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Profile:

Teertha Raj Dhakal, Secretary (Government of Nepal) has over 25 years experience in formulating national/sectoral plans and result frameworks. He engaged in formulating five medium-term plans, designed national/sectoral M&E frameworks and drafted various policy and review reports. He also served as programme director of five projects including Local Governance and Community Development Programme and has participated in several negotiation processes representing the country. Dhakal has facilitated over 30 independent evaluations and has been playing lead role institutionalizing results-based planning and evaluations in Nepal.

Dhakal holds a Ph.D in Education (Development Studies) from Kathmandu University; a MSc in Project Planning and Management from University of Bradford (United Kingdom); and Masters of Business and Public Administration (MBA and MPA) and a Bachelor degree in Law (BL) from Tribhuvan University, Nepal. He has contributed articles in various journals, reviewed several articles as a peer reviewer for international journals, made presentations in national/international fora, delivered guest lecture in various academic institutions and facilitated hundreds of training/workshop sessions in development planning, project planning and management, RBM/MfDR, M&E and poverty-related issues.

Education:

- 2013 **PhD in Education (Development Studies)**, Kathmandu University, Nepal.
Research title: Policy Implementation Research: Exclusion and Inclusion of Dalits in Primary Education in Nepal
- 1999 **MSc in Project Planning and Management**, University of Bradford, United Kingdom
- 1992 **Master in Public Administration (MPA)**, Tribhuvan University (TU), Nepal.
- 1986 **Master in Business Administration (MBA)**, T. U., Nepal.
- 1990 **Bachelor's Degree in Law (BL)** T. U. Nepal.
- 1984 **Bachelor's Degree in Management (B. Com.)**, T. U., Nepal.

Experience & Training :

July 2018- to date: Secretary (Govt of Nepal)- currently **Principal Secretary**, Office of the Chief Minister and Council of Ministers, Province No. 5, Butwal Nepal.

2012- July 7, 2018: **Joint Secretary** (Chief, M&E Division), NPCS, Govt of Nepal (GON).

2011-2012: **Joint Secretary**, Ministry of Local Development (MLD), GON.

2010-2011: **Member Secretary**, Administrative Restructuring Commission, GON.

1996-2010: **Programme Director**, Chief, Poverty Monitoring Section, NPCS, GON.

1987-1996: **Account Officer**, Office of the Financial Comptroller General, GON.

Special Responsibilities (National Program Director/Manager of following projects)

2012-2015: Strengthening M&E System, Phase 2 (**SMES 2**) (JICA)

2011-2012: Local Governance & Community Devt Program (LGCDP) (GON/Multi-donor)

2006-2007: Operationalization of MfDR in Nepal (ADB)

2004-2006: Operationalization of MDGs in Nepal (UNDP)

2002-2005: Poverty Monitoring Project (UNDP)

2003-2006: Technical Committee Member, NLSS, 2003/04 and NDHS, 2005.

Experience as resource person:

2017 **Resource person**, *Write-shop on Integrating the 2030 Agenda into Planning (1-3 March)*, **Bangkok**

2017 **Resource person**, *Using Evidence for Smart Policy Design (March 2017)*, Regional Training organized in Kathmandu by EPOD, Kennedy School of Public Policy, Harvard University.

2016 **Resource person**, *Regional Training Workshop– Developing National Evaluation Capacities to Support the Implementation of the 2030 Agenda – 26 to 27 October 2016*, organized by UNDP and UNITAR in Bangkok

2015 **Resource person**, *Performance, Capacity and Change: Leadership Forum of the Asia-Pacific COP on MfDR*, Manila

2010 **Chief Rapporteur**, *Eastern Regional Organization for Public Adm. (EROPA) Seminar*, Kathmandu.

2010 **Resource person** in *'Results Mgmt for Public Sector Excellence: MfDR in education sector'* by Singapore Civil Service College and ADB in Singapore.

2007 *Education MIS in Nepal, presented in the Joint Learning Programme on SWAp*

2005: Presented a paper on "*RBM Initiatives in GON*" in "*Results-based Country Strategy and Programme Workshop*", organized by GON & ADB.

2004 **Rapporteur** in the *Sub-Regional Workshop on MDGs* (SAARC, UNESCAP & UNDP)

2006–2010: (Screening Committee Member), Social Inclusion Research Fund (SIRF)

1991-1998: Lecturer (Part-time) in Mgmt. faculty, Manohar Multiple Campus, Kathmandu.

1996 to date: Facilitated *more than hundred training/workshop sessions* in Devt. Planning, Project Mgmt, RBM, M&E, LFA, Budgeting, Poverty and Social Exclusion/Inclusion

Trainings, Workshops/Seminars attended as a participant:

2018 *Strengthening Stakeholder Engagement for the Implementation and Review of the 2030 Agenda*, 29 January – 4 April, 2018 organized by United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR).

2017 *Third Workshop for the Asia Pacific Region of the Devt Account Project on Strengthening Capacity for Post-2015 Monitoring*, **Philippines**.

2017 *Ambassadors of Evidence: Training of Trainers* by EPOD, Harvard University organized in Kathmandu.

2016 *Using Evidence for Smart Policy Design* by EPOD, Harvard University organized in Kathmandu.

