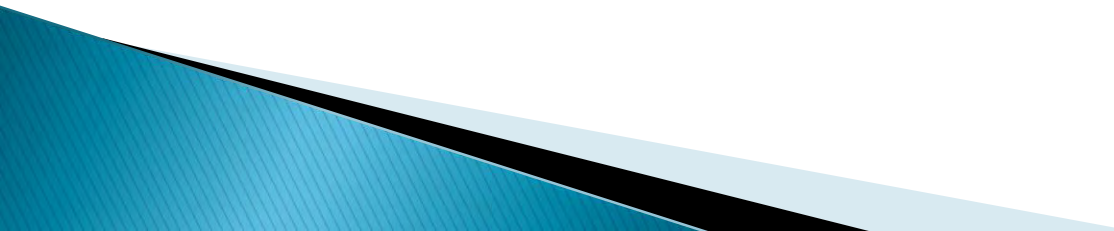


# Urban Development in Nepal

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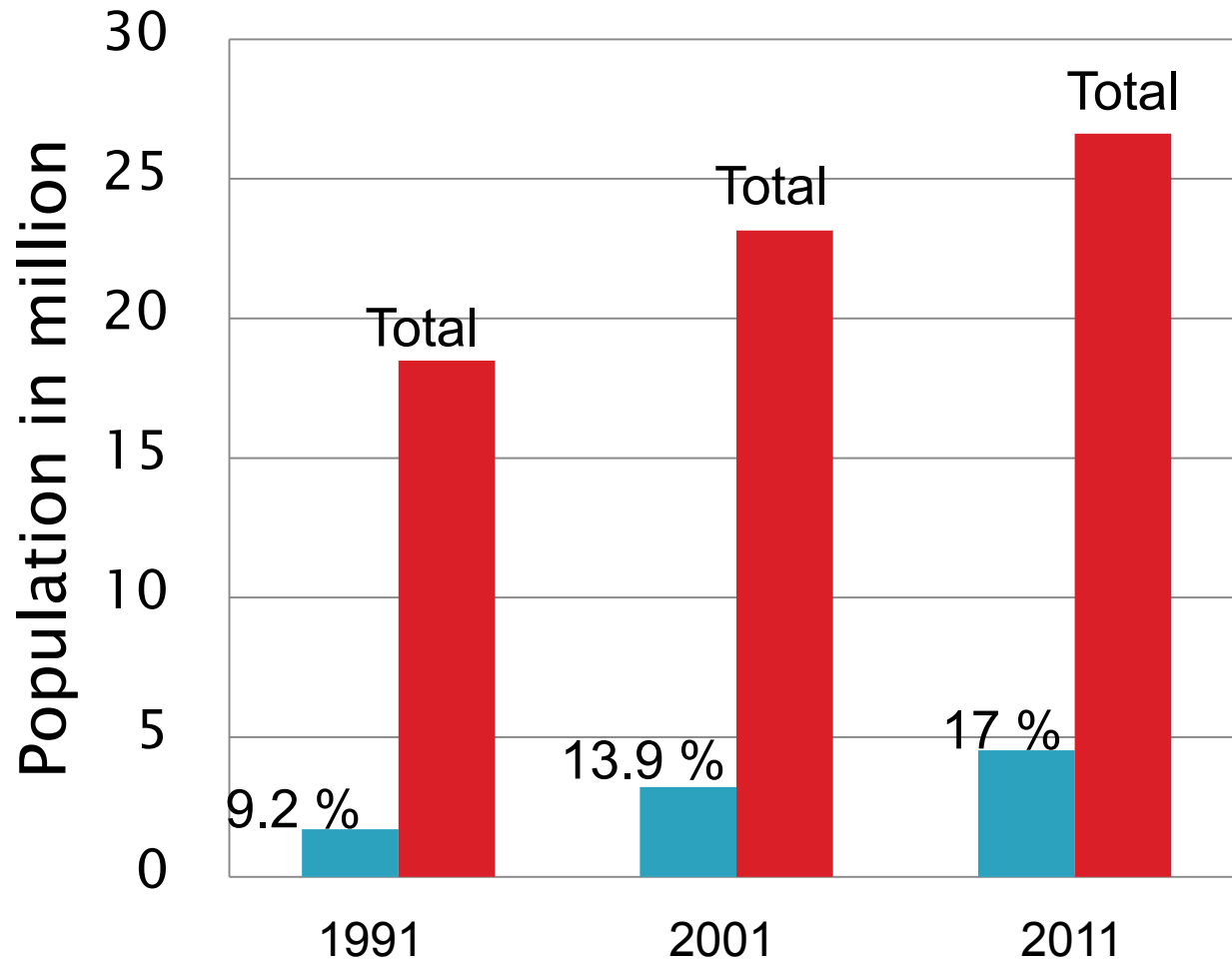
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# Urban Scenario of Nepal

