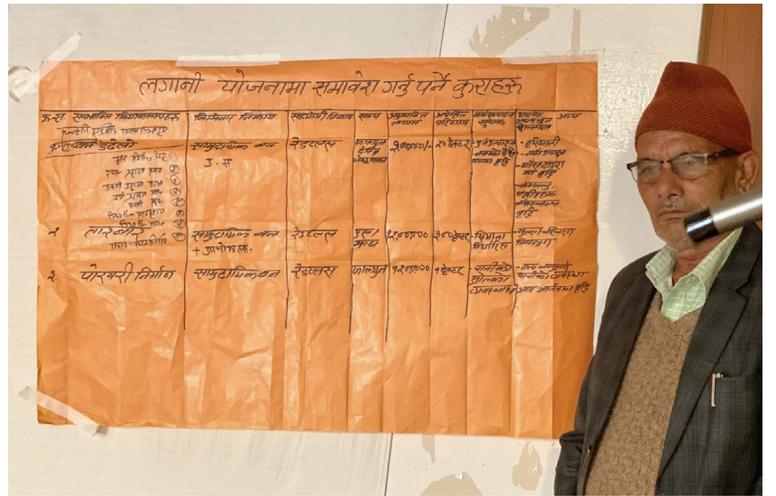
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8 REDD+ ERP Workshops Completed in TAL Area

We successfully conducted 8 orientation workshops across Simara, Dhangadhi, Nepalgunj, Chitwan, and Bhalubang, empowering IPLCs, local governments, and community forest groups with practical skills on ERP and carbon benefit-sharing.

These workshops strengthened community understanding, promoted inclusive participation of youth and women, and established transparent benefit-sharing and monitoring mechanisms, marking a significant step toward sustainable forest management and equitable REDD+ implementation.

NEWS COVERAGES :



[भालुबाङमा इआरपी कार्यशाला सम्पन्न, समुदायका आवाज नीतिगत तहमा लेजाने प्रतिबद्धता](#)

[भालुबाङ, दाङमा ERP कार्यशाला सम्पन्न](#)

[कार्वन उत्सर्जन न्यूनीकरणसम्बन्धी स्थानीयलाई सचेतना](#)

[कार्वन उत्सर्जन न्यूनीकरण कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन बारे अभिमुखिकरण](#)

[Nepal: Private trees for jobs and growth](#)

Capacity Development and Policy Dialogues on Family Private Forestry

As part of Project's capacity-building and policy engagement initiatives, we successfully conducted 2 provincial- and local-level dialogues on the contribution of Family Private Forestry (FPF) to livelihoods and benefit-sharing under the REDD+ framework. These workshops, organized in collaboration with AFFON, took place at Bardibas and Bhalubang.

A total of 119 participants attended, including 43 women and 76 men, with 25 Indigenous Peoples (IPs) and 94 non-IPs actively engaging in discussions on sustainable forest management, equitable benefit-sharing, and livelihood enhancement.

The dialogues provided a platform for community representatives, local leaders, and forestry stakeholders to share experiences, highlight challenges, and identify opportunities to integrate family private forestry into REDD+ strategies, supporting both income generation and climate-resilient practices.

For related insights on how private tree ownership contributes to jobs and economic growth in Nepal, see: [Private Trees for Jobs and Growth](#)

Read More : <https://blogs.worldbank.org/en/endingpovertyinsouthasia/nepal--private-trees-for-jobs-and-growth>



लुम्बिनी प्रदेशमा निजी वनको योगदानबारे नीति संवाद



किसानले उचित लाभान्धा प्राप्त गर्नुपर्नेमा जोड दिनुभयो ।

त्यस्तै, लुम्बिनी प्रदेश सरकारका वन सचिव प्रमोद भट्टराइले नेपालको वन क्षेत्र विस्तारमा निजी वनको भूमिकाको प्रशंसा गर्नुभयो । निजी वन किसानले बहुमूल्य प्रजातिका बिरुवा खेती गर्न सकेमा उनको आयआर्जनमा ठूलो मद्दत पुग्ने सचिव भट्टराइको भनाइ थियो । नेपालले कार्वन उत्सर्जन न्यूनीकरणको योगदानस्वरूप १ अर्ब ३२ करोड रूपैयाँ प्राप्त गरेको जानकारी दिँदै उहाँले निजी वनकर्मीका लागि ५ प्रतिशतका दरले लाभान्धा वितरण गर्ने तयारी राज्यले गरिरहेको बताउनुभयो ।

