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# **Message from the Executive Director**

Prakriti Resources Centre (PRC) has successfully completed its three years in operation. As a nascent organization, it is gradually but steadily growing over the years. Small but dedicated team of staff has continuously worked hard to nurture the organization. As a result, PRC established with a vision to contribute in the field of sustainable development and environmental justice has been able to put up its own name as one of the key players in this area. It has been able to collaborate with national and international organizations and build stronger alliance with other like-minded organizations.

In the fiscal year 2017/2018, PRC was able to conduct action research, publish documents on policy issues and conduct various capacity building activities for local level organizations. PRC was also able to steer the Climate and Development Dialogue (C&D Dialogue) platform and build stronger alliance with other organizations through various collectively identified activities and mutual learning and sharing meetings. This collaboration has immensely boosted our confidence to contribute to the vision through productive collective efforts. Building stronger ties with CSOs, researchers, academia and government agencies have always been a priority way of working to influence the policy processes. PRC staff also represented the organization in various international forums to share our work and enhance relations.

Currently, with the government gradually restoring political stability and steadily forging ahead in the direction of attaining economic and social development, the issue of environmental integrity has become all the more urgent. The issues of climate change, environmental protection and sustainable development make up PRC's key areas of work. Hence, PRC along with its dedicated team of staff and allies is committed to persevering in its vision.

Raju PanditChhetri

**Executive Director** 

## **About Us**

Prakriti Resources Centre (PRC) is a non-governmental organization working for sustainable development and environmental justice in Nepal. We focus on areas of national and international climate policy processes, climate finance, climate resilient and low carbon development practices, and loss and damage associated with climate change impacts. Gender equality, social inclusion and good governance cross-cut all our projects, activities and practices.

We are registered with the Government of Nepal under Associations Registration Act, 1977, and have affiliation with the District Administration Office, Kathmandu and the Social Welfare Council.

#### **OUR VISION**

A NEPAL IN WHICH ALL WOMEN AND MEN CONTRIBUTE AND ENJOY THEIR RIGHT TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

#### **OUR GOAL**

THE LOCAL, PROVINCIAL AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS ADOPT CLIMATE AND DISASTER RESILIENT, ENVIRONMENT-FRIENDLY AND GENDER RESPONSIVE DEVELOPMENT POLICIES, PLANS AND PROGRAMMESS

# **Working Areas of PRC**

PRC's following areas of focus contribute to achieving its strategic goal and vision while the two cross cutting areas address: good governance, and gender equality and social inclusion.

Climate Change: PRC particularly focuses on climate resilient and low carbon development, loss and damage, climate finance and international climate policy processes. It undertakes evidence-based policy interventions, capacity building, and research for knowledge building and policy advocacy purposes in these areas.

**Resilience and DRR**: PRC considers resilience building as a counter to drivers of vulnerability and intends to contribute to mainstreaming DRR in long-term development; DRR planning and policy; urban DRR; and addressing displacement and resettlement issues. In this focus area, PRC provides capacity building supports and conduct research for knowledge building.

**Environmental Sustainability**: PRC approaches environmental sustainability through primary focus on environment friendly and disaster responsive policy and practices. Key activities include research for knowledge building, awareness and policy interventions in collaboration with its allies.

#### **Cross Cutting Themes**

**Gender Equality and Social Inclusion:** PRC mainstreams gender in all its programmes and projects and its own staff and allies are trained to do so. It sets social inclusion targets and monitors progress in the ability of socially excluded women and men to participate in development processes and influence decision-making.

**Governance:** PRC works for building capacity of CSOs; strengthening alliances; and collaborating with and, where possible, strengthening technical capacities of local government bodies in PRC focus areas. It supports CSOs and communities to use social accountability tools so as to monitor and hold the governments accountable.