- ▶ There are 58 municipalities and 265 small towns. Out of 58 municipalities, one metro, 4 sub-metro and 53 municipality.
  - ▶ The current urban population is 17 percent of the total with an annual growth rate of 5 percent per annum.
  - ▶ Urban areas contribute to 65 percent in national GDP.
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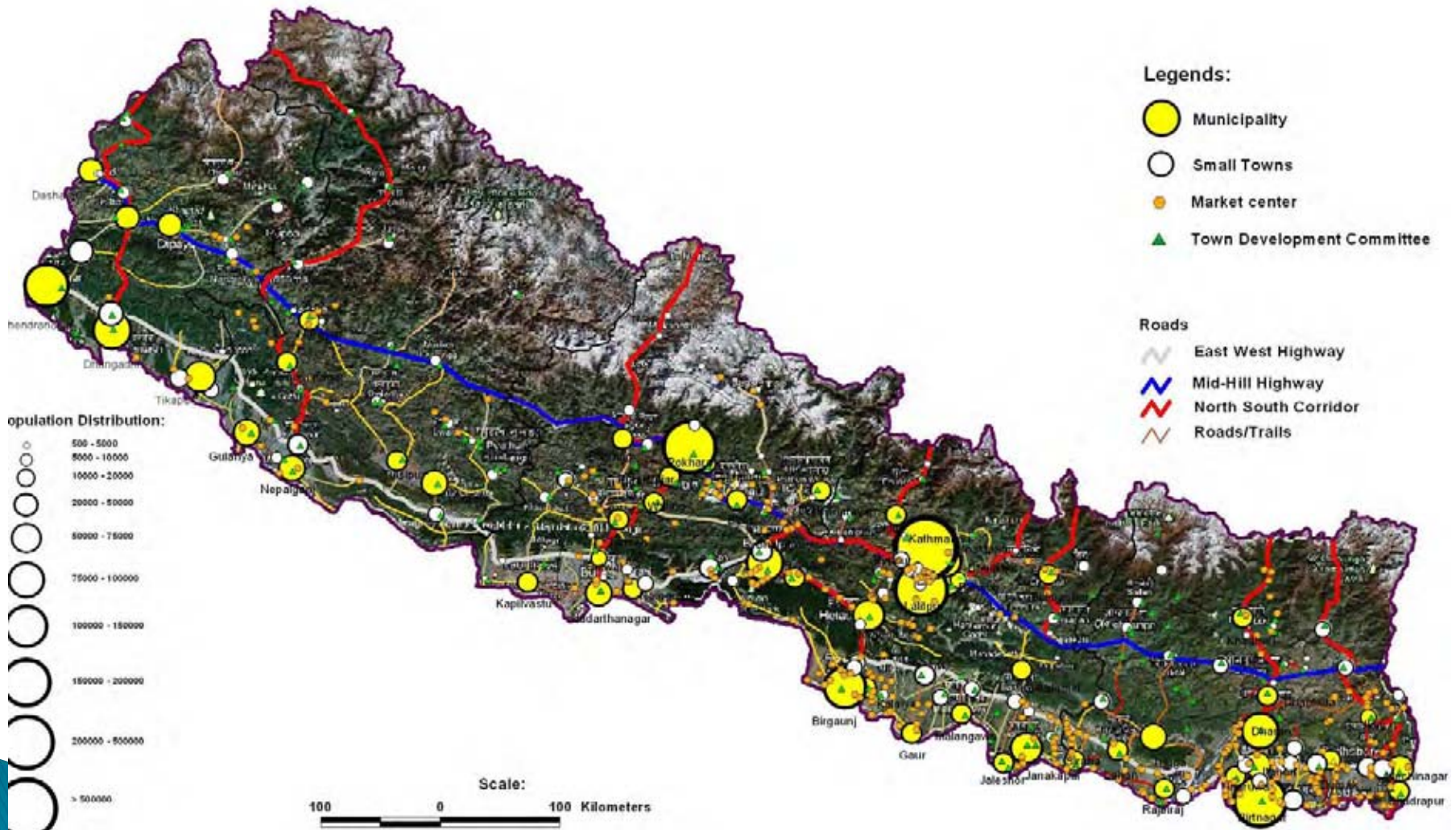


