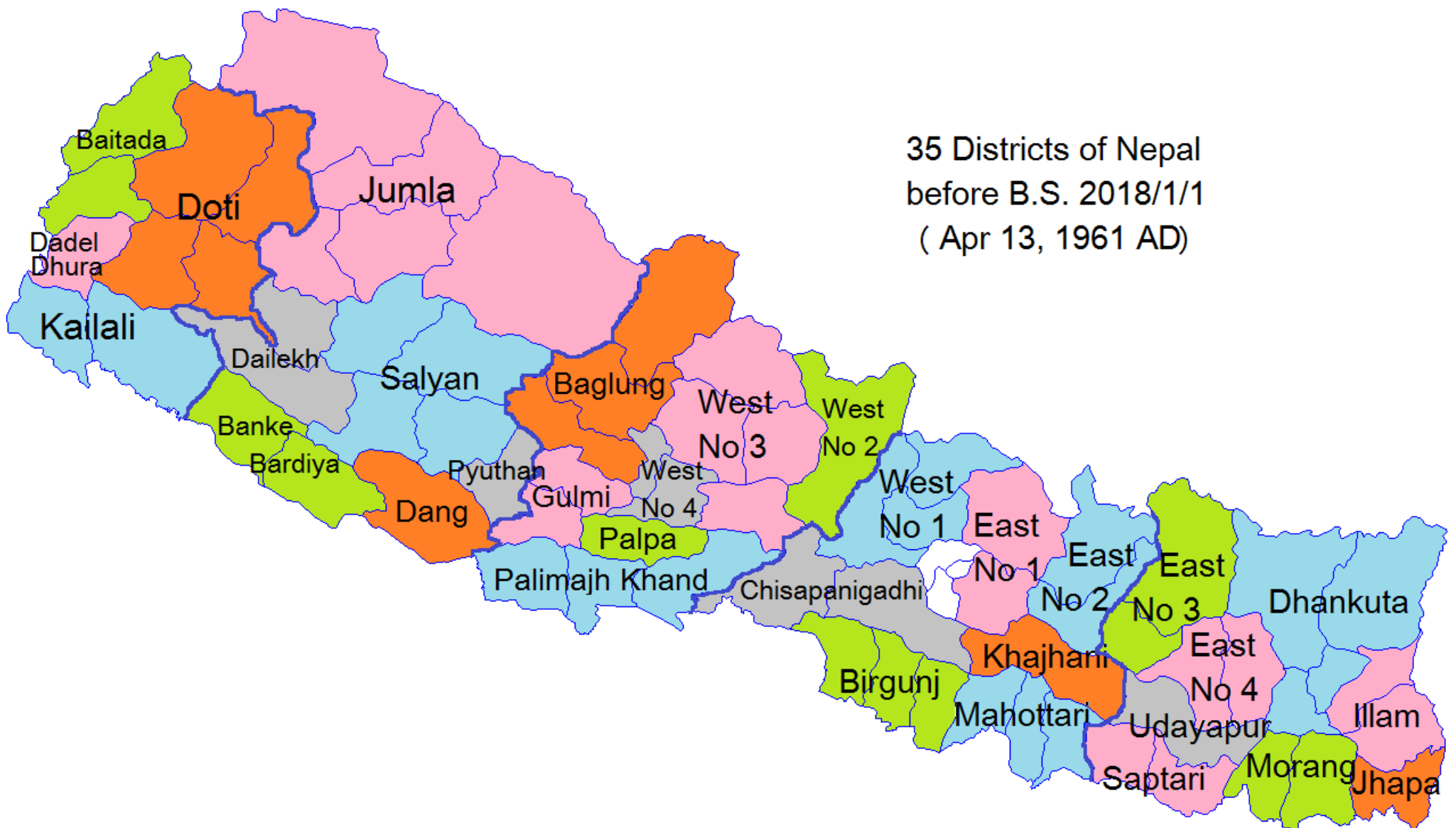
