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EDUCATION

Sacred Heart College

MA in Economics

Kerala, India

March, 2020

- CGPA: 8.75 with grade: A⁺
- Awards: Silver Jubilee Scholarship Scheme, Government of India

Sharda University

BA (Hons) in Applied Economics

Greater Noida, India

September, 2017

- CGPA: 8.3, first division with honors
- Awards: First position in BA (Hons) Applied Economics

CERTIFICATIONS/ CERTIFICATES

MEAL DPro, PM4NGOs

Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning for Development Professionals

Effective Date

December, 2023

- MEAL DPro certification is based on an exam that assesses mastery of the MEAL DPro Guide definitions, frameworks, tools, and techniques. It provides certification-based, sector wide standard for MEAL professionals.

Impact Evaluation Methods, World Bank

Impact Evaluation Methods with Applications in Low and Middle-Income Countries (ongoing)

Expected Date

Mid March, 2024

WORK EXPERIENCE

Daayitwa Abhiyaan

Research Analyst

Lalitpur, Nepal

March, 2023 to July, 2023

- Analyzed different programs in the 2023/24 budget of Nepal. Tracked the performance of the related programs against initial targets.
- Conducted preliminary background research on topics for 2023 cycle of Daayitwa Nepal Public Policy Fellowship (DNPPF); Reviewed and reported on academic literature on requested topics in support of concept notes, policy briefs.
- Developed and reviewed terms of reference (ToR) for DNPPF by seeking feedback from the project team and key ministries, including MoF, MoCIT, NPC, MoALD, resulting in a highly refined and well-accepted structure for research.
- Created a consolidated database for the DNPPF, tracked research conducted on various thematic areas, produced summaries of past research.
- Conducted R training sessions for DNPPF 2023 fellows, building their data analysis skillset by covering fundamentals like navigation, importing, package loading, data cleaning & visualization, and statistical summary analysis.
- Networked to secure qualified mentors; Conducted interviews and screened candidates for the fellowship by matching their backgrounds with the research needs.

International Labor Organization

National Research Consultant

Lalitpur, Nepal

March, 2022 to December, 2022

Project: "Enhancing Social Protection System: Towards Investments for Results in Nepal"

- Worked closely with the National Project Coordinator in conducting a comprehensive business process review for the SSF, which included reviewing the official standard operating procedures (SoPs), interviewing the SSF officials, creating and reviewing process flow details, and documenting department-specific operating procedures, to improve efficiency and transparency of operations.
- Worked closely with the National Project Coordinator to produce communications materials for the Social Protection and Public Finance Management Project.
- Built a consolidated database of programmatic data on social protection programs, contributing to progress tracking, data analysis and reporting.
- Provided secretariat support for the Social Protection Task Team (SPTT) facilitating effective collaboration among development partners.

- Attended periodic SPTT meetings with stakeholders, tracked progress against commitments, managed repositories for knowledge products, and drafted meeting minutes.

Daayitwa Abhiyaan | Ministry of Finance (MoF)

Lalitpur, Nepal

Daayitwa Nepal Public Policy Fellow

June, 2021 to December, 2021

Government Supervisors: Dr. Ram Prasad Ghimire, Mr. Mahesh Acharya (Joint Secretary, MoF)

Mentor: Dr. Tejesh Pradhan (The World Bank)

- Researched on the informal economy for the MoF. Applied mixed methods (parametric and non-parametric inferential statistics and qualitative content analysis) to support evidence-based policymaking.
- Developed specific research questions, data collection and survey design, analytical methodology, and concrete research outputs in close collaboration with the Daayitwa team and the MoF.
- Analyzed World Bank Enterprise Survey, conducted face to face interviews and interpreted data to study issues such as likelihood to register, attitudes towards registration, preference to informality, and cost and benefits of registration.
- Presented the findings to the MoF and the Daayitwa team for review – and submitted the report.

Organization Development Center

Lalitpur, Nepal

Research Volunteer

September, 2020 to February, 2021

Worked as a research volunteer with a team that conducted research on “Assessment of Market Potential of Products”.

- Applied trend analysis to study domestic and international market opportunities for export potential items.
- Collected and merged distinct databases from Trade Map, Department of Customs, and the World Bank Open Data Portal under the Harmonized System (HS) Code for further analysis.
- Prepared draft report for the market potential items.

