**Country Joint Programming Factsheet**

***Regional workshop on Joint Programming for Asia***

* *Factsheet* ***to be completed by EU Delegation together with EU******MS*** *(max 2 pages)*
* *Consolidated version* ***to be submitted by the EU Delegation*** *to* *EuropeAid-A2@ec.europa.eu* *and* *VI-B2@eeas.europa.eu****by 17 April 2015****. Factsheet will be used during the seminar.*
1. Country: Nepal
2. General expectations for workshop:
* concrete tips on how to move the process forward will be much appreciated. In particular, exchange views with countries where JP process is more advanced;
* How a JP doc should look like (level of details, structure, coverage, Develop a joint understanding of the value added and the objectives of JP in Nepal language etc.);
* Ideas/ suggestions on realistic timelines for the process ( HQ approval);
* Concrete tips on how to engage with other stakeholders in the process- Government, Civil Society, private sector.
1. Status of Joint Programming in your country:
* the discussion on JP in Nepal started in late 2012/ beginning 2013. A JP mission to Nepal took place in August 2014. Relevant stakeholders from public and private sector were consulted during the mission. Government, Civil Society and local Private Sector showed a great interest towards JP and are supportive of the process. After the mission, 2 meetings between EUD and MS took place to discuss the introduction of joint programming in Nepal from mid-2016 as several Member States will then start new programming cycles and brainstorm on the JP template.
1. Key challenges ahead *(to be taken into account for workshop session on 'Identification of operational challenges’)*:
* Heavy workload and Human Resources' situation within EUD to assist in the drafting, consultation process etc.
* To ensure the buy-in from all MS in Nepal;
* How to ensure that the process will be kept as light as possible, yet meaningful;
* How to ensure how a JP document can best complement bilateral strategies and build on those (for example to come up with a joint context analysis – probably no need to re-invent the wheel).
* The current lack of an overarching national development strategy / plan that the EU JP document should be aligned with.
1. Challenges overcome: n.a.
2. Lessons learnt: a gradual process seems preferable. It will focus on enhanced joint communication (what EU+MSs are doing in Nepal / joint strategic messages / political dialogue and visibility >EU+EU MS are together the largest providers of development assistance in the country).
3. Element for next steps *(as starting point for workshop 'Joint Programming individual country sessions'):*
* To revise EU mapping in Nepal;
* Being concrete and start drafting the documents.