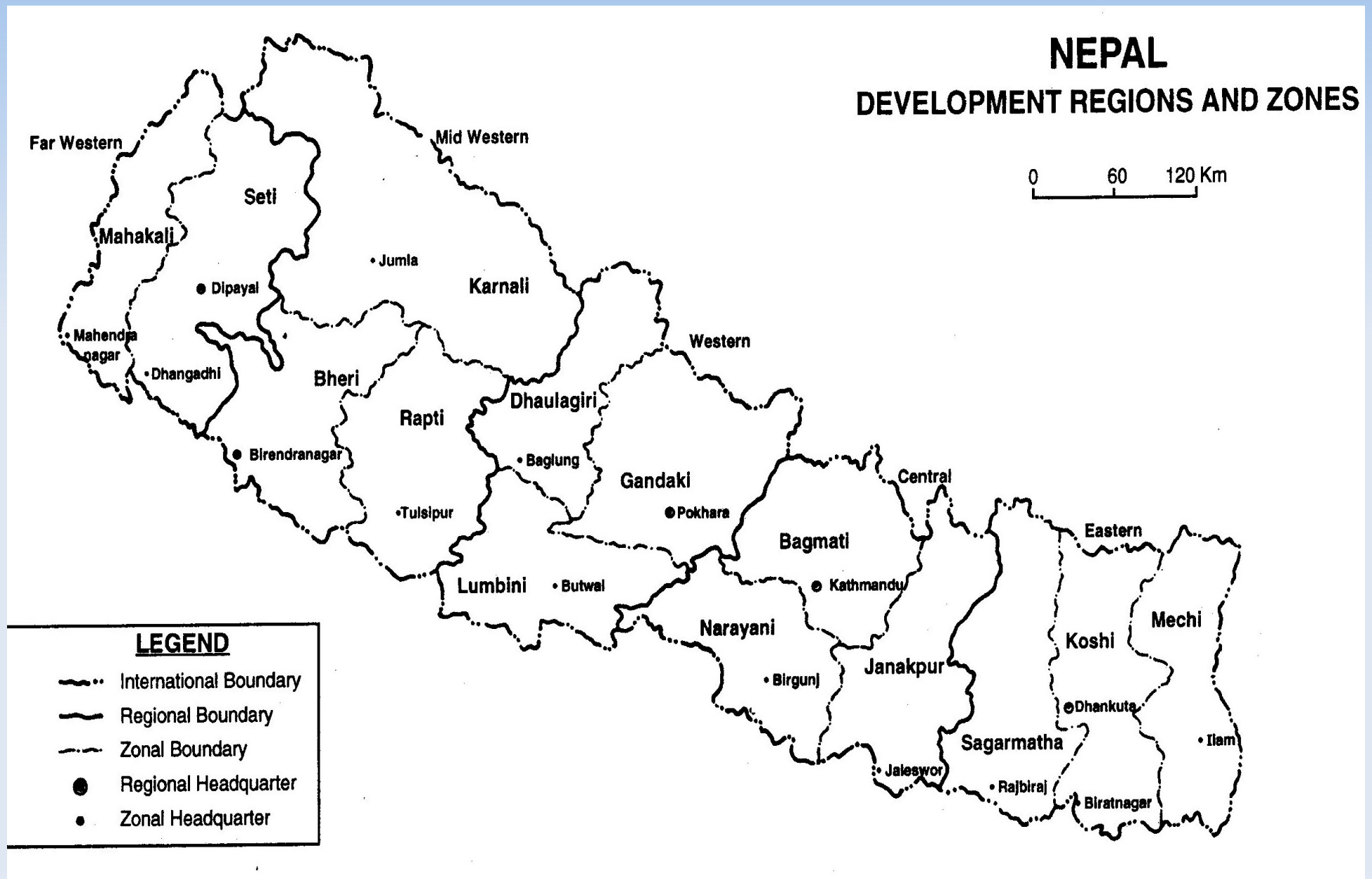


