

**Damber Kumar “DK” Gurung, Ph. D., a Founding Member, Board of Directors and  
Chair, Sub Committee on Global Caste Freedom Index (G-CFI)**

Dr. Gurung has served as a founding member of Board of Director at the International Commission for Dalit Rights (ICDR) since 2008, and also serves as the Chair of Sub-Committee on G-CFI. He is an international Public Health professional with over fifteen years of experience in sustainable program development, monitoring and evaluation, and program management/operations in the US, Africa, and Asia. With his passion for bridging practice and research he has been engaging his experience in reducing health disparities, poverty, and improving social justice for millions.

His significant international experience includes: public health program management, co-supervision of RAIDS- Rural HIV/AIDS pilot project in six African countries; HIV/AIDS project development studies in four Sub-Saharan nations; Rural development project feasibility studies (Nepal); Field Studies and Surveys in Tanzania, Ghana, Nepal and India.

Specialized Skills: Program performance monitoring/evaluation, program quality improvement, health disparities and health economic analysis, forecasting/econometrics/trend analysis, leadership/capacity development, workshop design and delivery, database system management, and social justice advocacy.

Committed to evidence-based programs design, management, and quality improvement  
Successfully created partnerships among Govts., academic and community-based organizations  
Effective communicator with language proficiency in English, Nepali, and Hindi.

Dr. Gurung is a Fulbright Scholar and received his masters from the University of California and a doctorate from Clemson University. His active affiliations are with Federal Asian Pacific Islander Council (FAPAC), and International Career Development Program (ICAP)/Aspen Institute.