Implemented programmes/events in three provinces (Province 1, 3 and 4)

Built capacities
500+
development professionals and students

16 COLLABORATIONS
with organizations representing local government, I/NGOs, academic and research institutions, private companies
Nepal Institute of Research and Communications (NIRC) is a research and training institute focusing on development research and communications. We aim to promote the culture of designing, implementing and communicating research in Nepal especially in the field of social development. We are registered as a private limited company under the Office of Company Registrar in Kathmandu, Nepal with the registration ID: 186772/074/075. We are also VAT registered company with the VAT/PAN ID: 606743802. Our company is also registered at the ward level, at the ward number 32 office in Pepsicola, Kathmandu. We began our operations from April 1, 2018.

**HOW OUR JOURNEY BEGAN?**
Stories are known when they are told. The idea to establish NIRC began when we realised that stories are known to the world when they are told. Effective communications therefore is the key. Communications cannot work in its entirely in isolation. It is imperative to understand research better in order to communicate better. So, we came up with this idea of a platform that can promote better development research and communications in Nepal.
We offer the following services to our clients:

**DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT OF RESEARCH PROJECTS**
- Developing research proposals and concept notes as part of fundraising initiative for various development and charity organisations.
- Designing Project Management approaches and tools for quality assurance of the project deliverables.

**RESEARCH COMMUNICATIONS, RESEARCH UPTAKE AND KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT**
- Developing social media strategies and handling social media networks such as Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter for professional organisational communications.
- Developing knowledge management portals for organisations/agencies looking towards making their information accessible and effective.
- Developing event videos, conducting live social media updates, preparing event reports, blogs and photo blogs, among others.

**DATA TRANSLATION, ANALYSIS, SYNTHESIS, WRITING AND PACKAGING**
- Translation of research data, analysis and interpretation of data (qualitative, quantitative, mixed) as well as developing research reports.
- Synthesis and development of case studies, research/policy briefs, info-graphics and cover designs for various research publications.

**TRAINING, MENTORING AND CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT**
- Facilitation of trainings and workshops on various research and communications themes.
- Technical support and mentorship to enhance research and communications skills for various professionals and organisations.

**POLICY AND ADVOCACY**
- Technical support in development of policies, strategies, guidelines and other strategic documents for government and non-government sector.
- Development of advocacy and communication strategies for implementation of various social initiatives especially for non-profit/charity based organisations.
OUR PROJECTS IN 2018/19 (FY 2075/76 BS)

A brief description of our completed and ongoing projects:

BUILDING CAPACITY FOR DATA INDUCED DEVELOPMENT IN PROVINCE 1

NIRC implemented this project in collaboration with the Data for Development (D4D) Nepal, The Asia Foundation and Development Initiatives, with the funding support from UK Aid. The project was implemented in Province 1 where representatives and youth of 4 Palikas – Damak Municipality, Kamal Rural Municipality, Shivasatakshi Municipality and Kankai Municipality were oriented about the importance and use of open data for evidence informed development. As part of the project, 70 youth from the 4 municipalities/rural municipalities received capacity development trainings on open data literacy and data visualisation. The training participants developed data posters which were then exhibited to the local representatives. A policy dialogue was also organized to advocate and promote better utilization of data and evidence for evidence informed policymaking in Province 1.
**DOCUMENTARIES ON MENTAL HEALTH, MENSTRUAL HEALTH AND RESTORATIVE JUSTICE**

We developed two documentaries on mental health for Transcultural Psychosocial Organisation (TPO) – Nepal. These documentaries were being filmed in Sindhupalchowk and Chitwan. Likewise, we are also developing a documentary on MenstruAction – a collaborative project of Visible Impact and GIZ Nepal to build capacities of adolescents of Bidur Municipality, Nuwakot district on menstrual health and youth leadership. Similarly, we are also developing a short advocacy video for Nepal Forum for Restorative Justice on restorative justice.