# Despite low-level urbanization, fast pace of growth and migration are matter of concern

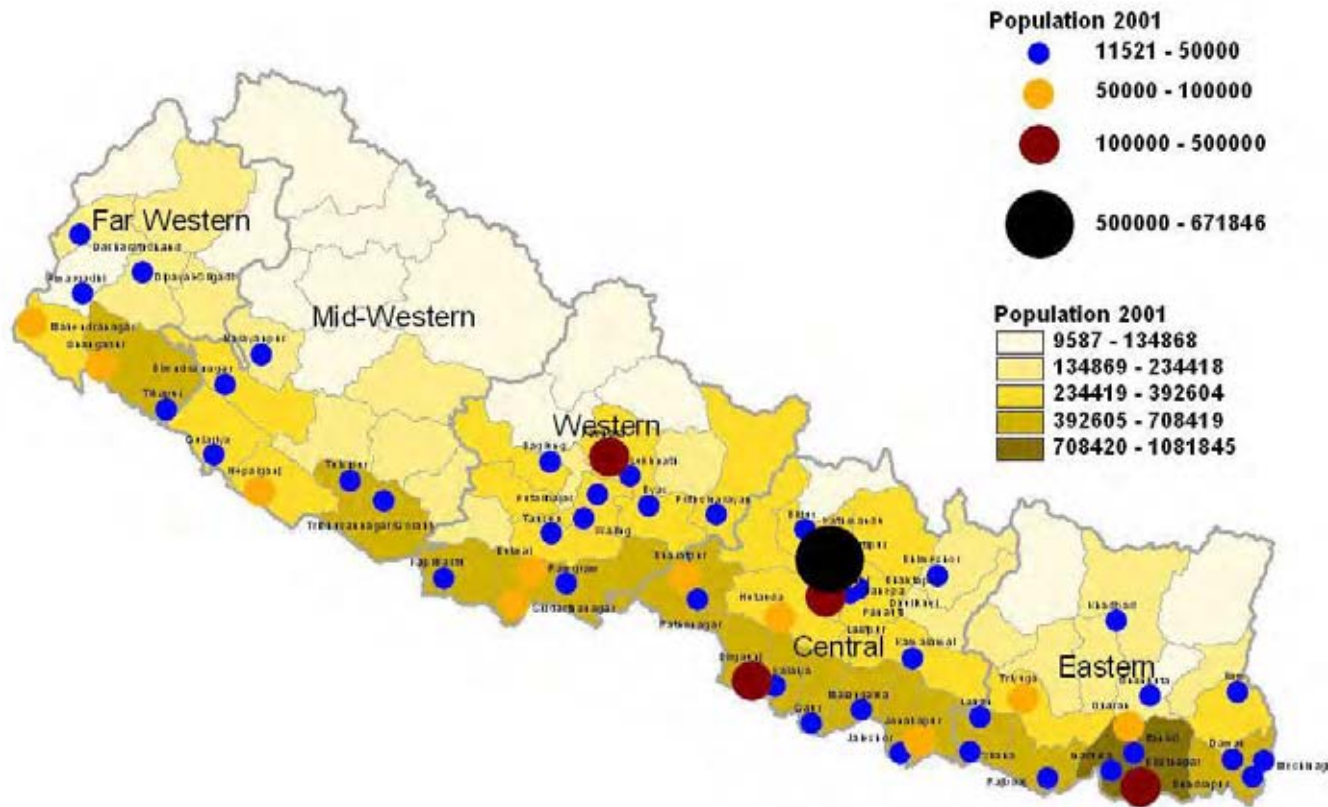


Note: Urbanization level accounts the municipal population only

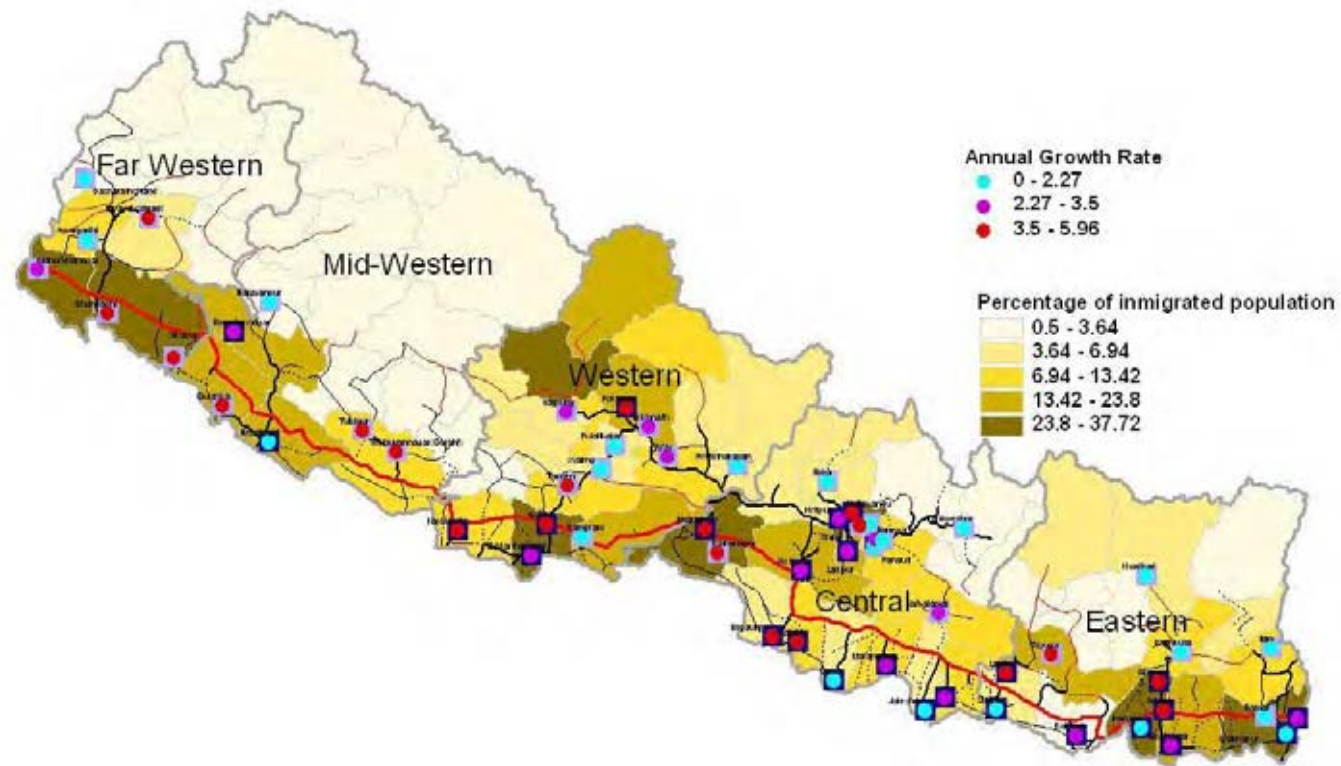
# Settlements of Nepal consists of municipalities, small town and numerous market centers



