

Press Release

The government of Australia has agreed to provide a grant assistance of AU\$ 26 million (equivalent to NRs 1.84 billion) to the Government of Nepal for implementing Nepal Health Sector Program II. An agreement to this effect was signed between the government of Nepal and the Government of Australia.

This program is also being supported, by the World Bank, DFID, AusAID, GAVI and other development partners. The program's main objective is to improve the health and nutritional status of the Nepali population, especially of the poor and excluded through improving access to and quality of essential health care services. This assistance will continue until July 2015.

The grant agreement was signed by Mr. Krishna Han Baskota, Secretary, Ministry of Finance on behalf of the Government of Nepal and Ms. Catherine Walker, Acting Director General of AusAID on behalf of the Government of Australia. The Government of Nepal has expressed its appreciation to the Government of Australia for the assistance and also for their keen interest and continued support in the socio-economic development of Nepal.

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Singha Durbar, Kathmandu

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