विक्री र निकासीका क्रममा सरकारी तथा सामुदायिक वनका काठ र निजी वनका काठ छुट्टाउनु कठिन हुने भएकाले कानून निर्माणमा चुनौती भइरहेको उहाँले उल्लेख गर्नुभयो ।

पारिवारिक निजी वन संघ नेपाल लुम्बिनी प्रदेशका अध्यक्ष परम के.सीको अध्यक्षतामा सम्पन्न कार्यक्रममा RRN का कोर्डिनेटर साधना विन्म, मेघराज भुसाल, राजेन्द्र मल्ल, सुवासचन्द्र देवकोटालगायतले सम्बोधन गरेका थिए ।

कार्यक्रममा लुम्बिनी प्रदेशका अधिकांश प्रतिनिधिले निजी किसानद्वारा उत्पादित काष्ठजन्य बस्तुको विक्री र निकासीमा कानून प्रमुख बाधाक बनेको भन्दै यसलाई सहज बनाइ किसानलाई सहयोग गर्ने बातावरण निर्माण गरिनुपर्ने माग राखेका थिए ।

■ गणतन्त्र समाचारदाता

भालुवाङ, ३ मंसिर । लुम्बिनी प्रदेशका मौलिक तथा पूर्वाधार विकास मन्त्री भूमिस्वर ढकालले जनतालाई वनको अधिकारसहित आर्थिक समृद्धितर्फ लैजान कसरी सकिन्छ भन्ने विषयमा प्रदेश सरकार गम्भीर र चिन्तित रहेको बताउनुभयो । RRN Nepal र DGM Nepalको आयोजना तथा पारिवारिक निजी वन संघ नेपाल लुम्बिनी प्रदेशको समन्वयमा दाङको भालुवाङमा उद्यवार आयोजित 'प्रदेश तथा स्थानीय तहमा REDD PLUS रूपरेखा अन्तर्गत जीविकोपार्जन र लाभ वितरणका लागि पारिवारिक वनको योगदान सम्बन्धी' श्रमता विकास तथा नीति संवाद' कार्यक्रममा बोल्दै प्रमुख अतिथि मन्त्री ढकालले देशमा समृद्धि ल्याउन राजनीतिक स्थिरता अपरिहार्य रहेको उल्लेख गर्नुभयो ।

उहाँले स्थिरता कायम गर्ने पहिलो सत संसद पुनःस्थापना भएको बताउँदै जेनजीको माग संशोधन गरी चुनौतीपूर्णत मुलुकलाई दलीय व्यवस्थामा लैजाया सुशासन कायम गर्न सकिने धारणा प्रस्तुत गर्नुभयो । जनताले संरक्षण र व्यवस्थापन गरेको वनबाट राज्यले कर उठाउन सके दुबै पक्षलाई फाइदा हुने उल्लेख गर्दै मन्त्री ढकालले उपयुक्त वन-नीति लागू गर्न सकेमा जनतालाई जंगलको वास्तविक मालिक बनाइ आर्थिक रूपमा धनी बनाउन सकिनेमा जोड दिनुभयो ।

कार्यक्रममा पारिवारिक निजी वन संघ नेपालका केन्द्रीय अध्यक्ष जोगराज गिरीले निजी वन किसानका काठजन्य बस्तुको विक्री तथा निकासीमा कानुनी अवरोध रहेको भन्दै किसानको पहुँचअनुसार सहज कानून निर्माण गर्नुपर्ने माग गर्नुभयो । उहाँले कार्वन उत्सर्जन न्यूनीकरणमा निजी वनको योगदान महत्वपूर्ण रहेको उल्लेख गर्दै योगदानको आधारमा

GLOBALLY :

Indigenous and Community Forestry Leaders Take the Global

In November 2025, DGM Nepal supported the participation of NSC Co-Chairs Gelje Lama Sherpa (NEFIN) and Thakur Bhandari (FECOFUN) at COP30 in Belém, Brazil. This engagement strengthened their capacity to represent Indigenous Peoples and community forestry groups, share Nepal's forest governance experiences, and voice local perspectives on international REDD+ and climate platforms.

By providing this opportunity, the project empowered leaders to influence global policy dialogues, advocate for equitable benefit-sharing, and ensure IPLC priorities are recognized in climate decision-making.



