

Public Audits in Nepal



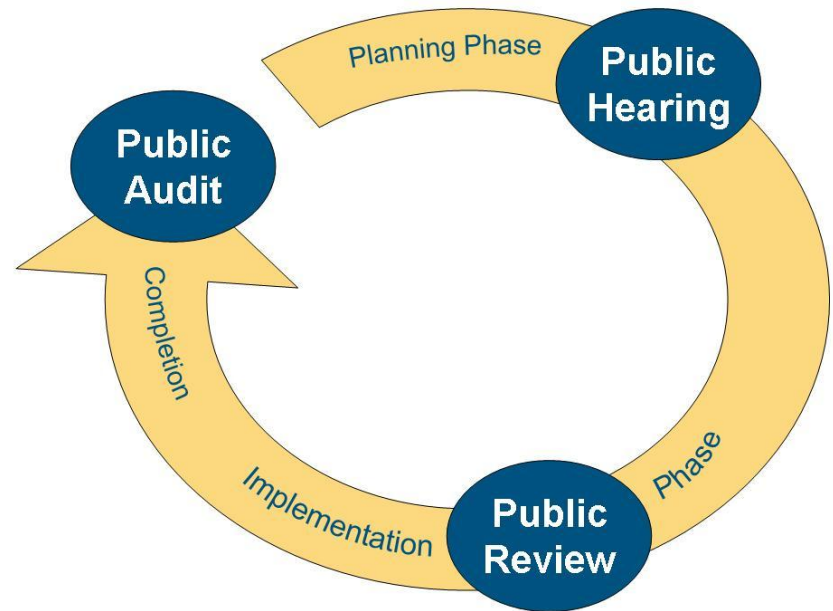
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Introduction



- Developed and implemented jointly with SDC in infrastructure projects of HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation in Nepal
- Ensures participation, transparency and accountability (mutual and downward)
- Planning monitoring and evaluation of specific infrastructure schemes (output level)
- Feedback used for adaptation



Participants and TRR



- ❖ Assessors: User Committee
Assesses: Users
- ❖ Beneficiaries/ right holders (min. 50%)
- ❖ Local elite
- ❖ Political parties
- ❖ Representatives from the local government and line ministries
- ❖ Local partners
- ❖ HELNETAS Swiss Intercooperation project staff

Participation



- ❖ Claimed space for people to express their view
- ❖ Main motivation: reduction of corruption

- ❖ Qualities of the facilitator are key
 - to ensure meaningful participation
 - awareness on local power relations

- ❖ Increased ownership through inclusion in decision-making
- ❖ Enhance participation through empowerment of DAGs

Social Inclusion - DAG



	Discriminated caste & ethnicity		Non-discriminated caste & ethnicity	
	Men	Women	Women	Men
Non poor >6 m Food Security or >1.25 US \$ income a day per capita				
Poor < 6 m Food Security or < 1.25 US \$ income a day per capita				

Feedback and Responsiveness



- Assessment based on the implementation and construction work plan which was presented in the Public Hearing
- Main points summarised on public signboard
- Feedback mechanisms alone are not sufficient.
- Fostering culture of giving critical feedback and deliberation.
- Complaints from the community are investigated and it is communicated on how they are taken into account



Challenges

- ❖ Capacity building for meaningful participation is time intensive – Public Audit cycle possibly not long enough
- ❖ Risk to become a formality of project implementation
- ❖ Information gathered is scheme specific, and only limitedly influences the project design and discusses theories of change



Thank you for your attention!