![A glimpse of Grant Proposal Writing: Conceptual and Practical Approaches Training Series](image)

**CAPACITY BUILDING ON PROPOSAL AND REPORT WRITING**

As a flagship training of NIRC, we successfully completed 6 batches of 2-day training on ‘Grant Proposal Writing: Conceptual and Practical Approaches’ from September 2018 to June, 2019 at SAP Falcha, Babarmahal, Kathmandu. Over 115 participants have already enrolled in our proposal writing training series.

Likewise, in association with World Vision International Nepal, 3-day training series on ‘Project Proposal Writing and Fundraising’ was organized in the month of May 2019. The training was organized for partner NGOs of World Vision in its eastern and central office. The first batch of training was organized from May 8 to 10, 2019 in Biratnagar whereas the second batch of training was organized from May 13 to 15, 2019 in Godawari, Lalitpur.

Similarly, in collaboration with Mercy Corps Nepal and Madhyapur Youth Association, a 3-day training on Proposal Development was organized from April 24 to 26, 2019. Likewise, a 4-day ‘Proposal and Report Writing Training’ was organised in Kamal Rural Municipality, Jhapa, Province 1 from April 28 to May 1, 2018 with the support of Work for Nepal with technical support by NIRC.

**CAPACITY BUILDING ON MONITORING AND EVALUATION**

A 3-day ‘Monitoring and Evaluation Training’ was organised by NIRC from February 9 to 11, 2019 which was a huge success. Following greater demand, we conducted batch 2 of the training from April 6 to 8, 2019.
CAPACITY BUILDING ON RESEARCH COMMUNICATIONS AND SOCIAL MEDIA MANAGEMENT

A one-day training on ‘Professional Research Communications and Social Media Management: Theoretical and Practical Approaches’ was organised in Department of Conflict, Peace and Development Studies of Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu on September 15, 2018. The topics covered during the training were: developing non-academic write ups (research briefs, policy briefs, blogs and case studies); communicating during an academic event; effective handling of social media for professional purposes; and email etiquette.

Likewise, we conducted three capacity building workshops on Research Communications and Social Media Management for contestants of Mister and Miss Tourism and Culture Universe Nepal – an international franchise beauty pageant linking with tourism and culture promotion as part of the Visit Nepal 2020 initiative.

CAPACITY BUILDING ON DATA MANAGEMENT AND ANALYSIS (USING SPSS)

NIRC conducted a 2-day training on quantitative data management and analysis (using SPSS) on May 25-26, 2019.
CAPACITY BUILDING ON CONTRACT DRAFTING
In association with Associates Hub Pvt Ltd, NIRC conducted a 2-day training on Contract Drafting on March 16-17, 2019. During the training, insights and tips of effective contract drafting was discussed with the participants.

CAPACITY BUILDING ON YOUTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP
In collaboration with Damak Jaycees, Damak Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI) and Damak Municipality, NIRC conducted a one-day training on Youth Entrepreneurship Development on June 28, 2019.

CAPACITY BUILDING ON DISASTER RISK REDUCTION
NIRC conducted a one-day training on Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) to the government officials and NGO representatives of Sundarbazar Municipality, Lamjung, Province 4. The training was organised by Youth for Community Transformation, Nepal- YCT on May 25, 2018.
Our Collaborators

The organisations and institutions we have collaborated with for our projects in fiscal year 2075/76 are:

- The Asia Foundation, Development Initiatives and Data for Development (D4D) Nepal
- World Vision International Nepal
- Mercy Corps Nepal
- Transcultural Psychosocial Organisation (TPO) Nepal
- Visible Impact
- Nepal Forum for Restorative Justice
- Department of Conflict, Peace and Development Studies, Tribhuvan University
- National College
- Work for Nepal
- Youth for Community Transformation (YCT) – Nepal
- Planet Multimedia International Private Limited
- Damak Municipality, Damak Jaycees and Damak Chamber of Commerce and Industry