# **Project Overview**

PROJECTS	DONORS/PARTNERS	Status
Strengthening CSO Engagement in Nepal's Climate Finance Debate	Both ENDS	Ongoing
Development of Ward Profile of Nagarjun  Municipality	Nagarjun Municipality	
Study on the Impacts of Disasters, Landlessness and Migration	ActionAid Nepal	
Identifying Scope and Strengths of DanChurchAid on Climate Change for Tangible Impact	DanChurchAid	Completed
Enhanced Direct Access in Nepal: An Initial Assessment	Both ENDS, HELVETAS and Oxford Climate Policy	

# **Programmes: Training, Workshop and Interaction**

## **Meeting: Climate and Development Dialogue (C&D Dialogue)**

Theme	Climate Change
Project	Strengthening CSO Engagement in Nepal's Climate Finance Debate

16 March 2018

C&D Dialogue, which came into being in 2017 with the effort of non-government organisations working in the areas of climate change, women's rights and development as a common platform for sharing and learning remained dormant for some time. In 2018, the organisations rejuvenated it as a flagship initiative to build a shared understanding of climate change, women's rights and development, and foster collaboration for collective influencing work. It is currently actively engaged in dialogues, exchange of knowledge, experience and learning, and at times, conducting training and orientation on its focal issues. It is also helping to bridge the information and knowledge gap between the Centre and the grassroots.

C&D Dialogue is working for building capacity of its own members, and, currently, advocating for devolution of climate resources to local level to the benefit of the vulnerable and disadvantaged groups, particularly women.

# Climate and Development Dialogue (C&D Dialogue): Orientation Programme on Gender and Climate Finance

Theme	Climate Change
Project	Strengthening CSO Engagement in Nepal's Climate Finance Debate

26 April 2018



gender and climate finance arena.

On 26 April 2018, Climate and Development (C&D) Dialogue members interacted on a range of issues regarding climate change, climate finance, Green Climate Fund (GCF) mechanism, and environmental justice and women's rights. The interaction was part of a daylong orientation programme organized jointly by PRC, HELVETAS Swiss Inter Cooperation and Both ENDs to help the

C&D Dialogue members step into the

## Training on Gender and Financial Accountability in Climate Change

Theme	Climate Change
Project	Strengthening CSO Engagement in Nepal's Climate Finance Debate

24-25 June 2018

"I thought 'weather' and 'climate' is the same thing but now I understand they aren't. I learnt our government has in principle given priority to climate change, developing some plans and policies including budget coding system. The training has given me confidence to discuss with local government authorities referring to the climate change policies and plans, and also to influence them to make climate finance and actions as well as regular development gender sensitive. As my organization is working with blind children at local school, I can start my climate and environment awareness programe with them....," said Ms. BipanamGurung, Sahayatra Nepal, Ilam, one of the participants of this training.



PRC and TEWA jointly organized the two-day training supported by Both ENDS to enhance the knowledge and capacity of grassroots level women in the areas of climate change, climate finance and gender equality. The participants representing 20 CBOs from different parts of the country were familiarized with the concept of adaptation, mitigation and climate finance, and national and international

policies and programmes relating to climate change. It is highly encouraging that the participants came up with various useful practical ideas and expressed enthusiasm about translating the ideas into reality back home.

# Discussion Programme on Devolving Climate Finance and Actions to Community Level: Lessons from Nepal

Theme	Climate Change
Project	Enhanced Direct Access in Nepal: An Initial Assessment

04 August 2017

The discussion programme served as a capacity building platform for many participants as the concept of Green Climate Fund (GCF) and Enhanced Direct Access (EDA) was relatively new to many stakeholders.

PRC, Oxford Climate Policy, HELVETAS and Both Ends carried out a review of the LAPA framework and presented the draft in the discussion programme to validate the

findings of the review so as to contribute to the discussion on devolving climate finance resources to local government level. The review and the discussion that followed was deemed timely and useful in the context of access to international funds not being easy for countries like Nepal and climate finance not being devolved to provincial and local levels even after the country's transition to federalism.

