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Introduction

Prakriti Resources Centre (PRC) is a non-government organization furthering the notion of sustainable development and environmental integrity. PRC focuses on areas of climate change, low carbon development and food security. Nepal being one of the most vulnerable countries to climate change, adapting to its impacts is imperative. Similarly, Nepal also needs to embrace the low carbon development model for sustainability. PRC is registered with Government of Nepal under Associations Registration Act, 1977. It has affiliation with District Administration Office, Kathmandu and Social Welfare Council (SWC).

Objectives

PRC conducts research and studies to generate empirical evidences, promotes and advocates for people centered and environmental friendly policies in a participatory and inclusive manner, engages with multi-stakeholders to further the idea of sustainable development and environmental integrity, builds knowledge base and shares information, helps raise awareness on environmental issues, climate change and sustainable development through information exchange and experience sharing and collaborates with like-minded organizations and networks for effective and meaningful impacts.

Collaborations and Partnership

This year PRC worked in collaboration with different national and international organizations. They are mentioned below

- Climate and Development Knowledge Network (CDKN) and Nepal Development Research Institute (NDRI) - Support for Strengthening Climate Finance Activities in Nepal.
- Nagarjuna Municipality - Capacity building and awareness programmes on environment.
- Both Ends Foundation - Enhanced Direct Access in Nepal: An initiation assessment
- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and Ministry of Finance - Publications on Climate Finance

Workshops and Trainings

Dialogue Program on Enhanced Direct Access in Nepal

The dialogue program on Enhanced Direct Access in Nepal was organized to discuss and create the sharing platform to understand the opportunities and challenges in relation to Enhanced Direct Access for climate finance in Nepal. The program was organized under the project 'Enhanced Direct Access in Nepal: An Initial Assessment' supported by BothEnds. The program was organized in 24th March 2017 with the support of HELVETAS Nepal, BothEnds and Oxford Climate Policy. In the program, in total 34 participants were participated representing different governmental agencies, private sectors, UN agencies and non-governmental organization. The program was succeed to initiate the discussion on devolving of climate finance in Nepal among governmental and non-governmental agencies. The program also enhanced a capacity of national and local stakeholders including women and women's group to accessing climate finance.

Advisory Group on Climate Finance in Nepal

One advisory group on climate finance was formed to boost the discussion on climate finance in Nepal. The group was formed with the representatives from different organization working in Nepal. Two meeting were conducted discussing on the challenges on accessing and mobilizing climate finance in the restricting of country.

Financing Climate Resilient Development in Nepal: Opportunities and Challenges on accessing climate finance

Prakriti Resources Centre with Nepal Development and Research Institute (NDRI) in support of Climate and Development Knowledge Network (CDKN) organized a workshop on 'Financing Climate Resilient Development in Nepal: Opportunities



and Challenges on accessing climate finance' on 7 March 2017. The program was organized with an objective to sensitized stakeholders, particularly private sectors on climate finance, its opportunities and challenges in accessing climate finance for adaptation and mitigation activities in Nepal. During the program, about 40 participants representing different organization participated in the program.

Training workshop on 'Institutional Capacity Self Assessment for Potential National Implementing Entities for Green Climate Fund'

The training program was organized by Prakriti Resources Centre (PRC) and Nepal Development and Research Institute (NDRI) under the project 'Support for Strengthening Climate Finance Activities in Nepal'. The training program was mainly focused to the member from different private sector. The two days training program was focused to strengthen the capacity of Nepali private sectors for the potential National Implementing Entities.

School Program

Orientation Programme on Environmental Education



Prakriti Resources Centre with the support of Nagarjun municipality organized an Orientation programme on Environment Education in five different schools of Nagarjunmunicipality from 12 to 14 June 2017. The programme was mainly focused on two important issues of environment i.e. climate change and solid waste management. The aim of this programme was to extend awareness among the youths about

climate change and its impacts along with unmanaged waste which has become a challenge for the government in our country.

