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World Bank approves $100 M to strengthen Nepal's healthcare system

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To put quality at the core of health system policy and planning and service delivery



The World Bank's Board of Executive Directors have approved $100 million in financing for the Nepal Quality Health Systems Programme operation.

The Programme will improve the quality of healthcare services and increase the coverage of health insurance and enhance the capacity of the healthcare system to prepare for and respond to health emergencies in Koshi and Gandaki provinces.

It will be implemented by the Ministry of Health and Population with the coordination of the Health Insurance Board at the federal level, and provincial and local governments in Koshi and Gandaki provinces to help achieve the strategic objectives of Nepal's Health Sector Strategic Plan, 2022-2030. These include enhancing efficiency and responsiveness of the health system, promoting sustainable financing and social protection in health, and promoting equitable access to quality health services.

The financing for the Programme is complemented by a $3.84 million grant from the Health Emergency Preparedness and Response (HEPR) Trust Fund. The HEPR Trust Fund supports eligible countries and territories to improve their capacities to prepare, prevent, respond, and mitigate the impact of epidemics on populations.