

Hamro Fulbari Initiative — Phase 0

Meeting Minutes (Clean Version)

Date: 01-26-2026

Attendees: Dilip Sharma (Counsel), Alok Neupane (Counsel), Pushpa Ghimire (Moderator)

Background (Grounded Context)

Phase 0 is a planning and intelligence phase focused on identifying one viable venue for the first school pilot. No construction, school launch, or regulatory approval activities occur during this phase. The work emphasizes sustainability, low operational burden, and evening-based collaboration. A dataset of 236 registered schools across Nepal (including school type, location, and contact details) serves as the primary landscape input, supplemented by high-level census and literacy indicators. Decisions are to be data-informed, locally validated, and comparatively justified.

Meeting Summary (Action-Relevant Discussion)

1. Confirmed that Phase 0 will remain non-executional and focused solely on venue definition.
2. Agreed to use the 236-school dataset for landscape scanning and initial shortlisting.
3. Aligned on remote sampling (phone-based and local inquiries) prior to any field travel.
4. Emphasized the importance of qualitative input from local educators to validate data signals.
5. Discussed optional onboarding of a delegate resource to support data gathering and documentation.
6. Reaffirmed a low-pressure operating model to avoid burn-out and maintain long-term momentum.

Immediate Action Items

1. Circulate the 236-school dataset to the working group.
2. Finalize a one-page Location Evaluation Template.
3. Identify 3–5 candidate districts or community clusters.
4. Begin remote sampling using available contact information.
5. Reach out to 2–3 local educators for qualitative insights.
6. Draft a lightweight role description for a potential delegate resource.
7. Update the Phase 0 section of the website to reflect clarified scope.

Next Meeting

Date: 01-27-2026

Time: Nepal Time 6:00 PM

Agenda:

1. Review initial impressions from the 236-school dataset.
2. Agree on shortlisting logic and evaluation criteria weighting.
3. Confirm remote sampling approach and responsibilities.
4. Decide on delegate onboarding (yes/no) and next-step timeline.