The students were actively participating in the programme and were interactive during the sessions. They were eager to know more about climate change issues and raising questions on how to make efforts to reduce the impacts.

Name of the five schools:

- Amarjyoti Secondary School
- Balbodh Secondary school
- Shree Halchowk Secondary School
- Shree YuvaSahabhagita Secondary School
- Sitaram Secondary School

Celebration of World Environment Day 2017

Prakriti Resources Centre celebrated World Environment Day 2017 themed ‘Connecting nature to people’ by organizing a one day knowledge trip for the school students. A total of 25 students from TrimurthySahaSikshyaVidhyalaya studying in class 8 and 9 were given the opportunity of visit to ICIMOD Knowledge Park, Godawari, Lalitpur. The aim of this visit was to give exposure to the students on issues related to climate change and its impacts on soil, water, livelihood, biodiversity and so on. The guide inside the park showed the students around and gave necessary information regarding the sustainable technologies. The knowledge park provides a demonstration of testing of sustainable technologies, farming practices and renewable energy technologies.



On asking the students about their experience of the visit, they said they were glad to be a part of this trip. It was the first time for all the students to visit the knowledge park. They have had a practical experience and exposure through this visit.

Interaction Program

Orientation Program on Environment Friendly Local Governance Framework (EFLG)

Prakriti Resources Centre (PRC), with the support of Nagarjun Municipality organized a two day orientation program for Political parties, Ward secretaries, Ward citizen forum, Social mobilizes, Forest user groups and Water user groups of Nagarjun municipality in White Rabbit, Swayambu on March 2-3, 2017. The aim of this program was to orient on EFLG Frameworks and discuss on topics related to making Nagarjun as Environment friendly municipality. In the program, 6 member from different political party, 5 schools and health post representatives, 10 representatives from ward committee and other about 60 members from different organization get benefited from program.

Orientation Program on Environment Conservation, Health and Sanitation at Nagarjung Municipality

Prakriti Resources Centre (PRC), with the support of NagarjunMunicipality organized a oneday orientation program for social mobilize and women groups of Nagarjun municipality. The aim of this program was to orient the women group of the municipality on the health, sanitation and environment conservation.



Participate in the International Workshop and Conference

The team of PRC has participated in the numbers of international workshop and conference. As a part of observer to the meeting of Green Climate Fund, PRC has regularly participated and observed the meeting of Green Climate Fund. Similarly, PRC team has also participated in the UNFCCC, Conference of Parties (COP) meeting from the beginning.

Publication

PRC has made a couple of publications. The lists of these publications are:

- 1) **Access to Climate Finance in Nepal**
- 2) **Accessing the Green Climate Fund: a primer for Climate Finance Stakeholders of Nepal**
- 3) **Direct Access: Financing Climate Actions in Nepal**
- 4) **Guide on Accreditation to Green Climate Fund**

PRC has also provided a technical support to publish two publication published by Ministry of Finance. '**Climate Finance Glossary**' and '**Information Brief Paper on Harnessing Green Climate Fund Resources for Nepal**'. These documents are under the process to finalization.

For more details visit: www.prc.org.np

Networking

This year Prakriti Resources Centre (PRC) becomes the member with different National, Regional and International networks and organization. The organizations were listed as:

- 1) Climate Action Network South Asia(CANSA)
- 2) Climate Action Network International
- 3) Green Climate Fund, CSO Group
- 4) Climate Change Finance Group, Kathmandu

Major Achievements

- Expanded funding collaboration with national and international organizations.

- Networking and expanding the outreach to various organizations and groups
- Brought out some good publications on behalf of the organizations
- Strengthened the organizational team, policies, strategies and practices

Key Learning and Challenges

- Fund raising has been a continuous challenge. There is a need to be more creative and expand the exploration of potential sources.
- Need of continuous effort on strengthening organizational governance and management.
- Need to develop regular communications and meeting with the Board and the members.

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