



## Norway

**Norway is the second largest Development Assistance Committee (DAC) provider in terms of ODA as a percentage of GNI. Norway is one of the very high Human Development Index countries with 0.957 index value, ranking the nation first, out of 189 nations (HDR, 2020).**

### Bilateral Relations

Norway and Nepal established diplomatic relations in 1973, although the ties between the two countries had started already in the early 1950's. The Norwegian Embassy was opened in 2001 as the relations expanded, in particular through development cooperation.

Norway maintains its Embassy in Lalitpur, Nepal. Mr. Lasse Bjørn Johannessen is the Norwegian Ambassador to Nepal (August 2017 to date). The Nepali Ambassador in Copenhagen is concurrently accredited to Norway. Similarly, the Nepalese Honorary Consul General based in Oslo looks after the Nepalese interests in Norway.

### Development Cooperation

The formal development cooperation between the Government of Norway and the Government of Nepal began in 1996 by signing a MOU. Norway's contribution is based on a shared dedication to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

In 2017, Norway granted approximately 193 million NOK as the development aid to Nepal. Its priority areas are energy, education, good governance, human rights, environment and gender equality as cross-cutting issues.

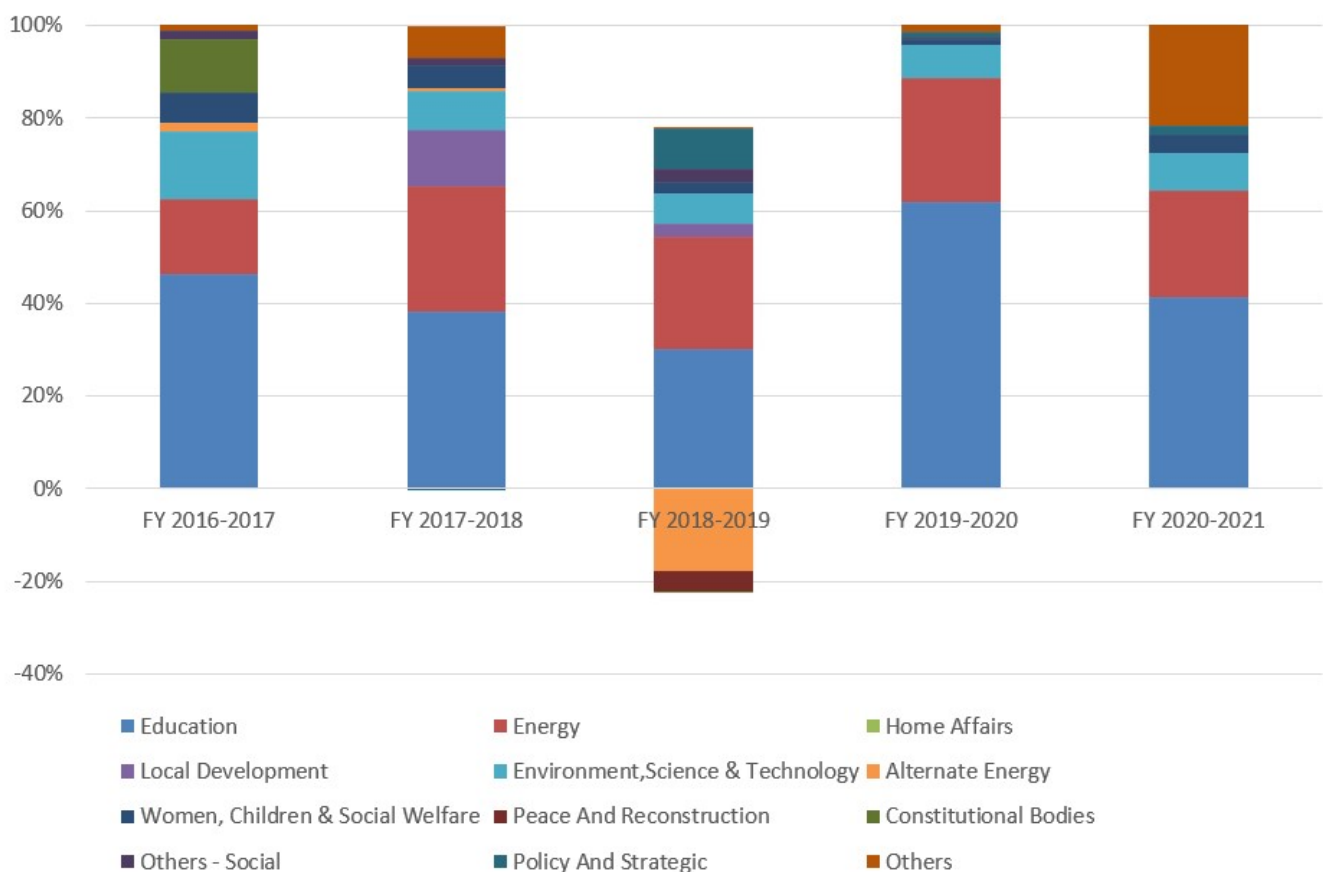
Out of the total official development assistance to Nepal, approximately 75% is administered by the Norwegian Embassy in Kathmandu. The remaining 25% ODA is channeled directly from the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Norwegian Agency for Development

Worth mentioning was also support to the Energize Nepal Project with a special link between Kathmandu University and Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU), with a grant of NOK 25 million (over 5 years). Norway is supporting the regional intergovernmental learning and knowledge center- International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD), with a budget of NOK 150 million over the 5 years.

### Major Support of Norway to Nepal by Sector

The followings are the 5 major support sectors of the Norwegian cooperation during the last five – year period.

1. Education
2. Energy
3. Environment, Science and Technology
4. Women, Children and Social Welfare
5. Policy and strategic



Source: Aid Management Information System

### Norwegian aid disbursement during FYs 2016/17 - 2020/21 (in US\$)

According to the data available in the AMIS Platform, over the last five-year beginning from FY 2010/11 to FY 2020/21, Norway disbursed a total of US\$ 105.6 million to Nepal. During this period the highest level of disbursement amounting to US \$ 23.9 million, took place in fiscal

During the five-year period Norway agreed to provide US \$ 364.5 million to Nepal through separate agreements. The highest level of bilateral cooperation agreement was concluded in fiscal year 2019/20, in an amount of US \$231.5 million. However, there is not direct relationship between the year and agreement amount and the amount of disbursement. But it is true that all the disbursement are the outcome of past aid commitment.

Fiscal Year	Agreement Amount	Disbursement
2016/17	33,723,101	20,318,915
2017/18	14,583,014	23,984,012
2018/19	44,518,827	23,584,627
2019/20	231,828,618	15,876,280
2020/21	39,891,129	21,868,100

*Source: Aid Management Information System*

**Note: The Agreement Amount is not comparable with disbursement because disbursement here accounts for disbursement of each fiscal year only, whereas Agreement Amount refers to the project cost over the period (not only for single fiscal year but also beyond).**

### Development Cooperation Strategy

Norway has worked closely with other donors to reach the targets for the education program School Sector Reform Program (SSRP) since 2009, and is particularly committed to increasing access to education for girls and children with disabilities.

Norway is a long-time supporter for energy development in Nepal. The main energy support has to date been channeled through ADB, by a grant of NOK 330 million for the Electricity Transmission Expansion and Supply Improvement Project and the South Asia Sub-regional Economic Cooperation (SASEC) Power Expansion Project-Transmission Line in Nepal.

Khimti I Hydropower Plant is Norway's largest private initiative in Nepal. The plant is built with private sector funding as a "BOOT" agreement (Build, Own, Operate, and Transfer) with GoN.

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