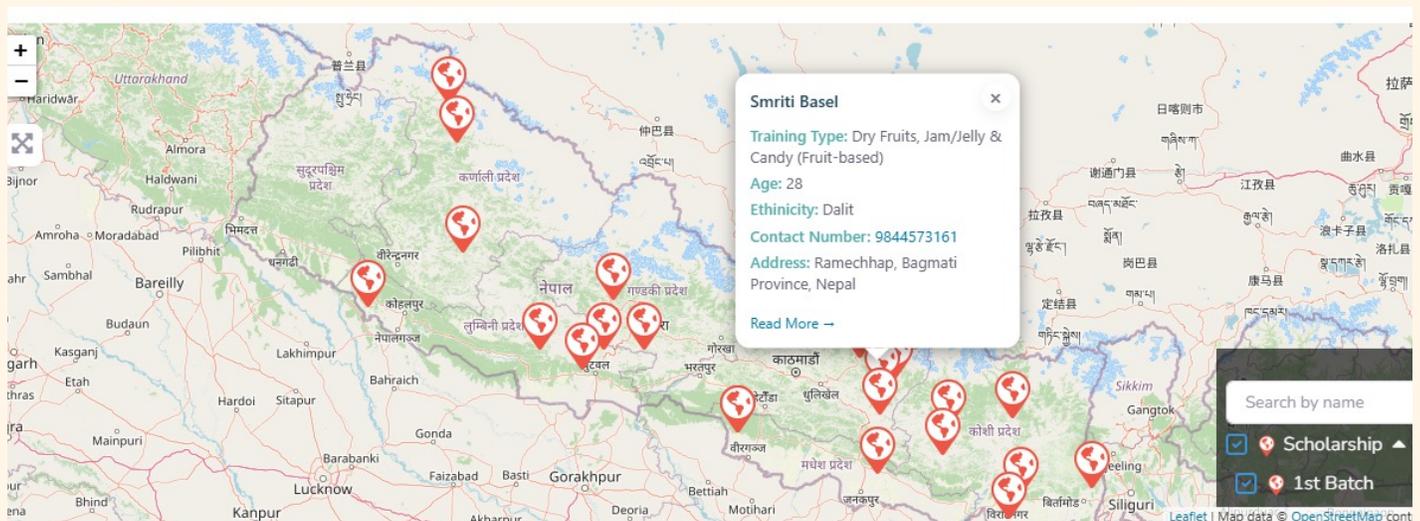
DGM Nepal Scholarship

Empowering IPLCs Through Skills, Rights, and Opportunity

Under *Sub-component 1.1*, the DGM Nepal Project advances recognition of traditional livelihoods, customary governance systems, and the rights of community forest groups while strengthening the capacity of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPLCs) to actively engage in REDD+ policy dialogue and sustainable forest management.

Through targeted technical and vocational training, and dedicated *scholarship grants*, the program enhances practical, job-ready skills enabling participants to work in forest-related sectors or establish and manage their own small enterprises.

Scholarship support prioritizes *Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities particularly youth and women from vulnerable and marginalized backgrounds.* While the primary focus is on Madhesh and Lumbini Provinces, eligible IPLC individuals from other provinces are also encouraged to apply.

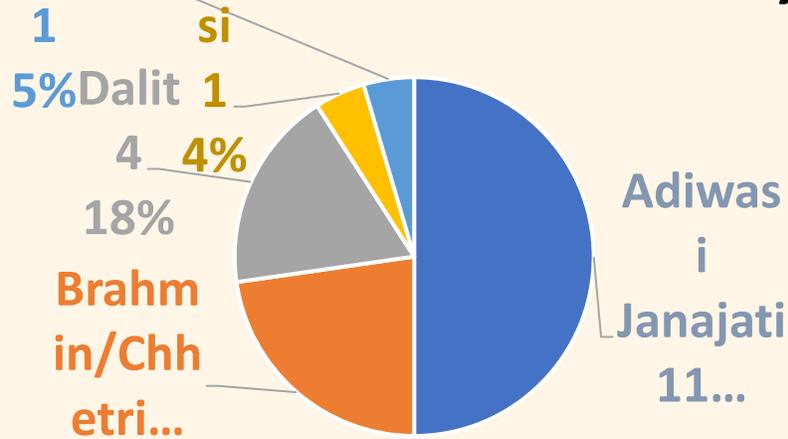


Find more on our Scholarship Grantees and their details here :
<https://dgmnepal.org/en/scholarship-grant/>

