



LGPAS

A UNIFIED FRAMEWORK FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE

Nepal's federal transition has significantly expanded the functional responsibilities of local governments—from governance and service delivery to public financial management, infrastructure development, social inclusion, and local economic development. To assess and strengthen these functions, multiple performance assessment tools such as Local Government Institutional Self-Assessment (**LISA**), Fiscal Risk Assessment (**FRA**), and Local Economic Development (**LED**) were introduced over time. While well-intended, these tools evolved with overlapping indicators, parallel reporting requirements, and separate processes, resulting in duplication of effort, increased administrative burden on local governments, and fragmented performance insights.

To address these systemic challenges, the **Ministry of Land Management, Co-operatives, Federal Affairs and General Administration (MoLCFAGA)** envisioned the **Local Government Performance Assessment System (LGPAS)** as a single, integrated assessment framework that harmonizes existing tools into one comprehensive, technology-enabled system. Building on its prior technical experience with LISA and its embedded support at federal, provincial, and local levels, the **Provincial and Local Governance Strengthening Programme (PLGSP)** supported MoFAGA with LGPAS. PLGSP supported the digital systems development, and enabling nationwide implementation through cascaded capacity building. LGPAS aims to reduce reporting burdens, strengthen evidence-based decision-making, and promote accountability and continuous performance improvement across Nepal's local governments.

WHAT LGPAS DELIVERS



Reduced reporting burden through a single integrated assessment system



Actionable performance insights for planning and capacity development



Greater transparency and public trust through standardized scoring and disclosure



Recognition of high-performing local governments, including pathways toward Model Local Government status and performance-linked incentives

LGPAS AS A SYSTEM-BUILDING REFORM

LGPAS is not merely an assessment tool—it is a system-building reform that strengthens performance management, learning, and accountability in Nepal's federal governance architecture.

Through MoFAGA's leadership and PLGSP's technical and capacity development support, LGPAS demonstrates how fragmented reforms can be integrated into a single, scalable system that delivers value for local governments and citizens alike.

KEY FEATURES OF THE LGPAS FRAMEWORK



Unified Assessment:

Integrates previous frameworks like LISA, FRA, and LED into one robust system.



Comprehensive Evaluation:

Measures performance across 100 indicators in five key areas: Governance, Social Development, Economic Development, Infrastructure, and Environment & Disaster Management.



Digital & Data-Driven:

Implemented through an integrated IT-based system that ensures timely, evidence-based decision-making and automated reporting.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS?

LGPAS is more than just an assessment; it's a powerful tool for institutional strengthening. Here's how it benefits local governments:

Benefit

How LGPAS Delivers



Identify and Address Gaps

Provides a clear “Health Check-up” by pinpointing specific weaknesses, allowing you to allocate resources and capacity-building programs where they are most needed.



Incentivize and Reward Excellence

High-performing local governments can be declared “Model Local Governments,” earning formal recognition, awards, and a potential link to future performance-based grants.



Build Public Trust

By mandating the public disclosure of results and using a verifiable, evidence-based scoring system, LGPAS ensures open governance and strengthens citizen confidence.



Foster a Culture of Improvement

The system encourages regular self-reflection and proactive, data-driven planning, ensuring your local government remains responsive to citizen needs.

