

Press Release: NDRI Responds to Nepal's FY 2080/81 Budget 31st May 2023 (18th of Jestha 2080)

The Nepal Development Research Institute (NDRI) has taken a significant step by providing a critical analysis and response to Nepal's budget for the fiscal year 2080/81. The budget, totaling NPR 1.75 trillion, was announced by Finance Minister Dr. Prakash Sharan Mahat on Jestha 15th, 2080. As a leading think tank, NDRI aims to empower stakeholders and foster public debate while holding policymakers accountable.



Dr. Rudra Suwal, the Economic Development Program (EDP) team lead at NDRI, presented the findings prepared by the team during a press release, engaging with journalists. Additionally, experts from NDRI shared their expertise-based opinion on relevant areas of the national budget. NDRI's response is expected to shape Nepal's economic landscape and encourage active participation in the budgetary process.



This marks a significant milestone for NDRI as it is the first initiative in responding to the national budget. By conducting trend analysis and collecting sector-specific opinions, NDRI's analysis serves as a valuable resource for understanding the budget's implications. Through the engagement, NDRI seeks to empower stakeholders and contribute to national priorities.

The press release and analysis conducted by NDRI drew the attention of 18 journalists from various media outlets who participated in the event. Furthermore, 3 media outlets have published news articles based on NDRI's findings, further disseminating the institute's response to a wider audience.

NDRI Awarded Bloomberg Public Health Prize

On World No Tobacco Day on 31 May 2023, the Ministry of Health and Population presented the Health Minister Bloomberg Award to three individuals and three organizations for their contribution to tobacco control efforts in Nepal.

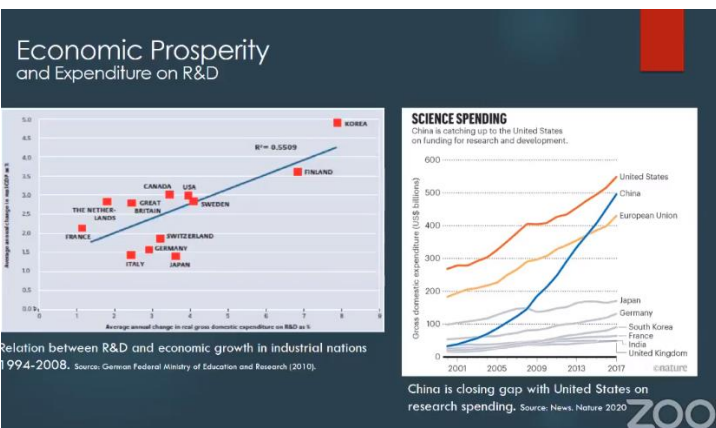


Nepal Development Research Institute (NDRI) was awarded for its continuous efforts to awareness raising in tobacco issues and advocacy for tobacco control policies. Dr. Jaya Kumar Gurung, Lead, Tobacco Control Program (TCP) accepted the award on behalf of NDRI from Honorable Minister, Ministry of Health and Population. NDRI has been working in Tobacco Control initiatives through research, policy advocacy, and salience raising. Other individual award recipients were Dr. Bhakta KC, Senior Public Health Administrator at National Health Education and Information and Communication Center; Dr. Rita Thapa, Public Health Specialist (also WHO Nepal Health Champion); and Mr. Padam Joshi, Health Journalist. Likewise, Action Nepal, and the Biratnagar Metropolitan City, were also awarded for their tobacco control initiatives in addition to NDRI.



A Mantra of Prosperity: Invest in Science

On 2nd June, 2023, Dr. Dinesh Bhuju chair of Resources Himalaya Foundation, Kathmandu presented as a guest speaker in the 172nd episode of talk program hosted by Nepal Development Research Institute (NDRI) & Resources Himalayan Foundation (RHF). His presentation focused on An Investment of Science : Economic Prosperity .



Link:

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NDRI Got Featured!

Bloomberg Public Health Prize Awarded

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