Research Intern

April, 2019 to May, 2019

Engaged as a research intern for the publication of the book – “Nepal’s Economic Disarray: The Policies and Politics of Development” published by Adroit Publishers.

- Collected data from libraries, centers, and institutions including various government departments and ministries.
- Conducted literature searches, date verifications, footnotes and reference verification, and data entry tasks.
- Summarized various economic policies formulated by the Government of Nepal.

PUBLICATIONS/ REPORTS (APPENDIX A)

- Bajracharya, S. (2021a). Transitioning from informality to formality: Perspectives on formalization of informal enterprises. *Daayitwa Abhiyaan*.
- Bajracharya, S. (2021b). [Breaking down the culture of change](#). *Daayitwa Abhiyaan*.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

- **Daayitwa Nepal Public Policy Fellowship**, Daayitwa Abhiyaan (2021)
- **Silver Jubilee Scholarship Scheme (Batch: 2018/19)**, Government of India (2018 – 2020)
- **First Position in B.A. (Hons) Applied Economics**, Sharda University (2014 – 2017)
- **The Subject Topper Award in Economics**, Malpi International School (2009 – 2010)

OTHER CERTIFICATES

- **Framework for Data Collection and Analysis (Total Survey Error Approach)**, University of Maryland (2024)
- **Getting and Cleaning Data**, John Hopkins University (2023)
- **R Programming**, John Hopkins University (2023)

SKILLS & INTERESTS

Programs and packages: R (statsr, tidyr, R markdown) | Stata | KoboToolbox | Microsoft Excel | Microsoft Word | Microsoft Powerpoint

Data Analysis: Descriptive Analysis | Exploratory Analysis | Statistical Inference | Randomized Control Trials | Difference in Differences | Regression Discontinuity Designs | Power Calculations | Content Analysis

Languages: English (Advanced), Nepali (Native), Hindi (Conversational)

REFERENCES

Ms. Rakshya Silwal
Governance and Civic Engagement Coordinator
Daayitwa Abhiyaan
Lalitpur, Nepal
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Ms. Suravi Bhandary
Social Protection Consultant (Former National Project
Coordinator at ILO)
World Bank
Kathmandu, Nepal
Email: sbhandary@worldbank.org

APPENDIX A

Transitioning From Informality to Formality: Perspectives on Formalization of Informal Enterprises

Abstract

The informal economy is a common feature of developing countries and Nepal is no exception to it. Addressing the issue of heterogeneity is imperative to understanding informal enterprises, as one policy solution that works for some informal enterprises might not work for other informal enterprises. In a similar vein, the impact of the Covid-19 on informal enterprises is also a critical issue that requires attention. Workers in the informal economy face rights, social protection, and representational deficits. Literature suggests three important policy implications to deal with informality: reduction of tax rates and entry costs, strict law enforcement, and improved business environment. It is crucial to understand if these policy implications are applicable in the context of Nepal. In this context, I use primary and secondary sources of data. I perform inferential statistical analysis from the World Bank Enterprise Survey data and the World Bank Informal Survey data to make generalizations about the population of informal enterprises in Nepal. Likewise, I perform qualitative content analysis from the personal interview data to understand enterprises from a closer perspective. The research provides some important insights on informality in Nepal: a) Registration depends upon important factors such as the age of the owner, sales, market speculation, business maturity, level of law enforcement, business environment, strategic behavior of competitors, and market conditions, b) The costs associated with registration is higher than its benefits, c) Informal enterprises are flexible and they tend to depend on informal sources of finance, d) Informal enterprises are vulnerable to external shocks, such as the Covid-19 pandemic. The research concludes on the need to adopt a synergistic policy approach that prioritizes several key aspects of informality in Nepal: a) Establishing a centralized database for informal workers, b) Improving access to finance, c) Formulating distinct policy options for informal enterprises, d) Conducting information campaigns on registration procedures and benefits to registration, e) Focusing on long-term policy on economic growth and accessible education, f) Implementing market-oriented training programs, g) Identifying intermediaries to provide selective benefits g) Establishing mechanisms to provide safety net for informal workers and own-account informal workers.