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| **Name of CDD Program:** Poverty Alleviation Fund II |
| **Program Dates:** 2008 - 2018 |
| **Implementing Agency:** Poverty Alleviation Fund Board, Government of Nepal |
| **Geographical Coverage (# of provinces/states, municipalities, villages, which parts of the country):**All 75 districts in the country, in a phase-up increasing by 15 districts per year (PAF I was implemented in 25 districts.) |
| **Annual Program Budget (USD):** Total project cost of US$110 million. IDA - U$100 million; Poverty Alleviation Fund Board – US$10 million. |
| **Program Objective:**The objective is to scale up PAF I. This program objective is to create economic opportunities and increase voice and participation skills for groups which have traditionally been excluded by reasons of gender, ethnicity, caste and location. |
| **Main Program Components:**1. Small-Scale Village and Community Infrastructure: Given many communities extreme remoteness, small infrastructure projects, with community contributions, will make an important difference to poor and isolated communities.
2. Income Generating Sub-projects Targeted to the Poorest and Excluded Groups: Matching grants will be provided to poor and excluded people based on objective criteria including ethnicity, caste, gender and poverty levels for income-generation activities, including technical assistance and market linkages.
3. Innovation and Special Programs: An innovations window would support proposals meriting special consideration owing to exceptional needs in a given context, or demonstrating innovative ways to address livelihoods development and reach targeted groups; they can be local or regional.
4. Capacity Building: This includes five sub-components: (a) social mobilization of community groups, (b) support to local governments, (c) support to target groups engaged in income-generative activities (d) support to micro-finance intermediaries, and (e) information, monitoring, and evaluation.
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