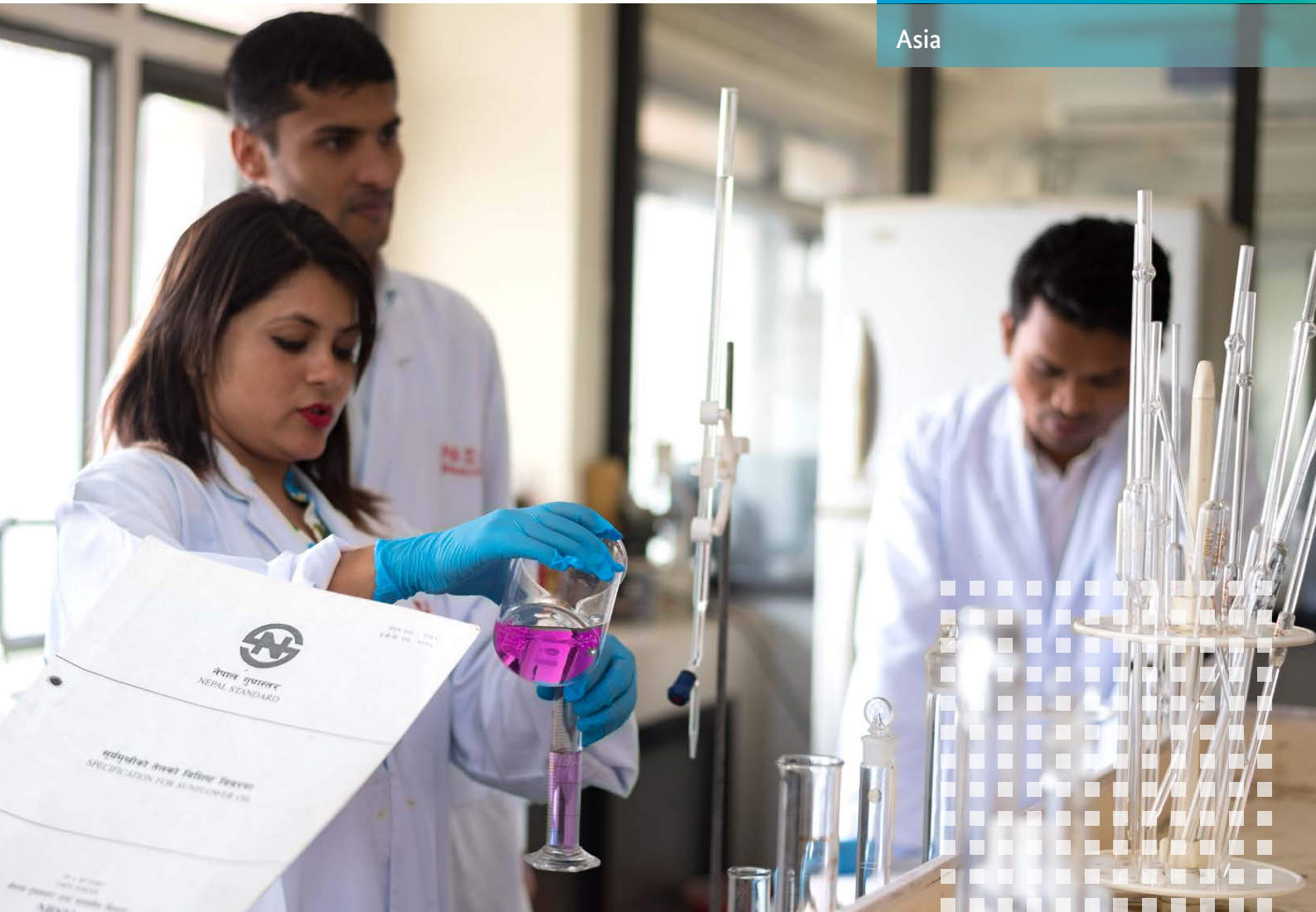


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Support in the Field of Quality Infrastructure

Objective Nepali economic actors use services of quality assurance in the regional and technical focal areas of bilateral development cooperation.

Approach The project targets capacity development in key areas of quality infrastructure which are relevant for economic development. Apart from national level activities in cooperation with Nepal Bureau of Standards and Metrology (NBSM) and other implementation partners such as Department of Food Technology and Quality Control (DFTQC), the project promotes regional quality-related services in the Western Provinces of Nepal. Additionally, the project cooperates with stakeholders from selected value chains and priority sectors, including food, energy and pharmaceuticals by disseminating good practices and international standards.

In total, four interrelated outputs are targeted: (1) national services of quality infrastructure are expanded in the areas of metrology and conformity assessment, (2) regional outreach structures of quality infrastructure are strengthened, (3) quality infrastructure services are applied in selected value chains and (4) quality-related demands from other focal areas of bilateral development cooperation are processed on a pilot basis. Project activities include advisory services, training courses, surveys, information and awareness-raising events as well as supplying (limited) equipment and materials.

Impact A functioning quality infrastructure constitutes an important element of an enabling business environment. Better quality-related services will help the private sector to better comply with international market requirements and to realise product and process-related improvements, thus contributing to increased competitiveness and trade opportunities. At the same time, consumers will benefit from the availability of high-quality products, while regulatory authorities increase their capacity to effectively monitor and support economic actors in the domestic market.

Cooperation The project is a module of the bilateral sector programme on Sustainable Economic Development. It is implemented in close cooperation with other implementing organisations of German Development Cooperation, especially the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ).

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