

## Impact Summary

**Name of Organisation:** COLLABORATIVE SCHOOLS NETWORK

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**Ask:** 100,000 USD

Innovation summary	
LEAP is an innovation that uses lesson plans to transform the quality of teaching and learning in Nepal's public schools.	
Organisation	
The Collaborative Schools Network (CSN) manages struggling public schools and transforms the quality of education they provide. They do this through partnerships with local government (municipalities) which give CSN the authority to manage all day-to-day operations of the schools. They currently manage 6 schools in the Kathmandu Valley, Nepal. LEAP has grown out of our work managing schools.	
Innovation at a glance	
<b>Countries</b>	Nepal
<b>Target group</b>	Students and High school teachers
<b>Number of users</b>	750 students in schools managed by CSN and 1500 students in 12 municipalities across Nepal.
<b>Year established</b>	2015
<b>Type of organisation</b>	School Operator
<b>Implementing Partner</b>	Kathmandu Local Government
The problem	
Teachers in Nepal's public schools follow the government-issued textbooks line by line. But due to the poor quality of these textbooks and the use of rote teaching methods, students are not learning.	
The solution	
LEAP is an innovation that uses lesson plans to transform the quality of teaching and learning in Nepal's public schools. These lesson plans, along with support material and student workbooks, provide teachers with high-quality step-by-step instructions to follow. The lesson plans are closely aligned with the government textbooks so that teachers feel comfortable and confident using them. The LEAP innovation helps teachers overcome teaching barriers and guides them to support children	

to attain higher learning outcomes faster. CSN’s evidence shows that the innovation improves teacher effectiveness and subsequently learning outcomes of children.

### Impact

- Students who are taught with CSN lesson plans achieve on average 13% higher scores in maths, than those taught with just the textbook.
- Currently the lesson plans are used in 12 municipalities across Nepal.
- 13,000 students used the accompanying workbook during the pandemic.
- Student attendance in CSN schools is 94%. This is at least 14% more than the national average for primary schools. This means students in our schools spend over half a day more each week in school than students in other schools.

### Highlights - any standout details such as awards, milestones

- Local award: Jana Uddhar Secondary School, a CSN partner school, has received an award as the best public school in the municipality

### Sustainability/Revenue Model

- CSN has already written over 1000 lesson plans.
- Local municipalities are willing to pay for services which improve education, like LEAP.
- With over 700 municipalities in Nepal, the potential market is very large.

### Investment status

Funding to date	LEAP has been funded to date through CSN’s general income, a grant of \$6530 from an education foundation and income generated by the sale of lesson plans to several education NGOs totalling around \$2000 a year.
What they’re looking for	100,000 USD
Why they need funding	CSN has hit a crux point. To scale, they need to recruit an outreach, development team. They have finalised three partnerships with local governments to introduce LEAP in the coming academic year (April 2022 –March 2023). One is in Kathmandu and two are in remote rural municipalities.

### Why they made our shortlist

The Investment Committee was very excited about their achievements in Nepal to date, building a strong partnership with the government demonstrated strong viability. In addition, they were able to demonstrate strong desirability; the solution is robust, and they demonstrated how it effectively solves the problem.