

Nepal's Constitutional 40% Gender Quota in Local Government (2015/2017)

Gender Equality · Good practice · Nepal

Quality score: 74/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

Summary

Nepal's 2015 Constitution mandated 40% women in all state organs; the 2017 local elections resulted in 14,352 women elected—40.96% of 35,041 representatives—making it one of the world's largest quota-driven gains in local political representation.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Transferability / replicability	2/3
Impact on gender equality	1/1
Effectiveness	1/1
Efficiency	0/1
Evaluated outcomes	1/1
Sustainability	1/1
Achievement / evidence	1/1
Gender-mainstreaming embedding	1/1
Curator validation	0/1

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Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-06-23

[Election Commission of Nepal](#) — accessed 2026-06-23

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