ABOUT AIN

Established in the year 1996, the Association of International NGOs in Nepal (AIN) is an informal member-based network of INGOs working in Nepal. At present, the umbrella has an association of 125 INGOs members working on a wide range of issues, and making noteworthy contributions to development and humanitarian efforts in Nepal. AIN works closely with the federal and provincial government and Social Welfare Council (SWC). AIN collaborates with international development partners, INGOs and national Civil Society Organizations (CSO). AIN aims to support the development efforts in Nepal by promoting an enabling environment for its members to fulfill their development goals and by providing policy feedback to the government.

AIN PURPOSE

AIN aims to support the development efforts in Nepal by promoting an enabling environment for its members to fulfill their development goals and providing policy feedback to the government. AIN is guided by shared principles and values of equitable development, which are in line with international standards of human rights. AIN engages and coordinates with other development and humanitarian actors, including government bodies, NGOs, NGO Federation Nepal (NFN), and funding partners. Our key purposes are to:

• Engage and coordinate with other development and humanitarian actors, including government bodies, NGOs, NGO Federation, and funding partners;
• Continue to improve self-regulation of members towards increased accountability, transparency and diversity;
• Provide guidance and support to members to better access resources;
• Collaborate with government, CSOs and international development partners in areas of common interest.

OUR STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

AIN and its members mutually respect one another’s independence and creativity, while recognizing the necessity of discussion and dialogue to share benefits through close interaction, coordination and knowledge sharing. Our strategic objectives are to:

• Promote conducive operating environment for AIN members at all levels of government system.
• Promote recognition to AIN members as trusted partner by enhancing self-regulation of the members.
• Contribute to the development agenda including policy making process and implementation.
• Enable effective and evidence-based communications to promote and strengthen contribution of INGOs towards development in Nepal.

WORKING MODALITY

AIN has been facilitating to support its members’ goals and objectives—promoting mutual understanding and fostering trust and harmony. Though an informal network, it is a trust-
driven and interactive entity. The Articles of Association and its strategy binds the members to our core values, vision and mission. AIN currently has 12 thematic working groups who create an engaging platform to exchange knowledge and information, experiences and learning amongst the member organizations.

**STRUCTURE**

AIN holds an annual election to elect executive committee members from among the nominated representatives of the member organizations. This group, called the Steering Committee (SC), comprises of 11 members who meet on a monthly basis. A plenary assembly is conducted on a bimonthly basis which is attended by all the members.

**COORDINATION**

AIN coordinates in relationship building, networking, collaboration, learning and sharing, and fostering cooperation and:

- Support to strengthen members' relationship with governments at all level.
- Help members in sharing common thematic goals to maximize their impact through facilitating collaboration.
- Coordinate with media, NGOs and CBOs in line with strategic direction and common interests of members.

**OUR REACH**

**OUR THEMATIC AREA**