Districts before 1961



Zones and development regions (before 2017)



75 districts before 2017



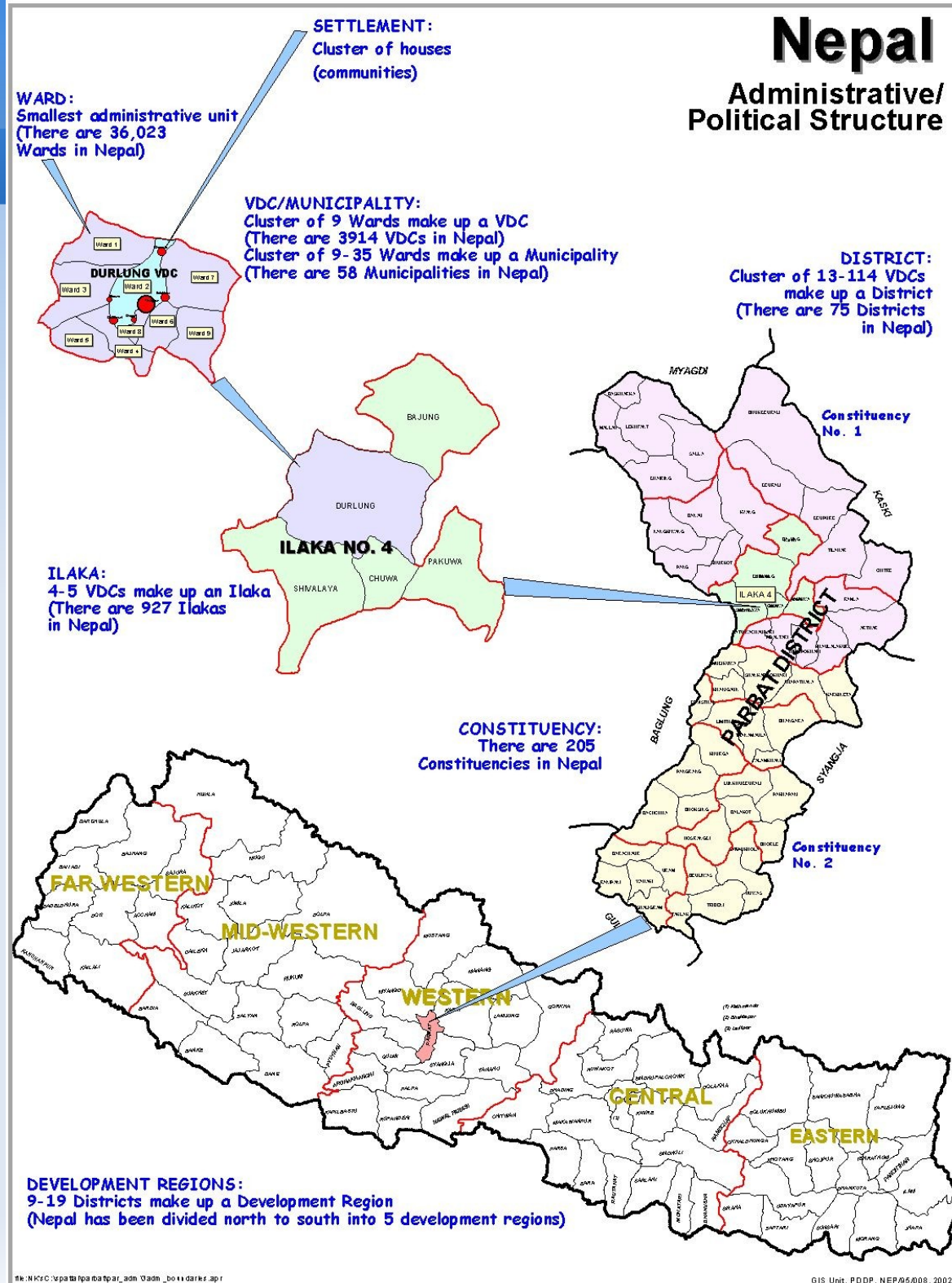
Administrative and political structure pre-2017

5 development regions
14 zones
75 districts (240 election constituencies)
217 municipalities
3117 VDC

among municipalities:

1 metropolitan city (Kathmandu)
11 sub-metropolitan cities
(Lalitpur, Biratnagar, Pokhara, Birganj; Itahari, Dharan, Janakpur, Hetauda, Butwal, Nepalganj, Bharatpur)