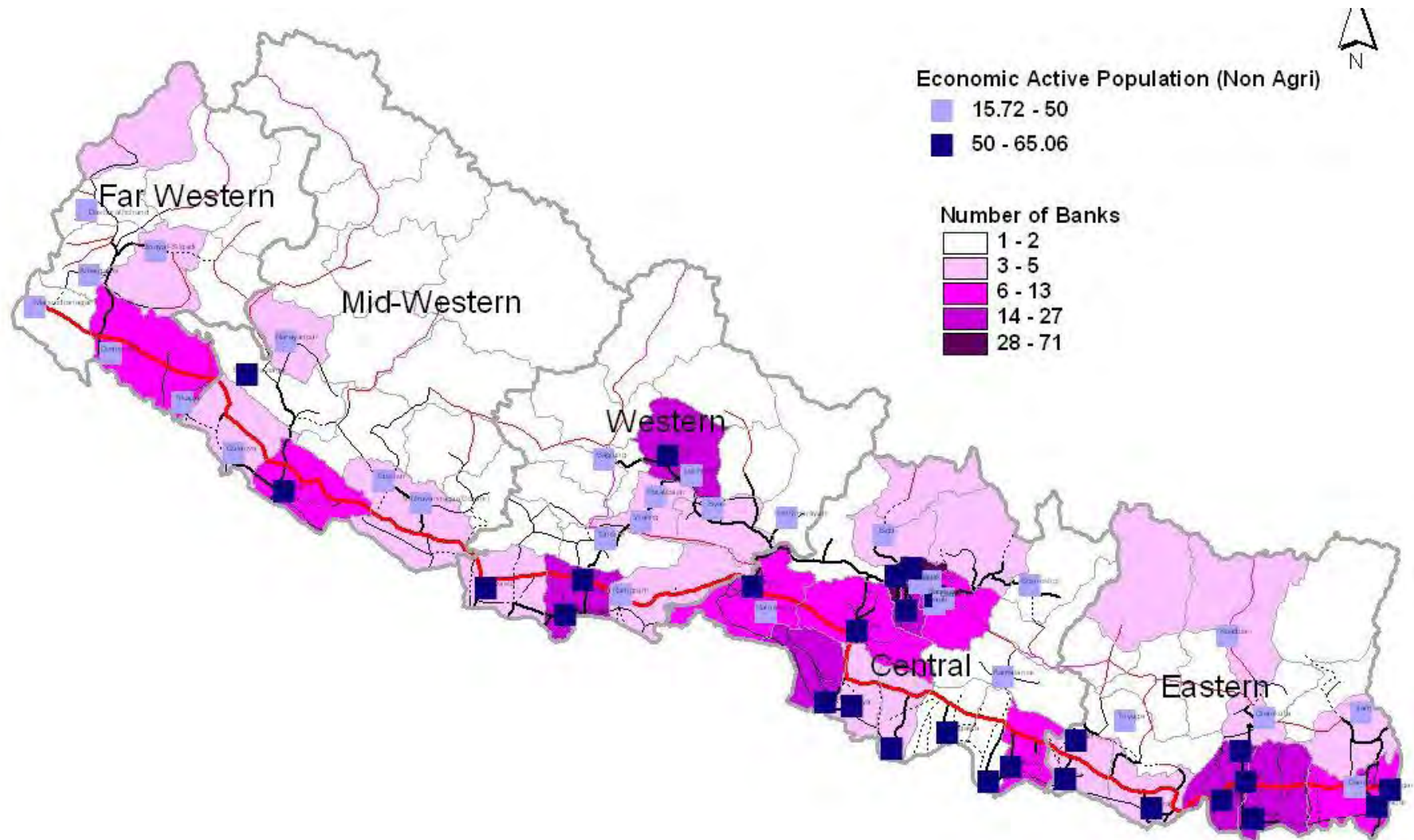
# Hierarchy of settlements



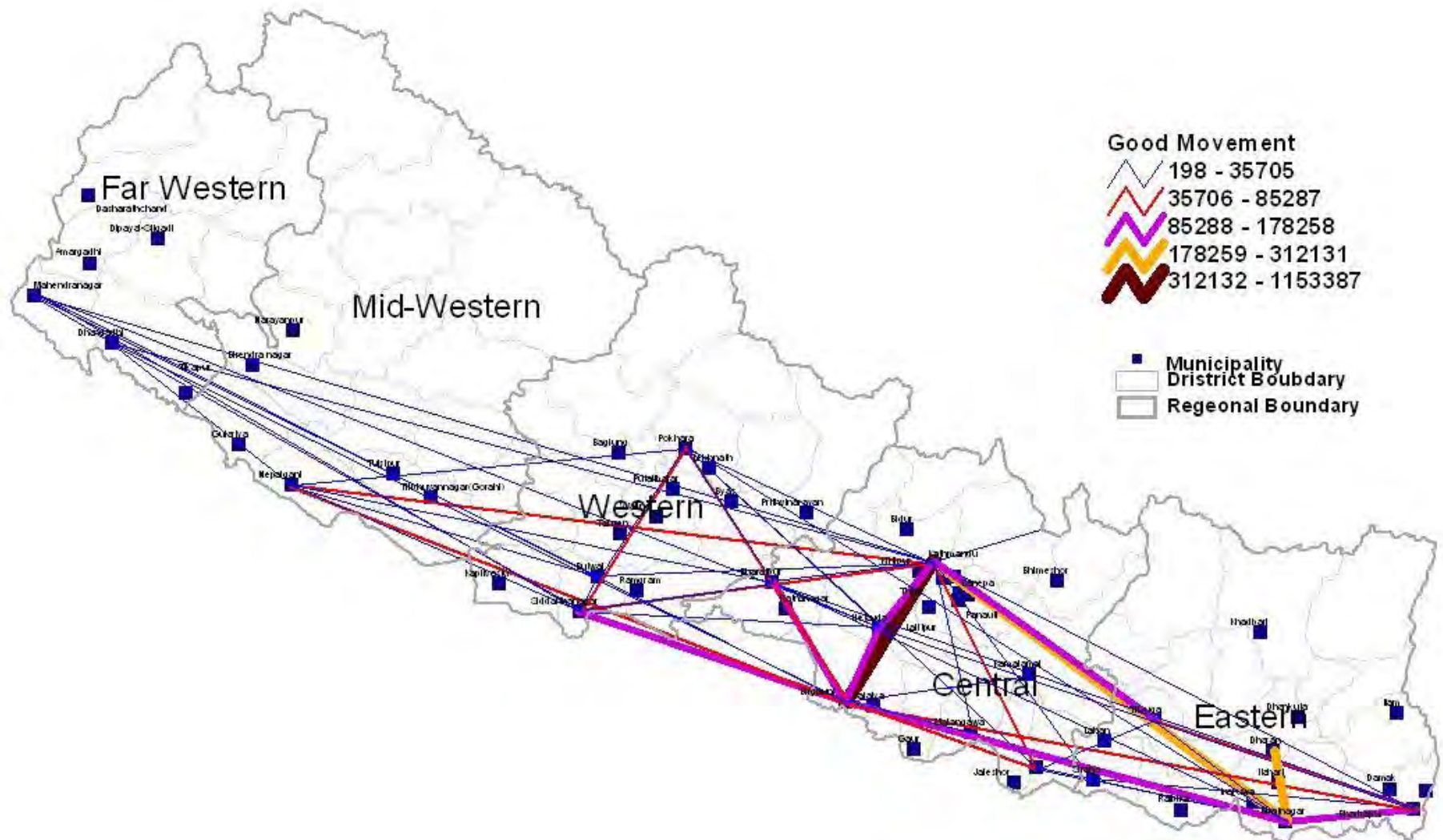
# Growth rate and in-migration



# Financial accumulation



# Relations between cities/regions: flow of goods