2015 *10th Seoul Initiative Leadership Programme on Green Growth*, **Korea**.

2014 *Senior Executive Development Programme* (SEDP), NASC, Nepal.

2010 '*Mgmt Devt. Programme for Senior Govt. Officials of Nepal*' by IIPA, **India**.

2008 '*Public Sector Leadership Course*' by Govt. of **Denmark** in Copenhagen.

2007 '*Devt Evaluation Training*' by ADB, World Bank, Govt.of China & APFDC in **China**

2006 '*Workshop on the UNDP Evaluation Policy*' by UNDP in **Thailand**.

2005 '*Workshop on Participatory Poverty Impact Assessment*', by PRAXIS, **India**; '*Devt Mgmt. for Senior Executive Workshop*', by ADB Institute **Japan**.

2004 '*Workshop on Harmonization & Alignment*' by ADB & Govt. of Japan, in **Thailand**.

2003 '*Training Workshop on Population, Devt and Poverty*' by the ESCAP in **Thailand**;
'*Workshop on Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF)*' in **Kathmandu**.

2002 '*Workshop on Poverty Monitoring & Assessment*' by IDEA International, **Canada**;
'*Regional Seminar on Poverty Analysis & Monitoring*' by World Bank in **Pakistan**.

2001 '*Regional Seminar on Poverty Reduction Strategy*' in **Vietnam**; '*In-country Workshop on Conflict Prevention*' by UN Staff College in **Kathmandu**.

- 2000 *'Training on Logical Framework Facilitators'*, by GON and UNICEF in Kathmandu;
'Advanced Course on Mgmt & Devt for Class II Officers of GON by NASC in Nepal.
- 1998 *'Workshop on Improving Project Performance Mgmt.* by GON and ADB; *'Performance Mgmt. for Managerial Effectiveness'* by NASC.
- 1997 *'Country Seminar on Project Implementation and Administration'* by GON & ADB.

Research papers, articles and book chapters

- 2018 *Cost over-run in megha projects, its effects and measures to correct the situation*, published in Prashashan- Nepal's Public Administration Journal.
- 2017 *Linkages among Monitoring, Evaluation and Official Statistics system in Nepal*, Published in 'A Compendium of National Statistical System of Nepal, published by Central Bureau of Statistics, Nepal.
- 2015 *Has Medium-term Expenditure Framework been Effective in Nepal?* Nijamati Sewa Darpan-The Nepalese Journal of Public Administration.
- 2015 *Factors behind the failures of development projects in Nepal and recommended measures*, published in Nego Finance Sandesh
- 2015 *Poverty Alleviation and Efforts to Reduce Poverty in Nepal- A Review*, published in Rastrasewak Darpan
- 2014 *'The Institutionalization and Use of Evaluations in the Public Sector in Nepal'* published in the Journal of MultiDisciplinary Evaluation (JMDE), Vol.10 (23), 2014 (Western Michigan University, USA)
- 2014 *'Theoretical Aspects of Project planning and management and its challenges in Nepal'* published in Parag (Journal of Public Adm., Revenue Adm. and Governance), Vol.4
- 2013 *'Policy Implementation Research: Exclusion and Inclusion of Dalits in Primary Education in Nepal'* (PhD dissertation)
- 2009 Two write-ups *'Institutionalization of MfDR: Efforts & Issues in Nepal'* and *'Linking Planning and Budgeting in Education Sector in Nepal'* in *'Moving from Concept to Actions: Asian Experiences of MfDR'* published by ADB, Manila
- 2008 Co-writer of *'Education Financial Planning in Asia: Implementing MTEF- Nepal'* published by UNESCO, Bangkok
- 2008 Co-writer of *'On the evolution of the monitoring and evaluation system in Nepal'* Vikas - A Journal of Development, Vol. 28(1)

2007 *'Transfer of School Mgmt. to Communities: A Participatory Mgmt. Approach Improve Results'* presented in the Programme on MfDR in Shanghai, China

2004-07 Prepared Nepal country reports on the following themes: (i) *Infrastructure and poverty reduction (2007)*; (ii) *Decentralization and Empowerment for Social Progress (2004)*; (iii) *Poverty Situation and Poverty Reduction Initiatives (2002)*

2001 *Poverty Incidence and Poverty Alleviation Efforts in Nepal-* an article published in *Rajaswa (A Nepalese Journal of Public Finance and Devt, Vol.2 (21)*

2001 *'Evolution of Poverty Reduction Strategies– a review'-* published in *Vikas, (A Journal of Development), Vol. 20 (2)*

1998 *'Community mgmt.: A case of Nepal's Community Forestry Initiatives'* (MSc dissertation)

Professional Affiliation:

2006- to date: **Member**, Coordinating Committee, COP-MfDR, Asia Pacific Region

2007 **Life Member**, Gorkha Smajsewa Kendra (Social Service Centre), Kathmandu

2006 **Life Member**, Public Administration Association of Nepal (PAAN)

2005 **Life Member**, Management Association of Nepal (MAN)

Awards:

2014 ***Nepal Vidya Bhusan Medal 'A'*** (awarded by the GON)

2004 ***Best Civil Service Award*** (awarded by the GON).

1998/99 ***British Govt. Technical Cooperation Training Scholarship*** to study 'MSc' in UK.