# Strategic Guidance for Action on Climate Change DanChurchAidNepal

Theme	Climate Change
Short Term	Identifying Scope and Strengths of DCA on Climate Change for Tangible
Project	Impact

28 Nov 2018

With the purpose of identifying the scope and strengths of DCA on climate change work in Nepal, PRC provided technical support to produce a review document titled, "Strategic guidance for action on climate change." Based on the review of DCA and ACT Alliance programme and advocacy documents as well as a quick field study, a deduction was made that DCA and the Alliance are committed and strategically well positioned to significantly contribute to climate adaptation actions, while at the same time making the actions gender responsive and equitable. However, translation of the commitment and strategic potential into real action at the country level called for a little extra push, hence the PRC involvement.

This study generated some recommendations in a couple of key areas for effective climate intervention within the scope of the current DCA country programme strategy. The areas include climate dimension of the ongoing programme and projects, knowledge and understanding of climate change and adaptation among implementing partners, policy advocacy, and partnership and alliance.

# **Project Closing and Learning Sharing Workshop: Community Based Flood and Glacial Lake Outburst Risk Reduction Project (CFGORRP)**

Theme	Climate Change
Event	Community Based Flood and Glacial Lake Outburst Risk Reduction Project
	(CFGORRP)/Department of Hydrology and Meteorology (DHM)

30 March 2018



**PRC** facilitated the project completion workshop on CFGORRP organized by the government of Department Hydrology and Meteorology (DHM) in collaboration with Global Environment Facility (GEF), and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). A total number of 67 participants representing government officials, INGOs, NGOs, project team and

collaborative partners gathered to discuss the best practices and lessons learned that could be replicated or linked to other similar projects in the future. The main objective of the workshop was to share the achievement, failure/challenges and lesson learned from the project.

CFGORRP was an initiative to reduce human and material loss from Glacial Lake Outburst Flood (GLOF). The initiative primarily targeted Imja Glacial Lake in Solukhumbu district and to minimize catastrophic foods that may impact the Terai and Churia region. This project was a joint undertaking of the government, GEF, and UNDP. It was implemented by DHM under the Ministry of Population and Environment (MoPE).

## **Sharing Programme on Disaster, Displacement and Landlessness**

Theme	Disaster Risk Reduction
Project	Study on the Impacts of Disasters, Landlessness and Migration

29 December 2017



"Disasters have predominant impact on land resources as they not only result in loss of physical land area; loss of property and livelihoods base is all the more serious as it has devastating effect on the survivors' lives. The present disaster database is silent on the impacts of disaster on land resources -no records of disaster-induced land loss or degradation are available. In reality, disasters are one of the major causes of landlessness in Nepal. There is an increasing trend of people losing their land due to disasters and becoming landless". This is one of the key findings of a research on "Disaster, Displacement and Landlessness" conducted by PRC in collaboration with ActionAid Nepal (AAN) in Rasuwa and Bardiya districts of Nepal in an attempt to add to the existing knowledge and understanding of disaster, displacement and landlessness.

PRC organized a programme on 29 December 2017 to share the initial research findings and collect inputs from the participants, who included civil society and government representatives. The programme underscored the need for more discussions on disaster-induced displacement and landlessness, an area so far neglected in discussions on disaster. This programme was also an opportunity to bring to the attention of the representative of Ministry of Land Reforms and Management (MOLRM)the issue of the government putting on hold land segregation, which inadvertently affected the displaced families of Bardiya. Regular follow up on the issue and the MOLRM's constructive support finally led to the displaced families receiving land ownership certificates.

# Orientation programme on Solid Waste Management and Organic Manure Production

Theme	Environment Sustainability
Event	Training on Solid Waste Management and Organic Manure Production

27 April 2018

Kathmandu faces major challenges in managing solid waste as it has been accorded a low priority mainly because the demand is higher for other public services. In addition, excessive use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides for agricultural purposes to meet the need of growing population has increasing impact on environment and human health.

