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Prior to joining GovTG, she served in ADB's Nepal Resident Mission for 11 years as a senior national officer (governance and public management), where she processed (as co-mission leader and member) and administered (as mission leader) several loans and technical assistance (TA) projects mostly in Nepal but also in India and Bhutan. She led policy and institutional reforms in local governance in Nepal through two policy-based lending's and three TAs (2008-2016). She also worked on projects in *Lao People's Democratic Republic* and Tajikistan during her development assignment in ADB headquarters (February-June 2016). She also has long experience in conducting governance risk assessments under GACAP II guidelines. She published '*Governance and Institutional Risks and Challenges in Nepal*' report in December 2019. She also co-authored a global award-winning case study on local governance reforms in Nepal.

She has a Master's degree in International Development Policy from Duke University, USA (as a Fulbright scholar), with majors in public policy and applied economics. She also has a Master's degree in Sociology from Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal. She completed a distance learning course on *Development Management* from Open University, UK.