through surface transportation

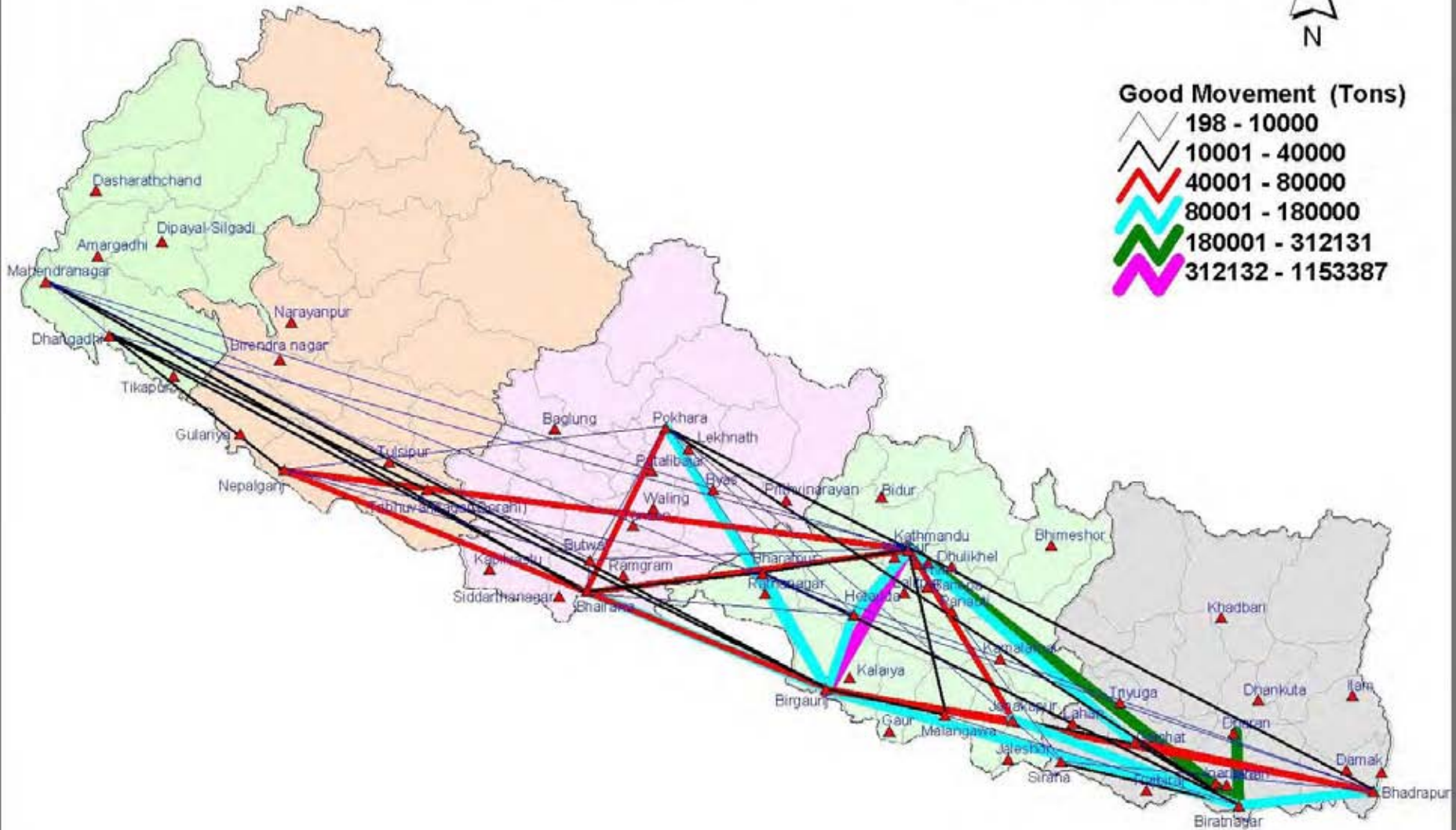
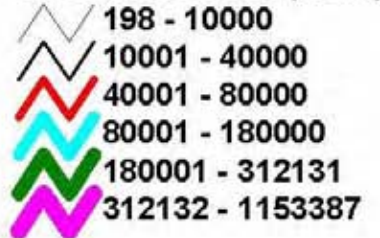




# Goods movement from different places



## Good Movement (Tons)

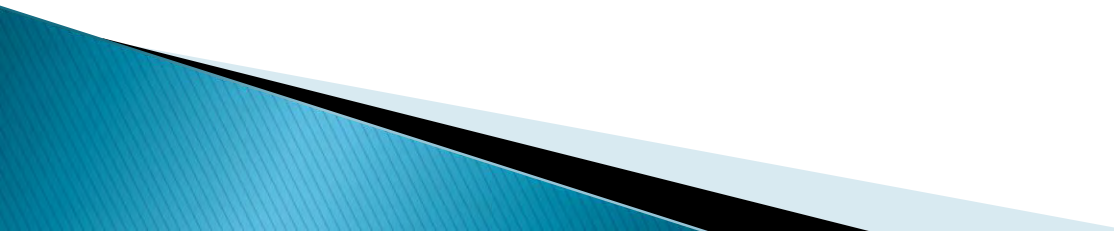


# Backlog of services: Urban households without basic facilities

Services	% households without access
Piped drinking water	46.3 %
Sanitary system	45.6 %
Garbage disposal	55.0 %
Electricity	12.6 %
Telephone	68.1 %