On 27 April 2018, PRC organized a day-long orientation programme with the participation of 66 women of Syuchatar-10 in Nagarjun Municipality. The programme was supported by Nagarjun Municipality with the aim of raising awareness among women groups, ward members and teachers on environment protection, cleanliness and solid waste management. The other major objective of the programme was to increase public awareness of proper management of bio-degradable waste from kitchen through production of organic manure for kitchen gardening. PRC also provided 150 garbage cans as a token support encouragement for community cleanliness and healthy environment.

## Ward Profile: Nagarjun Municipality, Bhimdhunga-8

	Theme	Environment Sustainability
	Short Term	Ward Profile: Nagarjun Municipality, Bhimdhunga-8
ı	Project	

January 2018- May 2018

It is important to have the information of population, social, economic and geographical status of the ward prior to making any action plans and strategies to address the needs of the local community. Since, there was a lack of such data, PRC and Nagarjum Municipality worked together to develop a comprehensive profile of Bhimdhunga- ward 8 of Nagarjun Municipality.

A total of 679 households were surveyed and information was collected to produce this profile. It aims to help the municipality, concerned stakeholders and organizations and social activists to access updated information regarding the ward. The profile that details out information on social, economic, health and environmental status of the ward is intended to contribute to building sustainable and resilient cities.

### Beat Plastic Pollution: If You Can't Reuse It, Refuse It

Theme	Environment Sustainability
Event	World Environment Day 2018

05 June 2018

PRC celebrated the World Environment Day 2018 themed 'Beat Plastic Pollution: If You Can't Reuse It, Refuse It' by organizing a day-long orientation programme with the participation of 63 students of Nepal Adarsha Secondary School, Kathmandu. Supported by Society for Awareness Nepal (SCAN) the aim of the event organized as part of PRC's Climate School Programme was to make students aware of the issues



related to plastic and plastic products, and their impact on soil, water, air, human health and so on. The students actively engaged themselves in the discussion expressing their inquisitiveness about several facts of plastic pollution.

Also marking the occasion, PRC along with other Climate and Development (C&D) Dialogue

members released a joint statement calling government's attention to protecting the

environment by curbing plastic pollution. It strongly demanded that the government make the right policy choices, address environmental and climate change issues and strengthen environmental governance in the country. The joint statement was featured widely in the media including The Himalayan Times and online Nature Khabar.

## **Financial Overview**

Financially, Prakriti Resources Centre has recorded a steady growth since its establishment in 2015. Total income of the organization in the last three fiscal years is shown in a graph below. This fiscal year (2074/75), the total income of the organization stands at NRs. 5,796,626.30 (In words: Five million seven hundred ninety Six thousand six hundred and twenty six rupees and thirty Paisa), which is an increment by 37% compared to the last fiscal year. During the reporting period, major funding partners included Both ENDS, ActionAid Nepal, DanChurchAid, UNDP, Nagarjun municipality and Community Self Reliance Centre. Total expenditure of the organization in the same fiscal year was NRs. 6,042,504 (In words: Six million forty two thousand five hundred and four only), of which NRs. 3,515,166.61 (58 %) was program related. The rest covered administration and human resources cost.



Figure: PRC income status from the year 2072 to 2075B.S

# **Organization Development**

# **New Strategy and Profile**

New	PRC's Strategy 2018-2020
New	PRC's Profile

PRC has developed its new organization strategy 2018-2020. The strategy has provided a road map for the organization to work on three focus areas: climate change, resilience and disaster risk reduction and environmental sustainability. Gender and social inclusion, and governance are two cross cutting themes identified in the strategy. A brief organization profile has also been developed based on the new strategy.

### **Organization Policies**

Amended	Human Resources Policy
Amended	Financial Resources Management Framework
New	Gender Policy

Human Resources Policy and Financial Resources Management Framework have been recently amended to make them consistent with organization's current needs and practices. The amended policies were endorsed by PRC's Executive Committee. PRC also endorsed Gender Policy.

## **Management Committee**

Composition	Executive Director, Operation Director and Programme Director
Amended	Terms of Reference

A three-member Management Committee has been formed comprising Executive Director, Operation Director and Programme Director. The Committee is responsible for day to day operation of the organization. Terms of reference for the committee have been endorsed by PRC's Executive Committee.

