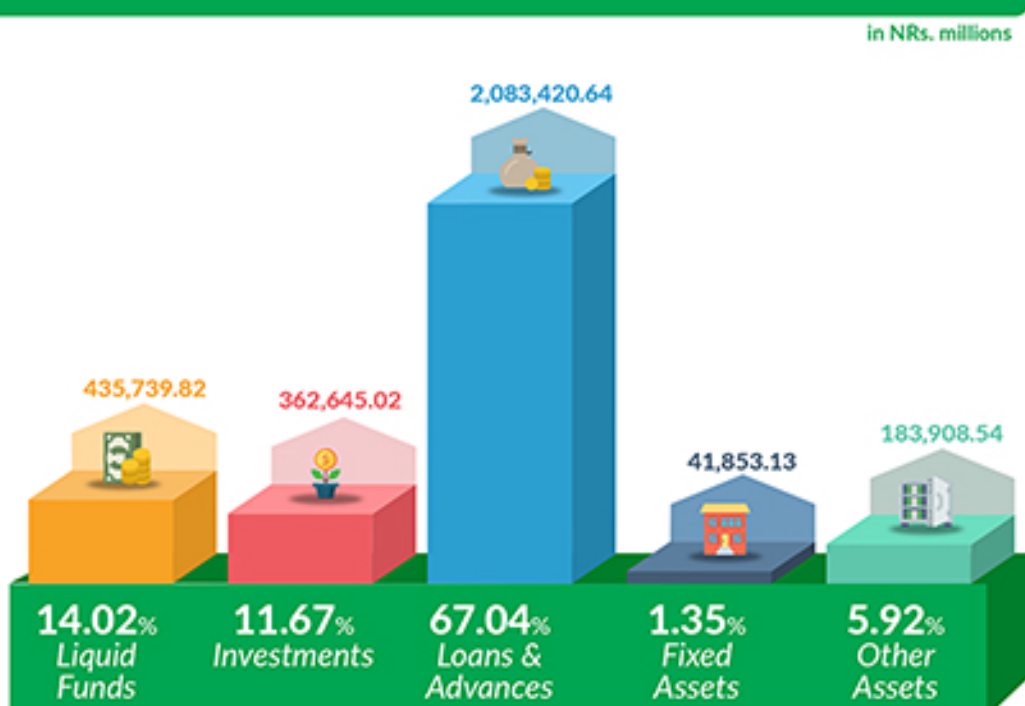


In the previous edition of the newsletter, we shared insights about access to financial services in Nepal, as well as some highlights relating to the new BAFIA rules and regulations. In this edition, we showcase some information relating to the asset composition and investment portfolios of BFIs, among other things.

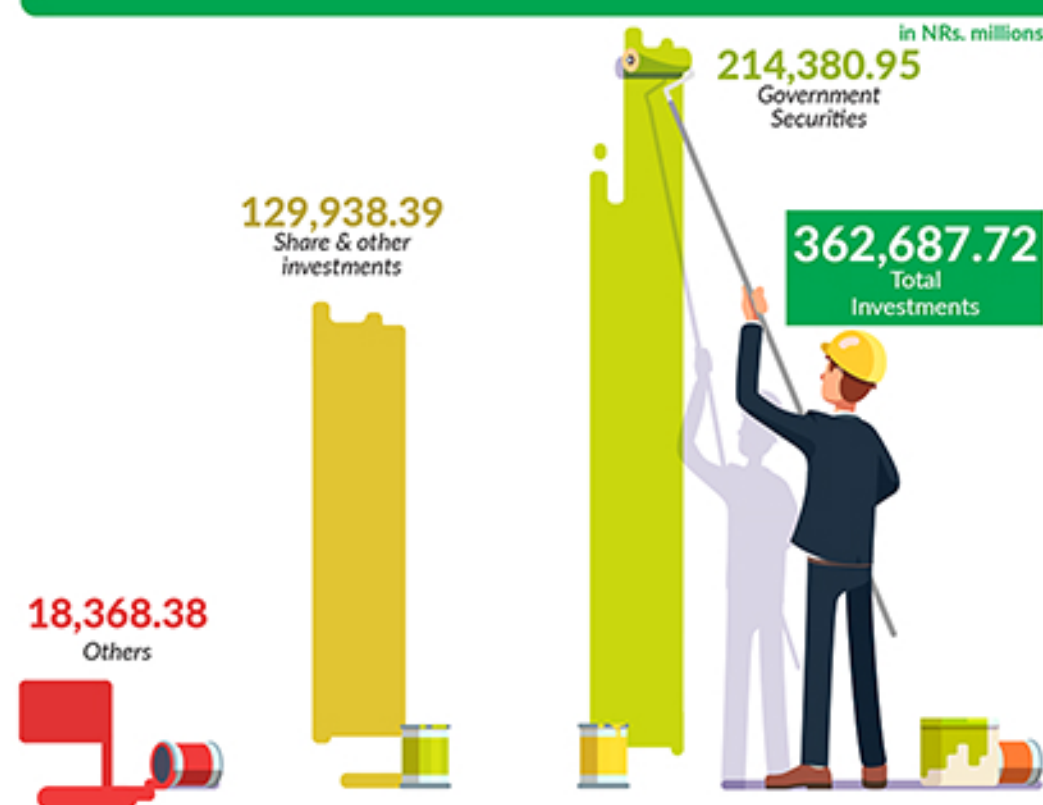
Further, the last quarter also saw the NBA organise a couple of workshops that addressed Corporate Social Responsibility & Justice, and Energy Efficiency & Resource Efficient Cleaner Production financing in Nepal. To learn about the details of the workshops, please proceed below.

