

Nepal Farmers Advisory Council Pvt. Ltd. (NFAC), Kathmandu, Nepal

Nepal Farmers Advisory Council Pvt. Ltd. (NFAC), established in 2021 and headquartered in Gairigaun, Kathmandu, is an ISO 9001:2015 certified multidisciplinary consulting firm committed to providing one-stop solutions and advisory services to small, medium, and large-scale agro-enterprises across Nepal. Registered with the objective of fostering agro-enterprise development, NFAC has rapidly positioned itself as a leading organization in the agricultural sector. Within a short time, it has established a well-equipped office near Tribhuvan International Airport and signed Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) with several renowned national and international organizations. These collaborations aim to enhance technical capacity, promote innovation, and support sustainable agri-business development.

Key partnerships include a technical collaboration with Michigan State University's College of Agriculture and Natural Resources (MSU/CANR), USA, focused on agriculture and livestock incubation, innovation, livelihoods, climate change, and market development; the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), USA for food loss and waste management; VARAH (India) for climate change adaptation and mitigation; and the Centre on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific (CIRDAP) for project implementation in agribusiness and rural development. Domestically, NFAC works closely with Muna-Krishi, a pioneer in agri and livestock product marketing in Nepal, as well as with Green-Hi-Tech Nepal, Panorama Dairy Pvt. Ltd., JD Thangsan Eco-Homes Pvt. Ltd., KK Livestock and Agro Centers, and a network of suppliers of agricultural machinery, seeds, saplings, fingerlings, and improved livestock breeds.

NFAC is governed by an 11-member executive board and led by a team of highly experienced and respected professionals, including former senior government officials and young entrepreneurs. The leadership team comprises Dr. Yogendra Kumar Karki, PhD, Chairman and former Secretary of the Government of Nepal and President of the Nepal Agriculture Economics Society; Jay Mukunda Khanal, Former Secretary, Ministry of Agricultural Development, Government of Nepal, Board Member NFAC, Ganesh Kumar KC, Former Agriculture Secretary, Government of Nepal, Board Member, Dr. Babu Kaji Thapa, Deputy Director General, Agriculture Development Bank, Board Member, Dr. Bimal Kumar Nirmal, Managing Director and former Provincial Secretary and Director General; Dr. Narayan Bahadur Shrestha, Program Director and senior veterinarian; Mr. Buddha Lal Shrestha, Financial Director; and Mr. Sagar Karki, Innovation and Business Director. The organization also maintains a roster of approximately 120 sectoral experts available for specialized services.

NFAC contributes significantly to agricultural transformation, rural development, and economic growth by offering integrated services in production, trade, research, consultancy, and capacity building. It provides free advisory services to smallholder farmers, linking them to financial institutions and insurance systems, while supporting cooperatives, farmer groups, and extension workers in value chain development and business planning. The organization has been actively promoting agri-business in areas such as high-density apple, kiwi, sugarcane, dairy and meat production, organic fertilizer use, food safety, climate-smart agriculture, silage production, warehousing, cold storage, and commercial farming.

In alignment with its commitment to inclusive and sustainable development, NFAC has adopted and implemented Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) policies that promote equal opportunities for all, regardless of gender, caste, ethnicity, or socio-economic background. The organization is also dedicated to maintaining a safe and respectful work environment through strict anti-harassment policies, ensuring that all staff, stakeholders, and partners operate in a culture of professionalism, dignity, and mutual respect. Through its national and international collaborations, technical expertise, and climate-smart approaches, NFAC continues to play a pivotal role in advancing Nepal's agricultural sector under the "Make in Nepal" initiative.