

World Bank Approves \$50m to Accelerate Nepal's Digital Public Infrastructure and Services

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The World Bank's Board of Executive Directors has approved \$50 million in financing to strengthen Nepal's digital public infrastructure and transform the delivery of public services, marking a major step toward a more efficient, transparent, and inclusive digital government.

The **Nepal Digital Transformation Project** will invest in core national digital platforms, including:

- An integrated online **citizen service portal**
- An integrated **social registry**
- A secure, government-wide **data exchange platform**
- A **digital locker** to manage verifiable credentials and digital wallets

The project will also digitise high-impact public services, starting with **land administration**, with additional services added in phases. Alongside service delivery improvements, the initiative aims to stimulate **private sector investment** in data infrastructure by strengthening legal and regulatory frameworks. Investments in **electronic signatures, cybersecurity, and data governance** will support trust and confidence in Nepal's digital economy.

"By investing in core digital platforms and digitalising services, this project will help deliver enhanced services to people and businesses in an inclusive and transparent manner," said **David Sislen**, World Bank Division Director for Maldives, Nepal, and Sri Lanka. "It will improve service delivery, public sector

efficiency, and good governance.”

The project will be financed through a **joint co-financing arrangement** between the World Bank and the **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** under the **Full Mutual Reliance Framework**. The World Bank will act as the lead lender, while ADB will serve as the trail lender, contributing an additional **\$40 million**, subject to Board approval expected in March 2026.

Implementation will be led by Nepal’s **Ministry of Communications and Information Technology**, in collaboration with the **Department of National ID and Civil Registration**.