

Rudra Suwal: A Biographical Note

Rudra Suwal is currently working at Central Bureau of Statistics (CBS) Nepal as Deputy Director General and head of Social Statistics Division. As a division chief and program coordinator, providing strategic, technical and managerial leadership in the statistical activities: Nepal Earthquake Housing Reconstruction Survey, Nepal Labor Force Survey, Annual Household Survey, Nepal Living Standard Survey, Gender and Social Statistics, Nepal Multiple Cluster Indicator Survey, GIS and Data Processing, Population Census and Demographic Surveys and Environment Statistics.



As a program chief and team leader, he served in the capacity of Director /Manager of the Population and Housing Census 2011 (PHC) and provided leadership throughout the stages of census planning, field operation, data processing, analysis and dissemination of census results. At CBS, Suwal provided strategic, technical and management support for conducting PHC particularly in the preparation of comprehensive activity plan, pre and post census communication strategy, field operation/management, training design/instruction, data processing program, analysis and dissemination of census results.

Before working in PHC, Suwal worked at National Accounts Section in the capacity of director and chief of the section. As a team leader, he coordinated the project “Strengthening the National Accounts System of Nepal”. In this position, he was mainly responsible for the management of the project and take technical leadership for benchmarking national accounts of Nepal and implement System of National Accounts(SNA) 1993 in the Nepal SNA. The system of national accounting was updated and revised following the SNA 1993 recommendations. During the project period, various economic research and studies were conducted under his leadership. As a coordinator of the program, he worked with different ministries and departments of the government of Nepal, National Planning Commission, Nepal Rastra Bank, Centre for Economic and Development Administration (CEDA), Tribhuban University as an expert/ advisor in the area of economic research and analysis.

In addition to his work at CBS, Suwal has provided expert services as a consultant/statistician in the preparation of Nepal Human Development Reports 2004, 2009 and 2014. Similarly, he worked with the World Bank, Asian Development Bank, ICIMOD and UNDP, Central Bank of Nepal, Department of Survey, Department of Sociology and Anthropology Tribhuvan University, as an consultant/expert on Nepal Trade Diagnostic Research, Statistical Capacity Building Needs, Computation/Analysis of Social Inclusion Index and Socioeconomic Mapping.

Suwal has over 25 years of professional experience that has included census survey operations, economic demographic analysis, operational research, analysis and interpretation of macroeconomic statistics in policy analysis. But he describes the major foundation of his professional experience is macroeconomic accounting/analysis and secondly the large scale census/survey management. He has authored and co-authored numerous articles and papers, book and book chapters. Suwal earned a master’s degree in economics, PG Diploma in Economic Statistics from ISPC(US Census Bureau), continued his training/work in economic statistics and methods of economic research, and received his PhD degree in economics.