

GoGo Launched CSO Sustainability Index, 2015 Nepal scored 4.4 with 5th rank among seven South Asia and South East Asian Countries

GoGo Foundation organized an event and successfully launched the "*Civil Society Sustainability Index (CSOSI), 2015*" report on 26 February 2017 at the Trade Tower, Thapathali, Kathmandu, Nepal. This report is joint initiatives with MSI/USAID.

The CSOSI report was formally unveiled by Dr Somlal Subedi, Chief Secretary, Office of the Prime Minister and Council of Minister, Nepal along with CSO activists and USAID representative. The hard copies of CSOSI Power Point Presentations along with the Press Release were provided to all the participants and the journalists present at the event.



Dr Somlal Subedi, Chief Secretary, Govt. of Nepal along with CSO members unveiling CSOSI 2015 report

More than 90 participants from the CSO federation leaders, CSO representatives, community members, NGO federation, opinion makers, donor and INGO representatives along with the media professionals actively participated in the program.

At the beginning of the report dissemination program, Lead Researcher Kedar Khadka of the CSOSI-Nepal report presented the finding which was nicely received by the participants.

On behalf of USAID Nepal, Senior Democracy and Governance Officer Mr Krishna Pathak highlighted the objectives of the CSOSI global initiatives to understand the strength and viability of the CSO sector in 75+ countries for more than 2 decades. He also briefly highlighted the involvement of South Asia & seven South East Asian countries (Nepal, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Indonesia, Philippines and Cambodia) and the publication of a special CSOSI edition since 2014. He further elaborated that CSOSI report provides the policy inputs to improve CSO governance and their image building process.



Similarly, Chief Secretary Dr Somlal Subedi appreciated the efforts to produce this kind of global and regional report focusing on CSO enabling environment. He opined that report has nicely captured the essence of national context relating to CSO and provided the regional comparison. This will help us to understand our national CSO status. He also opined that the seven dimensions along with the sub-dimensions are clearly articulated. However, it would be more effective if report also describes the importance of the accountability among CSO at the wider level. The event was covered by half a dozen television channels, FM radio, national daily news papers and online as well as social media.