

Name	Sangeeta Rana Thapa
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Date of Birth	31 January 1959
Profile for FIPMO Website	41 years of service with Nepal government and UN, dedicated to promoting human rights, gender equality and empowerment of women and girls. Equipped with knowledge, expertise, experience and exposure to provide both technical and managerial leadership in the field of gender equality, women's empowerment and inclusion issues. Empirical and theoretical knowledge on engendering the national policy/plans; gender mainstreaming in development planning and implementation and in national accounting system. Extensive experience in leading programmes/initiatives on anti-trafficking, migration, political empowerment and gender justice; and in national level community development programmes focusing on psycho-social and economic well-being especially of women and children.
Work Experience	41 years of service with the government of Nepal and UN Agency, dedicated to promoting and protecting human rights, gender equality and empowerment of women and the girl child. Served the government through various positions for one and half decade- this included tenure at the Ministry of Panchayat and Local Development; National Planning Commission as Gender Advisor in engendering the national plans; and Advisor at the Ministry of Women, Children and Social Welfare at its inception phase, providing guidance and technical expertise on promoting gender equality and women's empowerment. In the interim, was an integral part of the women's movement of Nepal. Two and

	half decades of experience with UNIFEM/UN Women at senior management Country level (Nepal, Pakistan and Liberia) providing strategic guidance and vision, and was responsible for representation, management, planning, programme formulation, implementation and monitoring, inter agency coordination, partnerships and resource mobilization. Extensive experience in national level community development programmes focusing on economic and psycho-social well-being of women and children. Have provided technical expertise to the South Asian governments (Sri Lanka, Maldives and Bhutan), bi-lateral and UN agencies especially on gender mainstreaming in development planning and implementation, gender responsive budgeting and national accounting system. Possess knowledge, expertise and the experience to provide both technical and managerial leadership in the field of gender equality, empowerment and inclusion issues.
Institutional Affiliation	Head of Programmes, Women Development Division, Ministry of Panchayat and Local Development, 1982-1992 UNIFEM/UN WOMEN Nepal, Country Head, 2000-2012 Deputy Country Representative Pakistan (2012-2018), and Liberia (2018-2023), UN Women
Core Areas of Expertise and Experience	As Gender Equality and Inclusion Expert have: - knowledge, expertise and experience in providing both technical and managerial leadership in the field of gender equality and women's empowerment and social inclusion both at national and local level. - Policy formulation, implementation, review - Programme development, implementation, monitoring, follow-up - Partnerships development and resource mobilization - Migration - Anti trafficking - Disaster Risk Reduction from gender and inclusion perspective - Women's Political Empowerment and Participation - Gender Responsive Budgeting

	- Gender Justice
Areas of interest where inputs can be provided to the Government entities	- Policy/programme formulation, implementation and review from gender and inclusion perspective - Migration - Political empowerment and participation
Academic Qualification	Master of Arts in Development Studies, International Institute of Social Studies, the Hague, the Netherlands, 1987 with Specialization in Women and Development and Sub-Specialization in 1) Agricultural Policies and Projects: Instruments, Analysis and Evaluation 2) Communication: Problems and Challenges Women Organizing for Change Bachelor of Arts, Lucknow University, 1980 Intermediate, Loreto Convent, Lucknow, 1978 Senior Cambridge, St. Agnes' Loreto, Lucknow, 1976