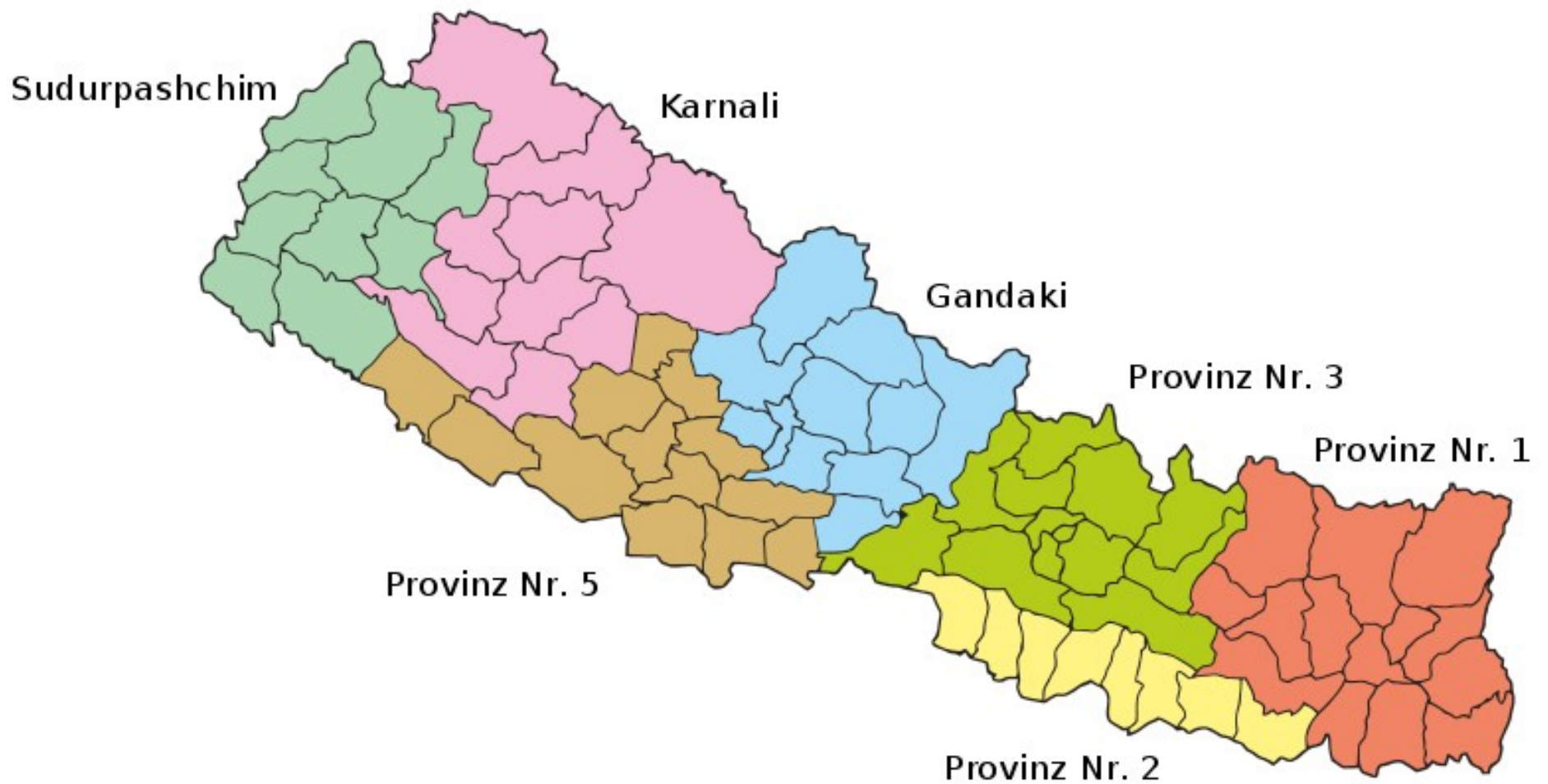
36.8% urban population



77 districts since August 2017



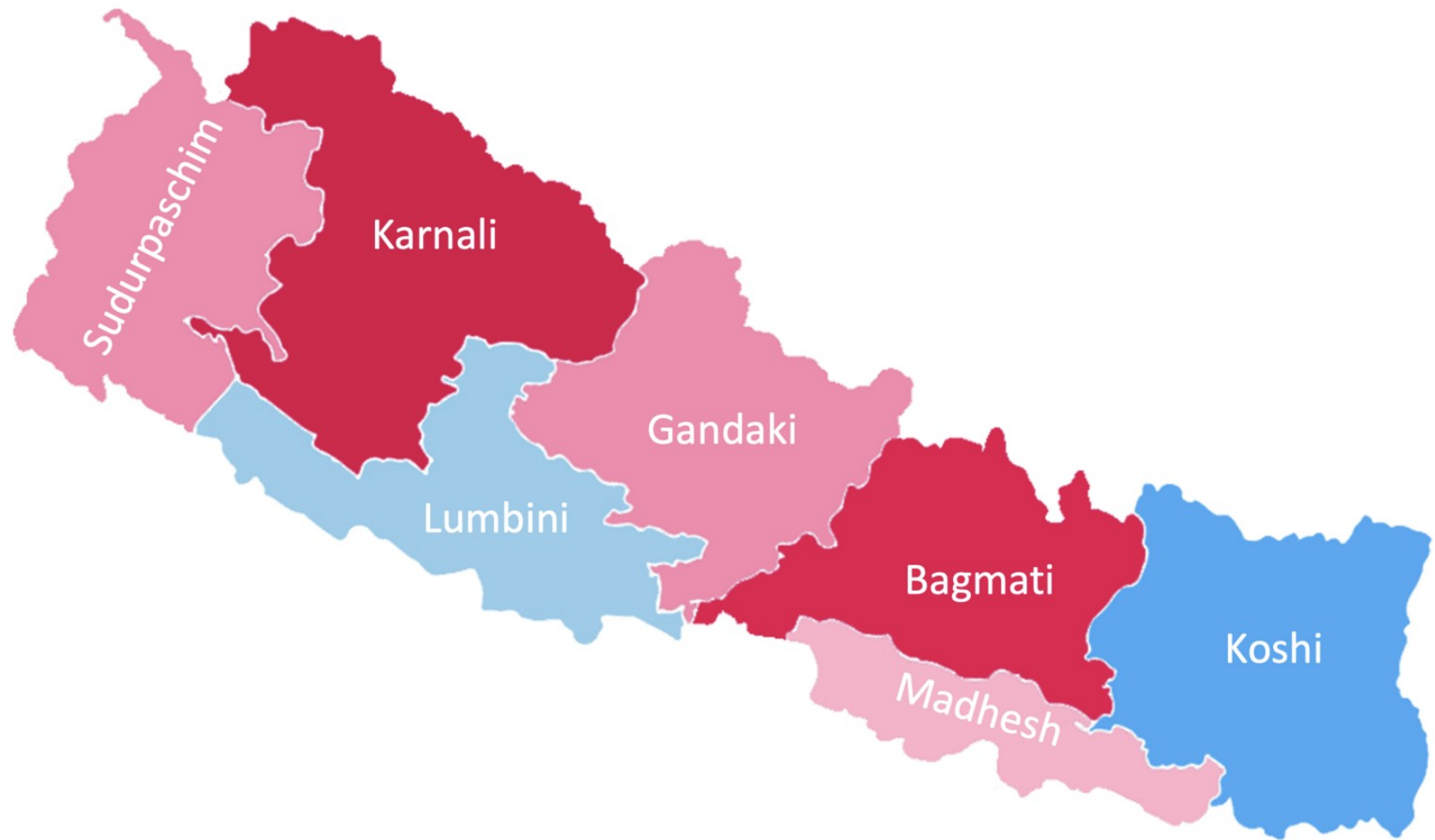
7 provinces (2019)



7 provinces (November 2020)



7 provinces (2023)



Administrative and political system 2017

7 federal provinces

(still unnamed, except Karnali (6), Gandaki (4) and Sudurpaschim (7), introduced in Sept. 2015)



77 districts

(75 introduced in 1963)
(parts of Nawalparasi and Rukum added as additional districts on 21 August 2017)



753 local units

Local political and administrative Outline

77 Districts
(Jilla)

District Coordination Committee
(9 members chosen by the District Assembly
from among the members of the (Rural) Municipal
Assemblies of the district)

6 Metropolitan Cities
(Mahanagarpalika)

District Assembly
(all mayors/deputy mayors respectively
chairs/deputy chairs of the district)

11 Sub-Metropolitan Cities
(Upa-Nagarpalika)

276 Municipalities
(Nagarpalika)

460 Rural Municipalities
(Gaunpalika)

(Rural) Municipal Assembly
(all elected ward members)

6,742 Wards
(5-33 per local unit)

From each ward, voters elect four general members
and a chairperson (altogether 6,742 *ward chairs*
and 26,790 *ward members*) as well as the *mayor* and
deputy mayor of the Municipality respectively *chair*
and *deputy chair* of the Rural Municipality