

## Press Release

The Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) of the Government of the Republic of Korea has agreed to provide a technical assistance of US \$ 5 million (approximately Rs. 490 million) to the Government of Nepal for implementation of the Project for Improving Maternal and Child Health Care in Mugu District. The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in this regard was signed between the two Governments at the Ministry of Finance, Kathmandu, on 24 March 2015.

The objectives of the project are to strengthen the capacity of health system in terms of providing quality and equitable maternal health services; develop capacity of caregivers, parents, families and communities to make informed decisions to improve maternal health, child health and hygiene situation in Mugu District. The major components of the project include technical support for Mugu District Health Strategy Development; construction of the District Hospital in Mugu; provision of equipment and materials necessary for project implementation; developing health system's capacity to provide child and maternal health services; and conducting public health awareness programs. The project will be implemented by the Ministry of Health and Population aligning with the Nepal Health sector policy and program. KOICA will represent the Korean Government to support implementation.

Mr. Suman Prasad Sharma, Secretary, Ministry of Finance and H.E. Choe Yong-Jin, Ambassador, Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Korea to Nepal have signed and exchanged the MOU on behalf of their respective Governments.

The Government of Nepal has expressed sincere appreciation to the government of the Republic of Korea for its continued support in the socio-economic development of Nepal.

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