

PROVIDING TECHNICAL SUPPORT FOR THE BUDGET INFORMATION HELP DESK

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Unnayan Shamannay is providing technical support to the Budget Analysis and Monitoring Unit (BAMU) of the Parliament Secretariat the Budget Information Help Desk for the honorable Members of the Parliament. The desk started its operation today, on the opening day of the Budget Session of the National Parliament. Unnayan Shamannay as part of its commitment to ensure transparency and participation in the National Budget making process has been involved with this initiative since its inception in 2012.

The honorable Parliamentarians have to play critically important role in formulating and implementing pro-people National Budget. However, they have been facing the challenge of accessing reliable data needed to effectively participate in the Budget Session. With this context, BAMU with technical support from Unnayan Shamannay facilitates the help desk where honorable Parliamentarians can come for reliable data and analysis which in turn they may use in discussions and debates during the Budget Session.



For the help desk, Unnayan Shamannay will prepare an informative handbook based on the proposed budget for FY 2017-18. The experts from the organization will prepare 8 other informative flyers (each of these will contain sector specific budget analysis). The handbook and the flyers are expected to ensure easy access to reliable data on National Budget (trend analysis, distribution of allocations, Key Performance Indicator based analysis etc.).

Additionally, the help desk will remain open throughout the Budget Session, and the facilitators will be receiving any specific data and analysis related requests from the honorable Parliamentarians.

Today, as soon as the help desk begun its operation multiple enthusiastic Parliamentarians visited the desk and posted their queries. Help desk facilitators committed to search the data and do the required analysis and answer those queries on the next open day of the Budget Session. The honorable Parliamentarians as well as senior government officials appreciated Unnayan Shamannay providing continuous support to the National Parliament for the last 5 years. Along with Unnayan Shamannay, National Parliament Library and National Board of Revenue (NBR) are providing support to BAMU.