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Ms Usha Jha Ph.D in Chemistry was appointed as a member of National Planning Commission by Govt of Nepal effective from May 2, 2018. She comes from Mahottari district, Province 2. She has served as an Academician at the Institute of Agriculture and Animal Science (IAAS), Rampur Chitwan from 1985 to 1995. She was deputed as the Campus Chief at the branch Campus, IAAS Sunder Bazar, Lamjung in 1995 and she worked there until 1998, completing her full tenure. From 1998 till today, she has been working as a development worker in different status.

During her work at Rampur and Lamjung, she worked closely with the farmers/specially women farmers using their farm as her experimental field. She got involved in projects related to Gender and Agriculture. She received related trainings in Gender/Agriculture from International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) in The Philippines. All of these exposures through working in a team of agriculturalists and gender experts, motivated her to work for women farmers and community development. She is a proven development worker today with an experience of almost two decades.

As a development worker, she has experienced working with NGOs, INGOs, Donors, UN and also as an Executive member and the President of NANGAN (National NGOs network group against AIDs) which expanded her learning in different sectors of development from education, community economic empowerment, health, peace building, democracy /governance and could participate in grassroots and national level research, program design, program implementation, monitoring /evaluation, reporting and advocacy as and when needed. She could have a reach to more than 40 districts and she realizes that a lot needs to be done yet.

As a part of recognition, she was nominated as the member of National Development Council, Govt of Nepal, elected as the executive and the President of National NGOs network group against AIDs (NANGAN) and served for 12 years, member of Civil Society Advisory Group (CSAG) of UN-Women, Think Tank member of Ministry of Women Children and Social Welfare, Grant Management Committee Member of Project for Accountability in Nepal (PRAN) funded by World Bank and Proposal Evaluator for Social Inclusion Research Fund under SNV. She also served as the national consultant to the group of international consultants for different project evaluation/report preparation in Nepal.