



M-CRIL & EDA in South Asia



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M-CRIL and EDA have made a major commitment to Nepal which has been an important focus country for our work. **We have been active in Nepal since 1988.** Our work in Nepal has included

- MFI ratings & assessments; development of risk management systems and assessment tools
- Reviews of financial inclusion and the microfinance sector, evaluation of cooperative support programme
- Value chain studies, evaluations and support of NGO livelihoods initiatives
- Training of the microfinance sector & support with establishing research and training teams
- Reviews of Microfinance Regulation

	Name of MFI	Number of times
MFI ratings, assessments, financial/MIR – Year 2000 onwards		
1	Nirdhan Utthan Bank Limited	5
2	Swablamban Laghubitta Bikas Bank Limited	3
3	Chhimek Laghubitta Bikas Bank Limited	3
4	Deprosc Laghubitta Bikas Bank Limited	3
5	VYCCU Savings & Credit Cooperative Limited	3
6	FORWARD	2
7	Centre for Self-Help Development	2
8	Jeevan Bikas Samaj	2
9	Pashchimanchal Grameen Bikas Bank Limited	2
10	Nerude Laghubitta Bikas Bank Limited	1
11	Rural Self Reliance Fund (of Nepal Rastra Bank)	1
12	National Educational & Social Development Orgn. (NESDO)	1
13	Bindhvasini Saving & Credit Cooperative Society Limited	1

Value chains studies, evaluations and support of livelihoods initiatives	
Year	Course titles
1998	Social impact feasibility assessment of an agricultural development project for women in West Nepal, to be implemented by cooperatives
1994-98	Support to the Association of Craft Producers, Kathmandu in improving value-addition of community level producers
1995	Assessment of the Dolakha-Ramechhap Community Forestry Programme, for Swiss Development Cooperation
1994	Evaluation of the community initiatives project of Swiss Development Cooperation – construction of drinking water supply facilities and small bridges and checkdams in Dolakha district



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1992	Identification of economic opportunities for value addition to Non-Timber Forest Products in the western development region
1989	Review of a value chain identification and technology support programme in the western development region
1988	Determination of the feasibility and technical development opportunities for Allo fibre collection and processing in the eastern development region

Evaluations and tool development for the microfinance sector	
2017 ongoing	UNCDF Unnati Project: Development of an assessment tool for credit and producer cooperatives in Nepal
2016	World Bank: Evaluation of the Poverty Alleviation Fund – providing technical support to credit cooperatives in Nepal
2014-16	Swiss Capacity Building Facility: Support to NMB Bank in developing microfinance lending products and outreach
2014	IFC: Review of risk management systems of RMDC (apex lending organisation) and development of an assessment tool for MFIs and cooperatives
2013	Support of Samridha Pahad in developing a social research and evaluation system for their support to credit & producer cooperatives

Review of financial inclusion regulation	
2016	EIU Microscope: Documentation and review of financial inclusion (including microfinance) regulation in Nepal
2015	
2010	FDC: Getting the Framework Right – policy & regulation of microfinance in Asia: Case study of Nepal
2006	World Bank: Review of the regulatory framework for microfinance in Nepal
1999	ADB: Case study of the Role of Central Banks in Microfinance

Training of microfinance managers – courses attended by senior managers of Nepal MFIs	
Year	Course titles
2001 to 2010	Delinquency management & interest rate setting
	Microfinance Accounts
	Financial Analysis of MFIs
	Business Planning for MFIs
	Internal audit for MFIs
2003	Principles of microfinance
2003	CGAP Training of Trainers in Microfinance

Contributions to the microfinance sector, reports/publications	
2017	Nepal Microfinance Summit – presentation on the state of microfinance in South Asia
2013	Nepal Microfinance Summit – presentation on the performance of microfinance in Nepal
2012	Nepal Microfinance Review, 2012: Microfinance rising above the turmoil