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This programme involves initiatives in legal aid and human rights and piloting new ones which can be disseminated throughout the country

Key Facts

WYG International is working with the European Commission, the Nepal Human Rights Commission, the Nepal Bar Association and the Supreme Court to deliver a €4.97 million project to extend access to justice throughout Nepal.

We have drawn on our long experience of working in post-conflict areas to facilitate legislative reform. Institutional strengthening, capacity building and training make certain outcomes are sustainable.

An inspiring project to extend access to justice throughout Nepal, delivered by WYG International in conjunction with Nepalese institutions and the European Commission is reaching those that need it most.

Since the Maoist insurrection that sparked civil war in 1996, the Nepalese people have been subjected to widespread human rights abuses. An ineffective judiciary meant citizens had little access to justice. Now, however, with peace agreed and all major international human rights treaties signed or ratified, there is real optimism in the country.

Our job since 2007 has been to help translate the treaties into domestic legislation and practice. Our experts have supported the judicial academy in drafting new legislation and are enhancing the capacity of the Nepal Human Rights Commission to independently monitor human rights violations across Nepal.

Focusing on women, the poor and minorities, we have helped set up regional centres for human rights as well as nationwide legal advice clinics. The introduction of court management systems has significantly improved the effectiveness of the Supreme Court.