### Nepal Trade Integration Study (NTIS) Country Highlights

**Population**

- **2016:** 28.98 million
- **GDP per capita:** $729.533 (2016, US$)
- **Poverty rate:** 14.99% ($1.90/day)

**Economic activity FY2017 following two challenging years:** +7.5%

**Young people aged 10-24:** ≈ 1/3 of the total pop. of Nepal

**Proportion of Nepal’s population engaged in the agriculture sector:** 2/3

**Contribution of agriculture sector to Nepal’s GDP:** 33%

**Movement of goods in Nepal is hampered by:**
- Lack of basic infrastructure
- Legal framework needs improvement

**Movement of people**

- Nepal is witnessing an exodus of workers migrating out of the country

**Tourism**

- Total contribution of tourism & travel to GDP (2016): 7.5%

**E-commerce**

- 33% of e-commerce users in Nepal prefer C.O.D as their payment method
- # Internet users in Nepal: **1995: 50**  
  **2017: 15,450,000**

**Non-tariff measures**

- 77% of Nepalese agricultural exporters are affected. Rates vary significantly between sectors.
- 78% of these obstacles for exporters are applied by partner countries

**Enhanced Integrated Framework (EIF)**

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## PRIORITY SECTORS FOR IMPACT

### 2020 TARGETS

(from NTIS 2016, compared to 2014 baseline)

### GOODS

- **CARPETS**
  - Export value: +41%

- **CHYANGRA PASHMINA**
  - Export value: +67%

- **FABRICS, TEXTILE, YARN & ROPE**
  - Export value: +22%

- **FOOTWEAR**
  - Production (pairs of shoes): +50%
  - Export volume: +54%

- **GINGER**
  - Production: +28%

- **LARGE CARDAMOM**
  - Production: +13%

- **LEATHER**
  - Raw hide production: +50%
  - Bovine & goat leather exports: +54%

- **MEDICINAL & AROMATIC PLANTS**
  - Export value: +43%
  - Increase uptake of modern processing technologies

- **TEA**
  - Production: +50%
  - Export value: +122%

### SERVICES

- **IT & BPO & IT ENGINEERING**
  - Export value: -186%

- **TOURISM**
  - Foreign visitors to Nepal: +151%
  - Average spend per trip: +299%

- **SEMI- & SKILLED PROFESSIONALS**
  - Migrants work as professionals in destination countries: +54%
  - Returning immigrants engaged in their own business: +82%

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