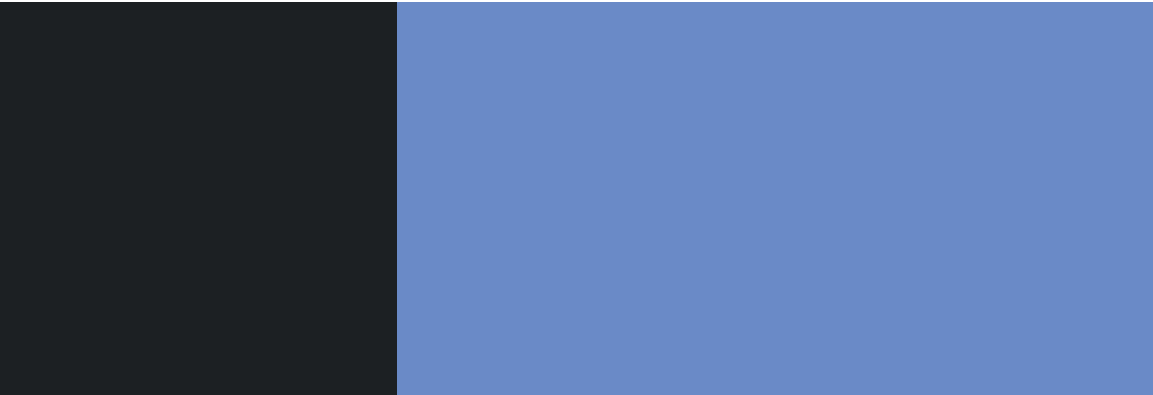


The UN Deputy Secretary-General has approved a short list of 33 project proposals for the UN Democracy Fund's Sixteenth Round of Funding, amounting to over seven million dollars. UNDEF has contacted those short-listed. The Sixteenth call for project proposals was open from 4 November to 12 December 2021, in all of UNDEF's focus areas. UNDEF received 2,121 project proposals from organizations in



An UNDEF project in Bangladesh

is supporting young people, who make up one-third of the country's population, to increase their representation and participation in local political processes. Inspired by the UN-Habitat World Urban Youth Councils Network, the project is working to establish the country's

An UNDEF project in Nepal is empowering

marginalized women of the Musahar community to strengthen their representation in local decision-making procedures and promote gender-responsive local governance in four municipalities. Through training, the creation of community groups and sensitization of local officials, the project is stimulating collaboration between the community, broader civil society and the media. Implemented by South Asia Partnership Nepal, it is also engaging community leaders and members to transform social norms that impede women's empowerment and participation.

Sawanishi, visited four target municipalities in May 2022, and observed the project's positive impact on Musahar women and their

impact the project has had on her, "Thanks

