

Annex H Development Partner Coordination Survey

H.1 Introduction and methodology

Thank you for participating in this survey. It contains 20 questions and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete.

Purpose

This survey is part of the Evaluation of International Assistance to the Peace Process in Nepal 2006-2012, carried out by an independent evaluation team contracted by the company Particip and funded by Danida, Copenhagen. The survey aims to map the formal and informal coordination mechanisms on support to the peace process among donors, between donors and the Government of Nepal, and between donor representations in Nepal and their capitals.

Participants

The survey is sent to 10-15 named individuals in the following donor organisations (Embassy of Denmark, Embassy of Switzerland, Embassy of Finland, Embassy of Germany/GIZ, Embassy of UK/DFID, Embassy of Norway, Embassy of Canada, EU Delegation, HUGOU, UNDP, UN RCHCO, World Bank and ADB. These organisations have shown interest in the evaluation and their participation is therefore counted on. The survey does not attempt to provide a comprehensive overview of donor coordination in Nepal, but rather seek to understand the opportunities and constraints for coordination through an in-depth sample analysis.

The survey asks for individual – not organisational – responses to keep it as simple as possible and get in-depth understanding of the drivers for coordination.

Time requirement

Reading and responding to the survey takes 20 minutes. It will be followed up by a 20 minute conversation with the evaluation team. The conversation will qualitatively explore coordination results and challenges.

Confidentiality

The individual responses to the survey and the follow-up conversation will be securely kept with the evaluation team leader. To be most useful, please answer the questions as factually correct as possible. Following analysis, the overall anonymised results will form part of the evaluation report.

Thank you again,

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H.2 Survey questions

Professional data

What is your first name?

What is your last name?

What is the job title for your current position?

What are your areas of responsibility?

When did you start working in your current organisation in Nepal?

When do you expect to leave Nepal?

Donor interaction

How often do you attend regular donor coordination/interaction meetings? (average of past six months) [focus on those meetings you personally attended, not those of your colleagues and also not those that were cancelled] [Tick boxes: weekly, bi-weekly, monthly, bi-monthly, semi-annually, annually, never]

- IPDG
- NPTF
- UNPFN
- BOGs
- RCHCO Peace-building advisor breakfast meetings
- Election Commission donor coordination
- Transitional Justice basket fund
- Other (list group and frequency)

What are the main reasons you attend your "most frequently attended" donor meeting? (check all that apply)

- My organisation requests that I attend
- Broad representation attendance of other donors
- Subject is relevant to my work
- Format of meeting allows for exchange of useful information
- Relaxed atmosphere
- Other/comments

What are the main reasons you attend your "second-most attended" donor meeting? (check all that apply)

- My organisation requests that I attend
- Broad representation/attendance of other donors
- Subject is relevant to my work
- Format of meeting allows for exchange of useful information
- Relaxed atmosphere
- Other/comments

What are the main reasons you do not attend regularly scheduled donor meetings? (tick all that apply)

- I attend sufficiently
- Coordination works adequately without my attendance

- No value added to my work
- Timing does not match my schedule
- Not enough hours in the week to attend more meetings
- No evidence that coordination reduces overlaps in Nepal
- Meetings are too broad, not subject specific/technical
- Meetings are too specific/technical, not comprehensive in approach
- Inadequate representation of other donors/relevant parties
- Meetings are poorly facilitated
- Other/comments

In what "other forums" and how often do you meet other donor organisations? (average of past six months) [Tick boxes: weekly, bi-weekly, monthly, bi-monthly, semi-annually, annually, never]

- Conferences
- Government planning sessions
- Ad hoc planning sessions not listed in question 7
- Bilateral donor meetings
- Evaluation/review meetings
- Social/cultural event hosted by donor agency
- Social/cultural event hosted privately
- Other/comments

What are the main reasons you attend your most frequently attended "other forum"? (tick all that apply)

- My organisation requests that I attend
- Broad representation/attendance of other donors
- Subject is relevant to my work
- Format of meeting allows for exchange of useful information
- Relaxed atmosphere
- Other/comments

What are the main reasons you attend your second-most attended "other forum"? (tick all that apply)

- My organisation requests that I attend
- Broad representation/attendance of other donors
- Subject is relevant to my work
- Format of meeting allows for exchange of useful information
- Relaxed atmosphere
- Other comments

What are the main reasons you do not attend "other forums" for donors? (tick all that apply)

- I attend sufficiently
- Coordination works adequately without my attendance
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- Timing does not match my schedule
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- No evidence that coordination reduces overlaps in Nepal
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- Meetings are poorly facilitated
- Other comments
- Donor network map

Please list by name and frequency the people from other donor organisations that you meet with in social or professional settings and exchange professionally-related information about Nepal, e.g. John, Danish embassy, weekly.

- Names 1-10

What is the value of meeting your “highest frequency” counterpart? (tick only those that apply: very high, high, medium, low)

- Access to valuable information
- Like-minded
- Results-oriented
- Open and honest exchange
- Joint support to programmes and areas of work
- Other/comments

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Government interaction

With whom and how often do you meet government officials to discuss your organisation’s work in Nepal? (average of past six months)

- Sector ministry
- National planning Commission
- Finance ministry
- Local officials during field visits
- Other/comments

What are your main purposes for meeting government officials? [tick: likely, somewhat likely, not likely]

- Update government on programmes as requested by government
- Exchange information about programmes for joint benefit
- Extract information from government to aid your work
- Headquarters interaction

Irrespective of official policy, how much “credit” do you personally receive for pursuing the following objectives in your programmes? [tick: very much, much, a bit, none, negative credit]

- Conducting conflict/fragility assessments
- Supporting one national plan for transition
- Publicly committing to harmonisation and alignment
- Monitoring progress according to broad peacebuilding and statebuilding goals

- Supporting political dialogue and leadership among government and civil society
- Ensuring transparency in the use of aid by supporting national reporting systems
- Pursuing risk-sharing with other donors, including through joint assessments and programming
- Using and strengthening country systems by delivering aid through country systems and supporting accountability structures
- Strengthening government and civil society capacities by reducing external technical assistance and supporting pooled funding
- Improving delivery speed and predictability of aid
- Other/comments.