

PRESS RELEASE

Unveiling Civil Society Organization Sustainability Index Report 2017 7 February 2019, Kathmandu

The Civil Society Organization Sustainability Index (CSOSI) report is a global independent initiatives of the USAID in association with the FHI 360/ICNL, USA to measure the strengths and overall viability of the CSO sectors in more than 70 countries of the globe. The reports are produced and disseminated annually in the respective countries.

FHI 360/ICNL has also initiated to produce similar report of the nine countries from South/East Asian namely Nepal, Bangladesh, Burma, Cambodia, Indonesia, Philippines, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Thailand. Thus, since 2017, in association with the FHI 360/ICNL, GoGo Foundation has been contributing as the "host partner organization" from Nepal to publish Asia version of CSOSI report.

The CSOSI report is prepared through the panel discussions among CSO practitioners and experts to assess and score in the sector on given scales in seven interrelated dimensions i.e. legal environment; organizational capacity; financial viability; advocacy; service provision; infrastructure; and public image. In addition to this exercise, the host partner organization also conducts in-depth context analysis of the civil society initiatives in the respective countries.

An editorial committee of technical and regional experts are involved to review each country panel's findings. Based on their final scores, the CSO sector of each country are grouped within one of three sustainability categories: sustainability enhanced; sustainability evolving; and sustainability impeded.

Thus, CSOSI 2017 report covered 9 countries of the South/East Asia and Nepal ranked 5th position with 4.3 out of 7 score. The scores from 1-3 are given for sustainable enhanced category, 3.1-5 for sustainability evolving category and 5.1-7 for sustainability impeded category. With 4.3 score, Nepal fall under the sustainability evolving categories. The Philippines and Bangladesh are ranked first and second respectively where as Burma and Thailand are positioned 8th and 9th respectively. The overall country rank along with the respective dimension-wise ranks are given as follows:

CSOSI scored Countries	Rank with overall CSO-SI scores	Overall CSOSI 2017 Dimension-wise Rank						
		Legal Environment	Organizational Capacity	Financial Viability	Advocacy	Service Provision	Infrastructure	Public image
Philippines	1(3.4)	1	2	1	3	1	1	1
Bangladesh	2(3.7)	5	1	2	2	2	2	2
Indonesia	3(4.0)	4	3	3	1	4	3	4
Pakistan	4(4.2)	6	7	4	5	3	5	3
Nepal	5(4.3)	2	8	5	4	7	7	6
Cambodia	6(4.5)	8	4	8	8	6	4	5
Srilanka	7(4.6)	3	9	9	6	8	9	7
Burma	8(4.6)	7	6	6	7	5	6	9
Thailand	9(4.7)	9	5	7	9	9	8	8

In overall dimension, Nepal has secured fifth position among nine countries with 4.3 score and categorized under the sustainability evolving (3.1-5 score) category. However, out of 7 dimensions Nepalese CSO's "organization capacity", "financial viability", "service provision", "infrastructure" and "public images" have been scored low. The country-wise overall CSOSI scores with CSOSI dimension's score of the 2017 report are as follows:

Countries	Overall CSO Sustainability Index scores	Country-wise CSOSI Score of 2017						
		Legal Environment	Organizational Capacity	Financial Viability	Advocacy	Service Provision	Infra-structure	Public image
Philippines	3.4	3.5	3.4	4.0	3.5	2.9	2.9	3.4
Bangladesh	3.7	4.5	3.2	4.3	3.5	3.2	3.6	3.6
Indonesia	4.0	4.4	3.8	4.5	3.4	3.8	4.2	4.2
Pakistan	4.2	4.5	4.3	4.5	4.0	3.6	4.3	4.0
Nepal	4.3	4.2	4.4	4.6	3.9	4.2	4.4	4.5
Cambodia	4.5	4.9	3.9	5.2	4.7	4.2	4.3	4.3
Srilanka	4.6	4.2	4.6	5.3	4.1	4.4	4.8	4.5
Burma	4.6	4.6	4.3	5.1	4.3	4.2	4.4	5.1
Thailand	4.7	5.1	4.1	5.1	4.8	4.4	4.7	4.9

Thank you very much for your cooperation.



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