Asset Composition of BFIs as of Mid-July 2017 (Aggregate)



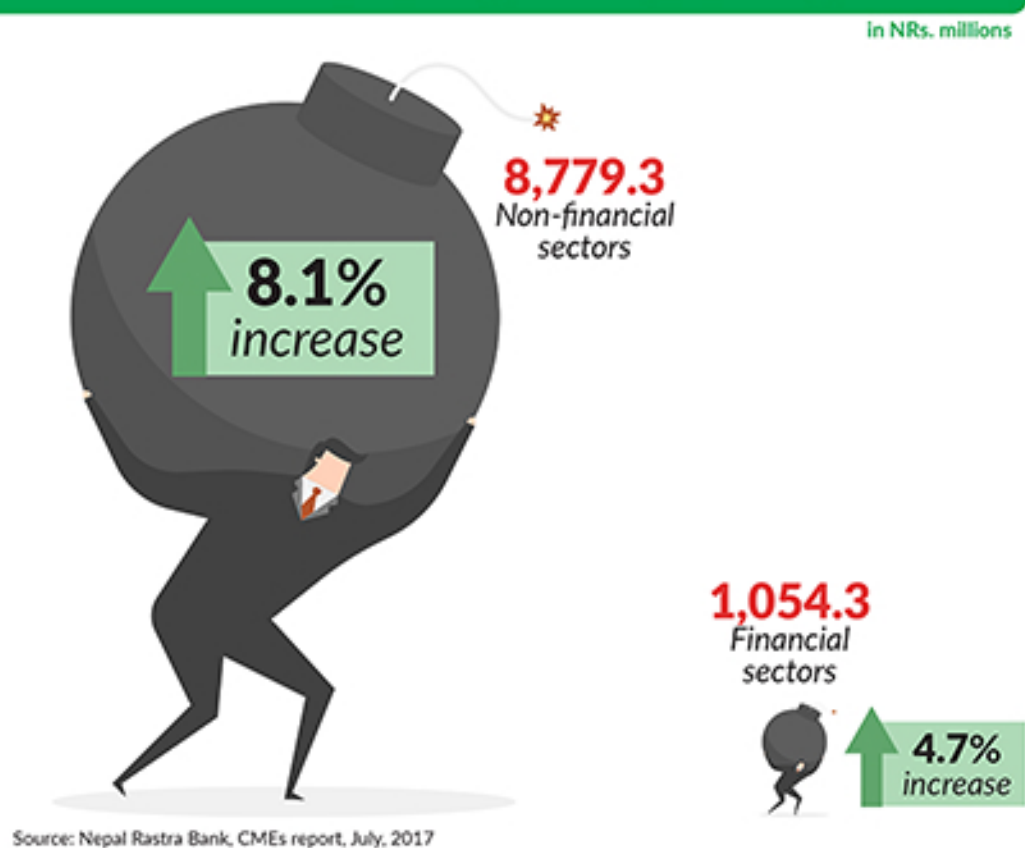
Source: Nepal Rastra Bank, Monthly Statistics, mid-July, 2017

Investment Portfolio of BFIs as of Mid-July 2017 (Aggregate)

