The Effects of Data and Technology on Accountability:

Two Innovations in Nepal

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INNOVATION 1: AID AND BUDGET INTEGRATION
WHEN AID IS NOT INTEGRATED WITH BUDGET INFORMATION:

• **Projections** of external financed activities can be **unavailable** or **inaccurate**

• **No accurate picture of distribution** of resources at national level

• **Duplication of funding** for same services within the same sector

• Funding of activities that are **not aligned with country priorities**
CASE STUDY: NEPAL AID MANAGEMENT PLATFORM
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*It’s not just about the tools, it’s about the process*

AMP is a web-based aid information system that facilitates and streamlines the processes of gathering and disseminating information on development assistance.
It’s no secret: development financing & budget information belong in the same place.

The challenge: getting all of it* there, in every budgetary cycle, to inform better decisions.

*all of it = comprehensive, accurate, validated data
IN NEPAL:

- Information on aid projections /actual disbursements was not readily available for budget preparation
- Off-budget aid was not included in budget projections
- Line ministries provided bloated, non-transparent budget estimates
- Donors had no real-time view of government release-of-funds for funded projects
INNOVATION: DATA EXCHANGE

AMP

Budget Management Information System

Planned disbursements

Estimated disbursements

Release of funds

Financial Management Information System
NEXT STEP:
KEY CHALLENGES

• It’s more than a technical process – requires extensive human involvement
• Intra/inter-ministry coordination
• Aid and project management differ in time periods and structure to budget cycles
• Reliability of information depends on donor-centred processes
SOLUTIONS?

Successful integration requires:

**From Donors:**
Comprehensive, timely, reliable, accessible and useful information on all aid flows.

**From Governments:**
Clear data management “rules” for donors and government with roles and responsibilities

Systems to manage aid information and its interface with budget process and documentation.
INNOVATION 2:
OPEN CONTRACTING
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Contract Funding by Contractor Country - Civil Works

- $124,797,227
- $10,970,000
- $1,043,000

China
India
Nepal
Contract Funding by Contractor Country - Consultant Services

- $9,707,000
- $11,857,398
- $7,132,870
- $437,000

- Canada
- Finland
- India
- Nepal

AidData
Open Data for International Development

Development Gateway
Solutions that empower
PHASE II

- Coverage: more government ministries
- Buy-in: working with central procurement agency
- Technical enhancements to forthcoming government-wide e-procurement portal
- Involving civil society from the beginning
- Concrete use cases for government staff
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