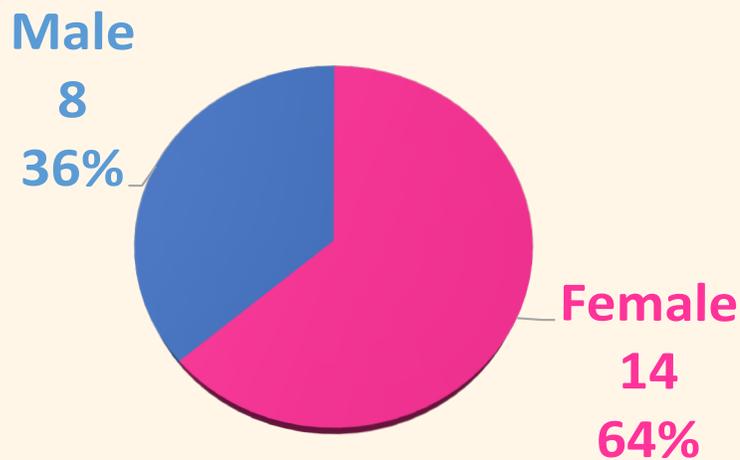
DGM Nepal Scholarship

- Fruits processing: 24 December 2025 at Kathmandu
- Banana fibre processing: 25 December 2025 at Dhangadhi
- Herbal processing and essential oil: 4 January 2026 at Kathmandu

Muslim Madhesi Based on Ethnicity



Based on Gender



Implementation	Current enrollment
Dry Fruits, Jam / Jelly and Candy Production [Fruit based]	9
Banana processing and products (Fiber, cloths, products)	4
Herbal processing and essential oil	9
Grand Total	22

Competitive Grants: Strengthening Grantee Capacities

As part of its commitment to support Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPLCs) in accessing REDD+ and sustainable development opportunities, the DGM Nepal Project provides targeted capacity-building for shortlisted grantees before the final selection of competitive grants. The program equipped participants with skills to develop fundable proposals, strengthen business planning, and translate community needs into actionable projects.

Through hands-on exercises and expert guidance, grantees gained confidence to engage with donors and stakeholders, ensuring their projects align with REDD+ objectives, sustainable forest management, and equitable benefit-sharing. This initiative empowers communities to turn ideas into impactful, sustainable ventures.



Full Proposal and Business Plan Preparation Training

Conducted 5-day training for 128 shortlisted applicants of 2nd EOI through 4 batches
11 June to 6 July 2025

Total Participation = 115
(Madhesh = 62, Lumbini = 53)
in which Female = 36, Male = 79

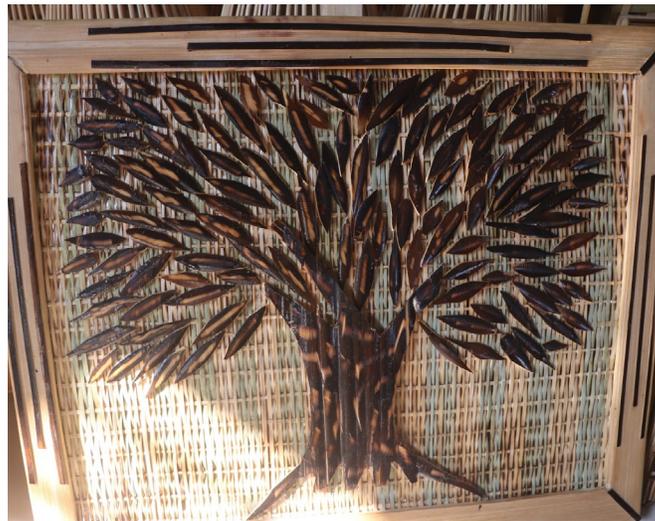
Out of 128 shortlisted applicants, 106 submitted the full proposal
(Madhesh = 57 and Lumbini = 49)



Competitive Grant :

GRANTEES SPOTLIGHT

Indigenous Knowledge, Modern Impact: Small Grants at Work A one-month intensive bamboo handicraft production training is underway, organized by the NEFIN Coordination Council and Devdaha Municipal Committee. A total of 17 women and 5 men are participating, learning eco-friendly bamboo craft techniques to strengthen livelihoods and promote sustainable community enterprises.



3rd and Final Expression of Interest for Competitive Grants Published

We have officially published the 3rd and final Expression of Interest (EOI) for Competitive Grants from 29 December 2025 to 27 January 2026. This EOI invites Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPLCs) to submit proposals for projects aligned with REDD+ objectives, sustainable forest management, and community livelihoods.