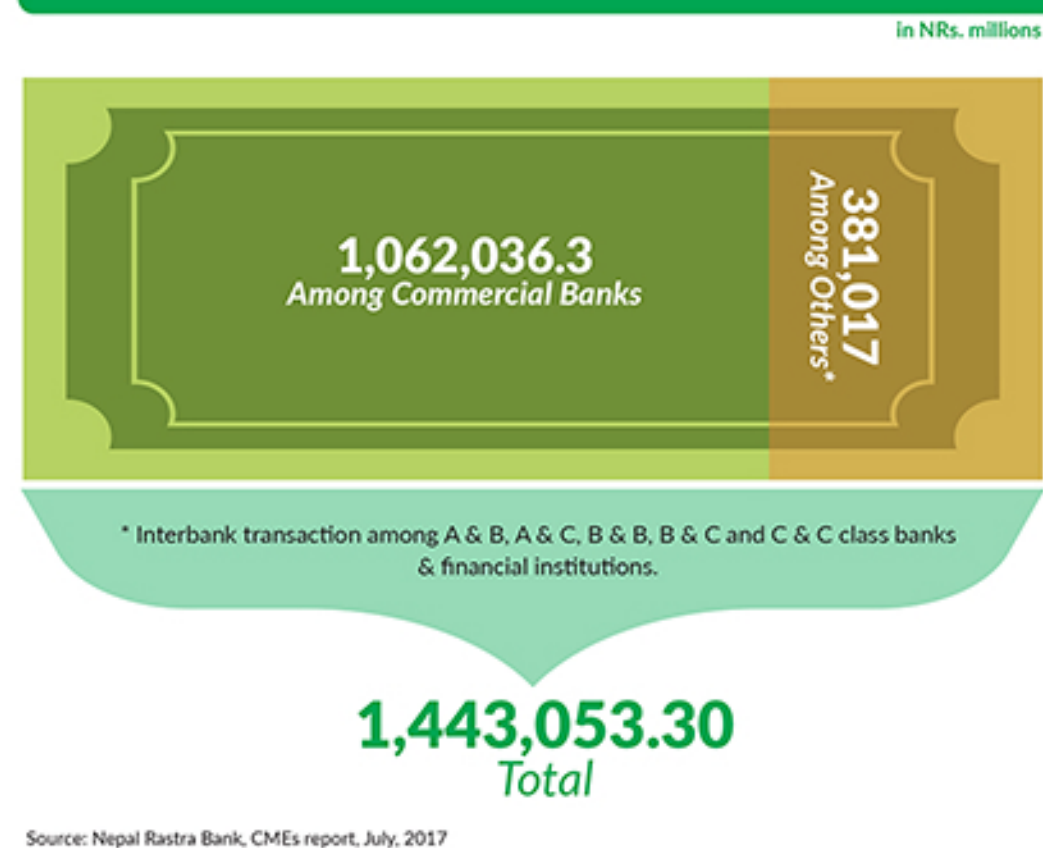


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Loans of Commercial Banks to Government Enterprises (2017 July)*



Inter-Bank Transaction Amount for FY 2073/74 (As of mid-July 2017)



Workshops Conducted by NBA in Last Quarter

Corporate Social Responsibility & Justice Agenda

Sept 15, 2017: NBA in coordination with Institute for Strategic and Socio-Economic Research (ISSR), organized a workshop on "Corporate Social Responsibility and Justice Agenda". The main objective of the workshop was to update situation, discuss on outreach modalities, and finally gain wider support to the "Access to Justice" agenda.

NBA extended the invite to all the member banks and the concerned officials looking after the CRS activities of the bank participated in the program. The program started with a welcome note by the ISSR representative, which was then followed by remarks from the NBA President Mr. Anil Shah. Thereafter, Prof. Dr. Govind Nepal from ISSR shared a presentation on CSR Activities by the Banking Sector. The presentation was then followed by briefing of CSR activities of various organizations and discussion from the participants.

The workshop helped to enhance understanding about the level and type of CSR involvement and challenges for enhanced engagement of banking sector in the areas of access to justice through CSR.

Energy Efficiency & Resource Efficient Cleaner Production Financing in Nepal

Oct 11, 2017: NBA and Society for Environmental and Economic Development Nepal (Seed Nepal) jointly organized a workshop on "Energy Efficiency and Resource Efficient Cleaner Production Financing in Nepal". The main objective of the workshop was to - Identify opportunities for new financing products internal and external drivers; Learn about existing RECP financing products; and Prototype RECP financing products. Mr. Rainer Agster, Director Private Sector Cooperation from Adelphi Germany was the faculty to share his thoughts on the subject matter. For the last six years, he has worked in Nepal on the topic of energy efficiency with a focus on financing options.

The program included few presentations which enabled the participants to gain insights in the energy efficiency and RECP financing market internationally; assess the market potential in Nepal; identify synergies with the program and projects; and develop a first idea for own energy efficiency and RECP financing products.