

Improved Cooking Stove (ICS): Capacity Development and After Sale Service Training



Namsaling Community Development Center (NCDC) worked as a Regional Technical Service Provider (RTSP) of Alternative Energy Promotion Center (AEPC) till 2018 starting from the year 2001. NCDC in financial collaboration with AEPC provided 8 Improved Cooking Stove (ICS) Capacity Development and After Sale Service Training to 73 participants from 7 Rural Municipalities and 1 Municipality of Province 1. The trainings were held over the course of 3 months period. The training was started on 5th January 2019 and ended on 15th March 2019 in the direct supervision of AEPC.

The training aimed at developing technically sound human resource to install and monitor different models of ICS. Each participant learned to install 1, 2 & 3 pot hole ICS, 3 pot hole Metallic ICS for high hills, their repair and maintenance and kitchen management.

Consultation for Endorsement of Local Level Model Environment and Natural Resource Protection Law

Three tiers of Nepalese government; federal, state and local have rights to formulate necessary local legislation. To facilitate the process of formulating laws on Environment and Natural Resource Protection, Ministry of Federal Affairs and General Administration in collaboration with WWF and other stakeholders is involved in the formulation of model law and capacity development of the local government. NCDC in coordination with WWF was selected as a consulting partner to present draft law in 9 local bodies of 9 districts in the eastern cluster of Nepal. The consulting work focused on enhancing theoretical understanding of the environment, bio diversity and need for necessary legal provisions at local level to address the issues. Existing national and international laws on environment, and bio diversity were also explored during the events organized at each local body. Amendments on draft law will be based on suggestions and inputs provided from the consultations at local level.

Makotomaki NCDC Girls Scholarship Program (2019)



To support education for hardworking girl students from poor and disadvantaged families, "Makotomaki NCDC Girls Scholarship Program" was initiated. The trust was established in 1997 with the financial assistance of honorable Japanese social worker Makotomaki and other local partners.

In the year 2019 NCDC supported the total of 212 girl students from community schools of Maijogmai Rural Municipality, Sandakpur Rural Municipality (RM) and Suryodaya Municipality. The scholarship is provided based on the recommendation of the school and direct supervision of NCDC General Secretary Mr. Kamal Prashad Nepal. Till date the total of 2412 girls students have received the scholarship.



NCDC/ICDP Annual Review & Planning Meeting, April 20th & 21st, 2019

Upgrading Okharghari Drinking Water Project



In the days immediately after earthquake, the existing drinking water spring dried up abruptly at Begumpa village. The community of 54 households was directly affected by the problem. NCDC in collaboration with Tuki- Civin, a Dolakha

based NGO and community searched alternative source of water and the construction of Okharghari Drinking Water project initiated.

To further improve the quality of the service, in financial support of Nepal Community Development Fund (NCDF) and Kalinchowk Rural Municipality along with labor contribution of community installation of individual water taps is being carried out in the year 2019. 54 individual water taps are under construction.

Solar lifting in Bagasoti



Bagasoti Village is a small community solely inhabited by indigenous Magar. Within a period of two years, series of events has been carried out at Bagasoti village to tackle the water shortage problem and establish village as resilient to the impacts of Climate change. In 2017 at the initial phase of ICDP project along with the active participation of community NCDC focused on source protection and control of seepage while transferring water from source to the tank. Retention wall was made and new water tank was constructed. In 2018

and 2019 NCDC and RM Rapti came together to make water further accessible by using solar water lifting technology. As water used to be directly distributed from the main tank previously, it was difficult especially for pregnant women. *"I had to collect water from the bottom of the tank by putting my pregnant belly on the tank and bow down. I had a constant fear that it might affect my child. We had to put half of our body inside the tank till we start to feel pain in the chest to collect water"* says Yuma Rana. Along with solar lifting system, 13 taps are constructed throughout village. This has reduced the time required for collecting water and provided necessary irrigation for home garden.

FK Volunteers Finalized

Asmina Dhakal has been selected as FK (Fredskorpset) Volunteer from NCDC for the year 2018/19. She is working with Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (ATREE) based in Darjeeling, India. From the one year exchange program sponsored by FK Norway, this year Elizabeth Melleck from Tanzania came to NCDC on February, 2019. FK organized orientation program to prepare participants for foreign exchange in Bangkok, Thailand from 8th-12th April, 2019.

DF M&E & Strategy Development Workshop

DF conducted M&E & Strategy Development Workshop for Nepal partners from March 30th to April 2nd at Thakurdwara, Bardiaya.

M & E session focused on, developing common understanding on Nepal indicators and analysis of data from mid – term evaluation whereas strategy discussion sessions mainly centered on DF's strategy, partners contribution to it and development of new country strategy for Nepal.