Find the full EOI notice here: [Apply and Share as Necessary!] And also list of targeted eligible Municipalities in Madhesh and Lumbini Province. This final round marks the last opportunity for communities to access DGM Nepal's competitive grantsupport for the current cycle.



डीजीएम नेपाल: आदिवासी जनजाती र स्थानीय समुदायको समृद्धिको लागि दिगो वन व्यवस्थापन

प्रतिस्पर्धात्मक अनुदानको लागि आशय पत्र आव्हान (Expression of Interest)

विश्व बैंकबाट प्राप्त भएको आदिवासी जनजाति र स्थानीय समुदायको लागि समर्पित अनुदान संयन्त्र DGM Nepal परियोजनाको लागि नेपाल ग्रामीण पुनर्निर्माण संस्था राष्ट्रिय कार्यकारी निकाय National Executing Agency (NEA) हो DGM Nepal लाई मार्गनिर्देशन गर्नको लागि नेपाल आदिवासी जनजाति महासंघ र सामुदायिक वन उपभोक्ता महासंघको सहनेतृत्वमा १५ वटा सामाजिक संस्थाहरु सहितको राष्ट्रिय संचालन समिति National Steering Committee (NSC) रहेको छ । यस परियोजना अन्तर्गत मधेश र लुम्बिनी प्रदेशका वन तथा गैरकाष्ठ वन पैदाचरमा आधारित साना तथा मझौला लघुउद्यम विकास र प्रवर्धनका लागि योग्य र संभावित संघ संस्थाहरुलाई आशय पत्र सहित आवेदन पेश गर्नका लागि यो सूचना प्रकशित गरिएको छ ।

उद्देश्य: यस प्रतिस्पर्धात्मक अनुदानले नेपाल सरकारको समृद्धिका लागि वन परियोजना अन्तर्गत समर्थित गतिविधिहरुको पूरकको रूपमा काम गर्नेछ। यस परियोजनाले जलवायु परिवर्तन न्यूनीकरण, जैविक विविधता संरक्षण र प्रकृतिमा आधारित समाधान जस्ता विभिन्न उपलब्धिहरु हासिल गर्दै आदिवासी जनजाती र स्थानीय समुदायहरु (IPPLCS) समावेश गरेर जीविकोपार्जन बढाउन, वन विनाश र वन क्षयबाट हुने उत्सर्जन न्यूनीकरण (REDD+), दिगो वन व्यवस्थापन (SFM) लाई प्रवर्धन गर्नेछ ।

यसले सामाजिक आर्थिक सभाव्यता, दीर्घकालीन प्रभाव, सामुदायिक समर्थन र स्थानीय परम्परागत ज्ञान तथा सीपहरुको विकासलाई प्राथमिकता दिनेछ । साथै यस परियोजनाले समावेशीता, पारदर्शिता र तटस्थताका आधारमा बनमा आश्रित आदिवासी जनजाति तथा स्थानीय समुदायको साथै अल्पसंख्यक, महिला, युवा, सीमान्तकृत र पिछडिएका समूह, अपाङ्गता भएका व्यक्तिहरुलाई लाभ हुने किसिमका परियोजनाहरुलाई प्राथमिकता दिनेछ ।

नोट: व्यक्तिगत तथा एकल स्वामित्व/व्यक्तिगत रूपमा संचालन गरिएका फर्महरु यस प्रतिस्पर्धात्मक अनुदानमा सहभागी हुन पाउने छैनन्।

योग्यताका न्यूनतम मापदण्डहरु

यस परियोजनाका प्रतिस्पर्धात्मक अनुदानको लागि कानूनी रूपमा मधेश र लुम्बिनी प्रदेशहरुका जिल्लाहरुमा र डीजीएम नेपाल परियोजनाले तोकेको पालिकाहरुमा दर्ता भएका आदिवासी जनजाति तथा स्थानीय समुदायका समूह तथा संघ संस्था जस्तै:

- आदिवासी जनजाति संघ, संस्था, समूह र स्थानीय समुदायहरुको संघ गैर सरकारी संस्था
- स्थानीय रूपमा दर्ता भएका संस्था जस्तै CBO, सहकारी, किसान समूह, युवा समूह, महिला समूह तथा अपाङ्गता भएका व्यक्तिहरुको समूह
- प्रशासनिक संस्था वा समूह
- सामुदायिक वन उपभोक्ता समूह

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