Source: CBS 2001, Nepal Living Standard Survey

# Legislative Framework

- ▶ Town Development Act, 1988.
  - ▶ Local self Governance Act, 1997.
  - ▶ Apartment Ownership Act, 1997.
  - ▶ Building Act, 1997.
  - ▶ Kathmandu Valley Development Act, 1988.
  - ▶ Land Acquisition Act, 1976
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# Objectives of National Urban Policy 2006

- ▶ Achieve *a balanced national urban structure* through appropriate distribution of investment and urban–rural linkage
- ▶ Promote *safe and economically vibrant urban environment*
- ▶ Promote *effective urban management* through improved institutional and legal provisions

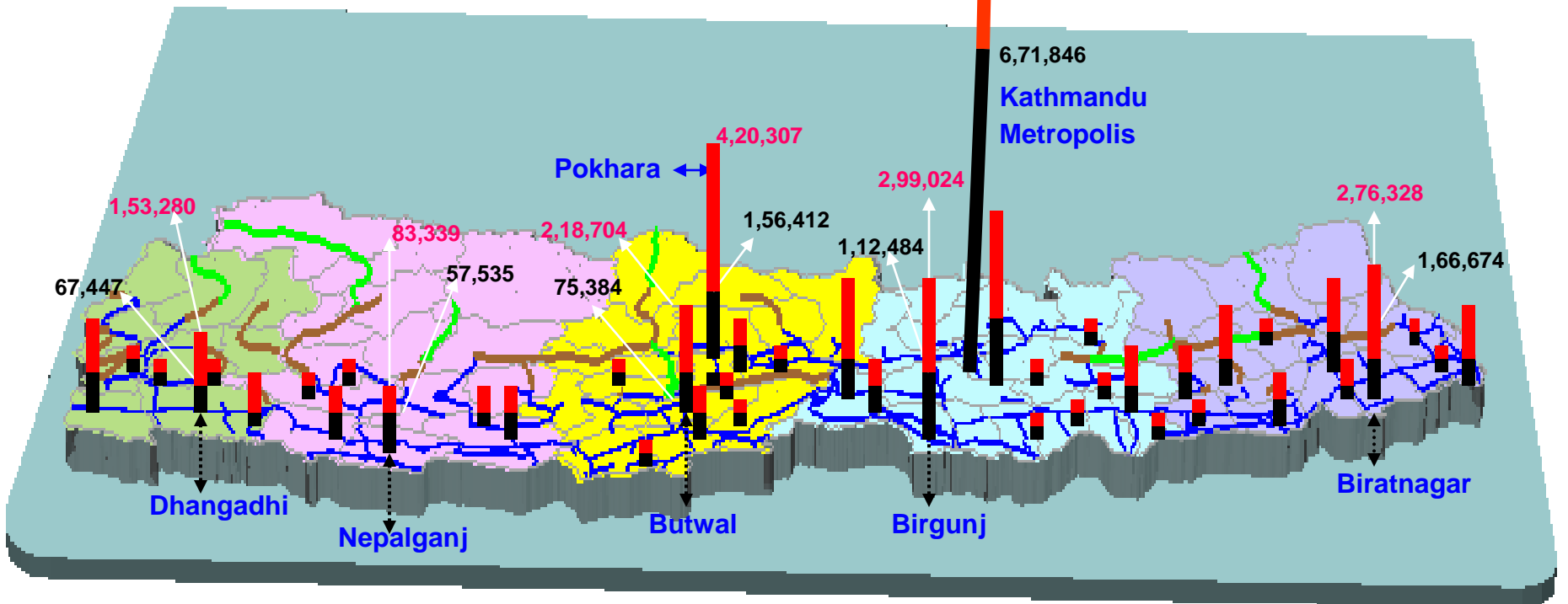
# Urban Growth Scenario

based on municipal population projection until 2021

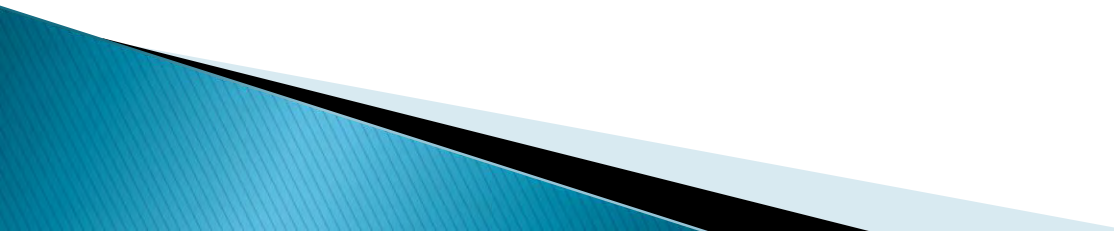
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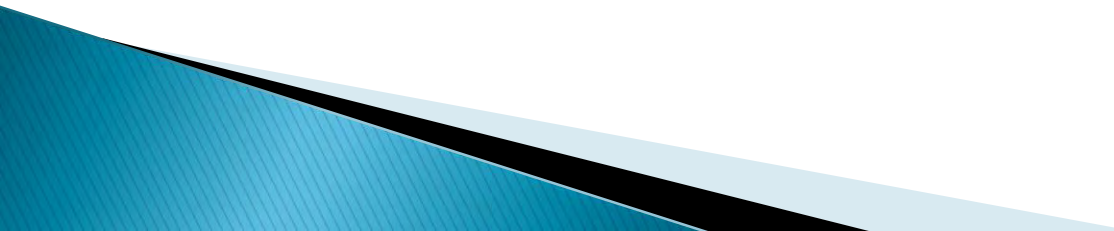
- Existing Road
- Under Construction Road
- Proposed Road

