

Considering linguistic and cultural aspects in strategies to promote gender equality and empower women in [the] Nepalese context.

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This paper presents some ways to consider linguistic and cultural aspects in strategies to promote gender equality and empower women in the Nepalese context. Nepal is a multilingual and multicultural country. With 92-plus languages of four language families, Nepal houses different communities with different cultural settings. In a developing country like Nepal, linguistic and socio-cultural settings play a vital role to promote the gender equality and empowerment of women. There exist deep-rooted cultural evils such as dowry payments, early marriage and other practices such as *kumari*, *deuki*, *jhuma*, *chaubadi*. Unless women receive quality basic education in the mother tongue it is impossible to promote gender equality and empower women in Nepal. Moreover, the teaching materials should explain both the good and bad aspects inherent in the culture.

In Nepal, efforts have been made to advance the empowerment of women by both governmental and non-governmental sectors. Nepal has achieved little success in advancing women's education. However, due to a lack of knowledge on the impact of facets such as orthodox and traditional cultural expectations, women in Nepal are still suffering from gender discrimination. This paper is organized into four sections: Section 1.2 examines linguistic and cultural complexity in Nepal. In section 1.3, we discuss ways to consider linguistic and cultural aspects in strategies to promote gender equality and empower women in the Nepalese context. Section 1.4 summarizes the findings of the paper.