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**NEPAL**

# NEPAL : Basic Facts



<b>Area</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>147,181 Sq. Km.</b>
<b>Population (2004)</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>24.8 Million</b>
<b>Growth Rate (1991-2001)</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>2.25% (Average Annual)</b>
<b>Border</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>China (North)</b>
	<b>:</b>	<b>India (East, South and West)</b>
<b>Capital</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>Kathmandu</b>
<b>Literacy</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>54.1%</b>
<b>Male</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>65.5%</b>
<b>Female</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>42.8%</b>
<b>Life Expectancy</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>60.4 Years</b>

# NEPAL : Basic Facts (Contd..)

## Ecological Belt :

- Mountain
- Hill
- Terai

## Development Region :

- Eastern Development Region
- Central Development Region
- Western Development Region
- Mid-Western Development Region
- Far-Western Development Region

**Districts : 75**

**Municipalities : 58**

**VDCs : 3915**



## Household with



Indicator	Number	%
Electricity	1,644,499	39.4
Radio	2,229,313	53.4
Television	993,429	23.8
Telephone	264,404	6.33

# Community access to ICTS



- ✓ **Internet (with email) service was initiated in 1995-96 by Mercantile Ltd. followed by World Link (1998) [Private sector].**
- ✓ **Nepal Telecom (Govt. undertaking) started internet services in 2000.**
- ✓ **Nepal Telecommunications Authority was established in March 1998.**
- ✓ **Nepal Telecom has been providing internet services in 55 districts.**

## Community access to ICTS (contd...)



- ✓ **Registered Internet Service Providers (ISPs): 26.**
- ✓ **Cyber Café : Less than 500**
- ✓ **Internet subscribers : 45,000**
- ✓ **Internet users : 225,000**
- ✓ **Localities with access to internet : 1.8%**
- ✓ **Population with access to internet : 15.8%**

# Monitoring Mechanism



- ✓ **Very week**
- ✓ **Lack of database**
- ✓ **Lack of effective coordination**

# Government Policy



- ✓ **IT Policy 2002**
  - Use of internet shall be extended to rural areas
- ✓ **Tenth Plan (2002 – 2007)**
  - IT sector strategy / policy
    - Universal access to IT through Community Information Centre in 1500 VDCs.
    - Rs. 293.7 million planned expenditure
- ✓ **Telecom Policy 2004**
  - Access to rural people



# Conclusion

## Need of Strengthening coordination among concerned stakeholders

- **Policy Making**
  - **Ministry of Science and Technology**
  - **Ministry of Information and Communication**
  - **National Planning Commission**
- **Regulating/Monitoring**
  - **Nepal Telecommunication Authority**
- **Database**
  - **Central Bureau of Statistics**





**Thank You**