- Projected Population until 2021
- Population in 2001



# **Critical issues in Urban Development**

- **Kathmandu centred politics and development efforts**
  - **No local elections in municipalities since 1997.**
  - **Inadequate physical infrastructure particularly water supply and sanitation, electricity and road network, landfill sites, sewage treatment facilities.**
  - **Low funding compared to rural areas.**
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- ▶ Poor resource base of municipalities
  - ▶ Poor cost recovery of municipal loans.
  - ▶ Weak industrial base of cities and town( less productivity)
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# Vision of Balanced National Urban System



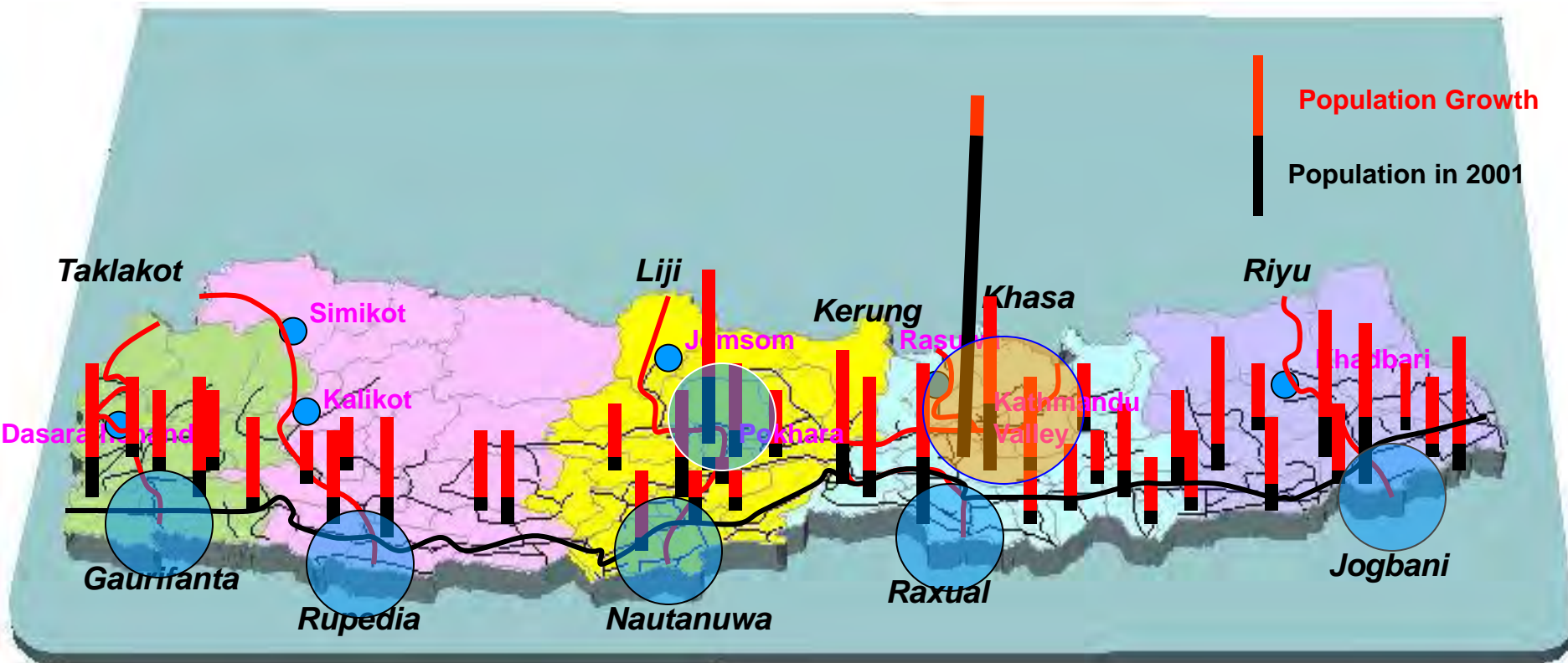
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Intermediate Growth Center





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