



Prime Ministerial Commitment:
A National Transformation in, and
through, Water, Sanitation, and
Hygiene

The Government of Nepal recalls that **safe water and sanitation services are fundamental human rights** as enshrined by the Constitution of Nepal (2015), and a **prerequisite to human dignity, health, and national prosperity**. Guided by Sixteenth Development Plan, Vision Nepal 2043 "**Prosperous Nepal and Happy Nepali**," as well as SDG6 commitments, including SWA partnership, Nepal recognizes the systemic challenges the country faces in realizing safe water and sanitation services, which must be confronted with urgency, innovation, and inclusive action.

The Government, therefore, steps forward with **clarity of vision and steadfast resolve**, making the following high-level commitments to ensure that every citizen of Nepal has access to safe and sustainable water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) services.

1. **According WASH as a National Development Priority**

Nepal will firmly embed WASH as a priority in its national development plan, ministerial performance metrics, and province and local government priorities. This commitment will be anchored through **cross-party consensus, Parliamentary WASH Resolution, and inter-governmental coordination** to ensure coherence, accountability, and transformative impact.

2. **Unlocking Financing with Sound Diplomacy and Shared Partnerships**

Sixteenth Development Plan and Vision 2043 goals requires bold domestic actions and strategic international partnerships to bridge the financing gap. Investment levels will be raised to accepted international levels starting FY 2027/28. A **High-Level Financing Dialogue** in 2026 will lay the foundation for blended finance solutions, mobilizing domestic and external resources—including climate finance and public-private partnerships.

3. **Adopting the WASH Sector Development Plan as the Strategic Roadmap**

A unified national framework is essential to guide transformative WASH outcomes. Nepal will adopt, through consultation, a **20-year WASH Sector Development Plan (SDP)**, built on seven strategic pillars—including access, governance, institutional reform, and climate resilience. Beginning FY 2026/27, this plan will guide national, provincial, and municipal WASH **planning and budgeting cycles**, ensuring measurable outcomes.


4. **Launching Flagship Water and Sanitation Programmes for Every Nepali**

Nepal will launch two transformative flagship programmes to deliver **safe and quality services for scale, equality, sustainability** through strategic partnerships from FY 2027-28.

- The **"One House, One Tap" National Programme** for providing safe, year-round water to every household and institution, and
- A **National Sanitation Programme** across initial 100 municipalities, with integrated solutions for wastewater management and protection of natural water bodies.

5. **Accelerating Climate-Resilient WASH for National Resilience**

The future of water security lies in the sustainability of our water sources—now under increasing threat from diverse needs as a result of rapid urbanization, and climate impacts.


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Nepal will integrate climate resilience into WASH systems by retrofitting infrastructure in high-risk zones, regulating surface and groundwater use aligning with watershed conservation efforts, and promoting low-carbon, eco-friendly approaches, consistent with the National Adaptation Plan and Nationally Determined Contribution 3.0.

6. Building Future-Ready Institutions to Deliver a Water-Secure Nepal

Transforming institutions is central to Nepal's WASH-reform. Leadership programmes, twinning partnerships, and technical support will foster a new generation of sector champions, developing cutting-edge solutions. Municipalities will be empowered with capacity, authority, and performance incentives to deliver responsive, accountable services—while communities will be engaged as “stewards of change.”

7. Powering Smart WASH – Investing in Innovation and Technology

Nepal will harness digital innovation to improve service delivery and decision-making. The National WASH Management Information (N-WASH) system will be upgraded with real-time monitoring and interactive dashboards, while advanced technologies, including Artificial Intelligence (AI), will help optimize operations and strengthen system responsiveness.

8. Transforming WASH Utilities through Regulatory Reforms

Through implementation of the Water and Sanitation Regulation 2025—a transformative reform that places quality, safety, and accountability at the core of public service, service standards and consumer protection will be significantly strengthened. Regulatory oversight will be applied across utility types to ensure compliance, and performance scorecards introduced to promote transparency and accountability.

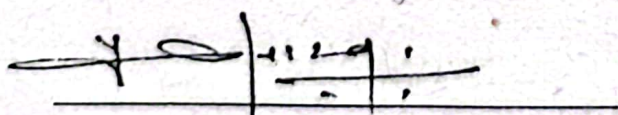
9. Institutionalizing Joint Sector Review for Shared Accountability

The WASH Joint Sector Review, held biennially, will become the key mechanism for shared responsibility and mutual accountability to unify efforts between the government and development partners. Resolutions will be systematically tracked with a focus on addressing key gaps, and to ensure sector-wide course correction.

10. Positioning Nepal in Global WASH Agenda

Nepal will actively contribute to global and regional WASH efforts by showcasing climate-resilient and inclusive service models, strengthening South-South cooperation, and influencing policy dialogues. This global engagement reflects Nepal's commitment to advancing SDG 6 through shared learning and leadership.

Signed on behalf of Rt. Honorable Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli,
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