



# KNOWLEDGE FORUM 2018



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## Strengthening “One ADB”

The logo for the Senior Development Community (SDCC), featuring a network of colorful nodes (green, blue, red, yellow) connected by lines, with a stylized arrow pointing upwards. The text 'SDCC' is written in a bold, sans-serif font below the network.

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- NRM Knowledge Management Plan – Country Partnership Strategy for Nepal
- Knowledge products are planned in the beginning of the year
- Other knowledge initiatives
  - Study Tours
  - Field visits
  - Knowledge workshops/seminars
  - Sector forums
  - Blogs, ADB Avenue – MIS, e-pedicabs, Melamchi tunnel
  - Press Tours
- K-nexus – easy access to knowledge products
- Summary of learnings from past projects?
- Better flow of information from HQ on knowledge initiatives and products
- Sharing of knowledge products with other sector colleagues



# CHALLENGES

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Time

Resources

Largely supply driven

Dissemination of Knowledge Products

Tacit Knowledge

Publication?

Quality vs Quantity?

## **Bigger Challenge**

Lack of clear goals and objectives – how to align with Strategy 2030, SDGs, etc.

Internal Goals, External Goals

Client (DMC) involvement, ownership

Innovation mindset, surveys, research, evidence based so that we are a step ahead

To be a knowledge bank, a culture of knowledge creation is required

How to structure data, information so that it could be used by everyone regardless of who has left the organization

story telling/ specific audience (if MOF, blog will not help)

Cultural embrace of failure



# SUCCESS STORIES

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## **New technology helping rebuild Nepal's quake-hit schools better, and faster**

- Thanks to technology, real-time monitoring of development projects is now possible, helping project managers address the multiple challenges of implementing post-disaster emergency projects.
- A good example is using a web-based project monitoring information system (MIS) to closely follow progress in school construction following the devastating earthquake that hit Nepal in April 2015.
- Although the Nepal Earthquake Emergency Project (EEAP) has been progressing well over the last three years and procurement of all work contract packages has been completed, some of the later awarded packages faced implementation delays. Following consultations with end-users, we developed a project monitoring information system to monitor EEAP's implementation.
- There were other such systems on the market, but they didn't meet our needs, so we decided to develop our own tailored system. Almost all of them lacked the functionality to capture geo-coded spatial information at the site and did not link the information with contract packages.
- The system is a web app linked with mobile apps for real-time progress tracking, offering a platform for complete information related to the project. Information such as detailed surveys, safeguards, and quality assurance monitoring is embedded, and the system is already fully operational.



# OPPORTUNITIES

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- **Collaboration**
- **One window policy for knowledge products**
- **Use of new media – short videos, online series, social media with links to knowledge products**
- **Knowledge forum is a good initiative**

## **Incentives**

- Adequate financial resources to actively pursue knowledge work.
- A dedicated mission on knowledge, in coordination with all sectors and thematic colleagues, would help in identifying knowledge needs/gaps in the country and thereby prepare KPS or KM plan accordingly.
- Scores given to KM work in annual performance evaluation, and widely commended by management.
- Knowledge spot awards
- When you know you are contributing to the overall goal, it's the biggest incentive.

Thank you.

