

PAF In Brief

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Why PAF?

PAF was created to address the targeted programme which is one of the four pillars of Tenth Five Year Plan in Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper (PRSP). "Poverty Alleviation Fund ordinance 2060" and subsequently "Poverty Alleviation Fund Act 2063" was issued to guide the structure and activities of PAF.

Governing Board

Twelve members governing board is chaired by the Prime Minister. The Vice Chairperson and five members are appointed by the government from the professional. Other five members of the board are ex-officio - Secretary, National Planning Commission; Chairperson, Association of District Development Committee Nepal; Chairperson, Association of Village Development Committee Nepal; Chairperson, Nepal Women Commission; Chairperson, Nepal Dalit Commission.

Goal

The Goal of PAF is to help the poor find their way on a sustained path out of poverty.

Guiding Principles

- Targeted to Poor--Antodaya: Prosperity of poor and disadvantaged at the lower end of economic ladder. The last is the first for PAF. Participatory well being ranking and self selecting process to identify poor.
- Social Inclusion: Dalit, Janajati, Women and other disadvantage groups below poverty level.
- Demand Driven: Programmes are designed based on the needs and demand of the people. Participatory community planning
- Direct payment to community organization (CO). Community implementation and management
- Community institutional development
- Transparency at all levels

Heading		Number	Amount (NRs.)	
Community Organisations (CO)	Registered with PAF	11,819		
	CO Federation Registration	257		
	Agreement	10,964	5,466,248,569.31	
PAF Investment in CO	Income Generating (IG) Activities	10,779	4,466,923,138.84	
	Community Infrastructure	2,141	999,325,430.47	
Partner Organisations (PO)		242		
Districts Covered	Total	49		
	Regular PAF Districts	25		
	Phase I (6 Districts)	6		
	Phase II (19 Districts)	19		
	Phase III (15 Districts)	0		
	Innovative Programme	10		
	NDM-World Bank Innovative Prog.	24		
VDC Covered	POs Working	1,001		
	COs Programme Activity	777		
			Percentage	
CO Member House Holds (HH)	Total		316,522	
	Poverty Ranking	Hardcore Poor (Ka)	207,963	65.70%
		Medium Poor (Kha)	80,716	25.50%
		Poor (Ga)	27,338	8.64%
		Marginal Non-Poor (Gha)	505	0.16%
	Gender	Male	90,652	28.64%
		Female	225,870	71.36%
	Ethnicity	Dalit	96,062	30.35%
		Janajati	92,316	29.17%
		Others	128,144	40.49%
Total Beneficiary HH	Total		411,938	
	Ethnicity	Dalit	120,357	
		Janajati	115,956	
		Others	175,625	