



Sarah Byrne

Advisor, Local Governance & Civil Society

- **Educational background:** PhD (Political Geography, University of Zurich), MA (Development Studies, Graduate Institute, Geneva), BA (International Relations, University of Toronto)
- **Years of professional experience:** since 2002
- **Years in development/international cooperation:** since 2006
- **Year started in organisation:** 2006
- **Thematic competences:** local governance and decentralisation, empowerment, social inclusion, natural resource governance, accountability
- **Process competences:** participatory methods, governance assessment, local development planning, qualitative research, power & policy analysis.
- **Country experience long term (more than 6 months):** Nepal
- **Country experience short term (1 to 6 months):** Albania, Bangladesh, Kyrgyzstan, India, Mongolia, Serbia
- **Mother tongue/other working languages:** English/ French
- **Other experience:** Research Fellow at the Institute of Federalism, University of Fribourg, Governance Advisor at Intercooperation, Researcher at the University of Zurich
- **Email:** sarah.byrne@helvetas.org
- **Tel.** +41 (0) 31 385 10 45