Dear All,

Welcome to the 32nd edition of the Open Nepal newsletter! This issue presents the efforts of the [Earthquake Response Transparency Portal](http://us7.campaign-archive2.com/?u=b09988889155dafcf69e9814d&id=ded47de6d0) to document all funds pledged and spent on the Nepal earthquake and some key questions raised in the media about the information demand regarding earthquake funds. It also brings to you the news about [DataShift](http://us7.campaign-archive2.com/?u=b09988889155dafcf69e9814d&id=ded47de6d0) project in Nepal aimed towards building the capacity of local organisations to collect and use citizen-generated data (CDG).

Look out for more frequent updates on the latest news, stories and happenings about the open development community in Nepal on our [Twitter](http://us7.campaign-archive2.com/?u=b09988889155dafcf69e9814d&id=ded47de6d0) and [Facebook](http://us7.campaign-archive2.com/?u=b09988889155dafcf69e9814d&id=ded47de6d0) below.

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**From the Open Nepal blog...**

**Key Questions Raised About Data on Nepal’s Earthquake Aid Flows**

To better understand the demand for transparency around earthquake aid flows, we have regularly documented information demands expressed both publically and privately throughout the development of the Earthquake Portal. In this blog we share some key concerns raised in media coverage of Nepal’s earthquake to demonstrate the kind of information demand that has been publically expressed. Read more...
Tracking Post Disaster Humanitarian Assistance Data for the Nepal April 25, 2015 Earthquake

Without comprehensive reporting systems to capture data on funding, it is impossible to know how it is spent on the ground. Young Innovations, part of the Open Nepal network, responded to this challenge by leading an initiative to track the flow of humanitarian assistance in the country. They have launched an online portal, earthquake.opennepal.net, with the objective of supporting transparency and accountability of earthquake relief funds. The Earthquake Portal has recorded over 2,100 of these transactions. Learn more!

Making Sustainable Development Goals More Inclusive with Citizen-Generated Data

CIVICUS the World Alliance for Citizen Participation through its DataShift initiative is launching phase two of their direct support programme in Nepal; as well as in Argentina, Kenya and Tanzania, that will look into building the capacity of local organisations to collect and use Citizen-generated data (CDG). Online CGD trainings are due to kick off in September, these will be followed by an in-depth, in-person workshop that aims to develop the skills of local organisations to collect, manage, analyse and use CDG in advocacy campaigns, making local citizens better equipped to monitor progress of the SDGs. Learn more!

Announcements...

GFDRR Challenge Fund

GFDRR and the UK Department for International Development (DFID) recently announced a second call of the Challenge Fund. It pilots new and innovative approaches to strengthen disaster and climate risk decision-making and overcome challenges to availability and accessibility of risk information in developing countries. The deadline for the grant application is 15 September, 2016. Learn more!

Accountability Incubator

Accountability Lab is looking for a next cohort of "Accountapreneurs", young leaders with innovative ideas for strengthening anti-corruption, accountability and integrity in your communities. Applications are due on October 15th, 2016. Learn more!

Integrity Club Manual in NEPALI
Integrity Action has recently launched their Integrity Club manual in three languages including in Nepali. This manual outline aims at developing Young Integrity Builders, by equipping them with skills and knowledge needed to be able to monitor projects and services in their communities using Integrity Action’s Community Integrity Building (CIB) approach.

Events...

22 SEPTEMBER
NGO Federation of Nepal is planning to host a national dialogue on progressing effective Sustainable Development Goals in Nepal. This event will bring together different stakeholders together for the dialogue. Watch out our events calendar for further updates!

30 AUGUST
DFID Nepal is organizing “DFID Nepal Digital Day” in partnership with Microsoft Innovation Centre at British School in Sanepa. It is an endeavour to bring together development practitioners to learn, acknowledge and appreciate the use of digital technologies in development interventions. For more information please contact Rabi Rayamajhi at r-rayamajhi@dfid.gov.uk.

26 AUGUST
Young Innovations is hosting a consultation meeting in their office premise in Lagankhel to sensitize organizations about “Public Procurement Transparency Initiative in Nepal” project and soliciting feedback and suggestions on potential cases of open contracting. Learn more!

24 AUGUST
NGO Federation hosted a coordination meeting of main target groups and various thematic groups identified by their previous meetings to discuss the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals. The meeting mainly discussed about the preparation of the SDGs national dialogue in Nepal. Learn more! Learn more!

10 AUGUST
DataShift organized their community call on disaster recovery accountability in Nepal where Local Interventions Group shared their experiences in providing opportunities for Nepalese to be more involved in the disaster recovery process and holding their government accountable for its efforts. Learn more!

7 AUGUST
Freedom Forum hosted a two-hour focused discussion on how CSOs working on openness (transparency, accountability and integrity) through different approaches could take ahead the agenda of Open Government Partnership in Nepal. Learn more!

Check out our new data sets!
Open Nepal Data Portal currently houses 210 datasets on various thematic topics which are sourced from the online publications of Nepali government agencies and multilaterals, and published in open format that allows reuse and redistribution of these datasets. The new datasets are related to the recent Nepal Earthquake. These data in open format can be downloaded to use, reuse, and redistribute. Watch this space to get updates on new releases!
• **Examples of past and future potential (open) data use** - How you have used data or open data in your work? Do you have any planned accountability-related projects that could benefit from our help to increase the availability, accessibility and skills capacity to use open data? Do you have an infographic that you would like to share?

• **Availability and accessibility of (open) data** – What data would really help your work? Are there any datasets that you would particularly like to see on the [Open Data Portal]? Do you have data to share that we can help to make open?

• **Building the community** – Please let us know of any news, case studies, resources or upcoming events relevant to the open data / data revolution / access to information agenda so that we can share them to build a community of knowledge, collaboration and synergy around these issues.

We look forwards to hearing from you!

Open Nepal is an initiative to promote more effective development through the increased use of data and information. We aim to catalyze a revolution in data sharing and use – building an inclusive information system in Nepal, supported by a dynamic community of stakeholders.

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