#### Recruitment

Administration and	Ms. SmritiMaharjan
Finance Officer	
Advisor	Mr. BinayDhital

PRC has received two new members in its team. Ms. Smriti Maharjan joined PRC as Administration and Finance Officer in August 2017. She has brought together with her a new energy in the team and the expertise required by her portfolio. As Advisor, Mr. Binay Dhital is supporting the organization since December 2017 in its efforts towards organizational strengthening, improved quality of work and funding raising.

## **Membership**

Member Organization	Climate Action Network South Asia
Accredited	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
Organization	

PRC has become a member organization of Climate Action Network South Asia (CANSA). CANSA is a South Asia chapter of Climate Action Network International and is prominent civil society network active in South Asia region. PRC has also applied for accreditation in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

# **Representation and Staff Development**

PRC encourages and supports its staff to represent the organization in relevant national and international forums, contribute to dialogues, discussions and actions keeping in mind the larger interest of the country and the organization, keep abreast of new developments and build relationships and network. Equal attention is paid to staff development by exploring development opportunities and supporting them to benefit from such opportunities.

**Executive Director, Raju Pandit Chhetri** represented PRC in various national and international forums. He attended several climate change related United Nations conferences in Germany. He also attended Green Climate Fund Board meetings in South Korea and Egypt. In early 2018, Raju attended an international climate finance conference to make a presentation in Dhaka, Bangladesh. His participation in the forums have helped to share the knowledge and information generated by PRC, network with other national and international likeminded originations and work in collaboration with other organizations.

Programme Director Prabin Man Singh represented PRC in the Regional Dialogue on Climate Resilient Growth and Development: Sharing experiences and insights on strengthening governance of climate change finance in Asia and the Pacific organized in Bangkok, Thailand in February this year. He attended the event as part of a Nepali contingent led by a joint secretary from National Planning Commission. Several countries including Nepal shared their experiences of mainstreaming and integrating

climate finance in planning and budgeting processes. The countries also shared their initiative to make climate finance participatory, inclusive and accountable. More importantly, the event explored links to build gender equality through climate financing.

Programme Officer, Sneha Rai of PRC participated in the South Asian Regional Conference on ICT in Knowledge Management and Action Research organized jointly by Oxfam and University of Dhaka in Dhaka, Bangladesh in December 2017. The aim of regional seminar was to create a platform of knowledge management in agriculture using information technology and action research. Sneha made a presentation on Disaster and Land Nexus: Experiences of Earthquake and floods in Nepal. She highlighted how land use, disaster, landlessness and displacement relate to each other focusing on the importance of sustainable land use for effective disaster recovery. Her presentation was substantiated by two recent events in Nepal: The massive landslides in Rasuwa and the Bardiya floods.

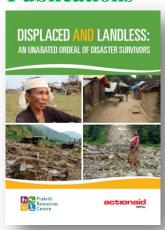
She also participated in a training programme on **Fit for Purpose Land Administration- from Policy to Implementation and a** National Symposium on the same topic in June 2018. The objective of this training programme was to introduce and implement Fit for Purpose (FFP) approach to Land administration to ensure tenure security for all citizens.

Pradeep Bhattarai, Programme Officer, attended the International Conference on Climate Finance (ICCF) organized by Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies (BCAS), Centre for Climate Change and Environmental Research (C3ER) and International Centre for Climate Change and Development (ICCCAD) held in Dhaka in January this year. On behalf of PRC, he presented a poster on Climate Finance in Nepal: Towards resilient future. The programme was a useful platform to exchange knowledge and ideas and discuss present and future scopes, opportunities and challenges of climate finance among researchers, academia, government, the private sector and civil society from different countries.

As part of leadership development programme, Pradeep has been awarded a grant from Joke Waller- Hunter (JWH) initiatives. With the grant support, he will attend a training workshop in climate change in August 2018 and COP24 meeting in December 2018.

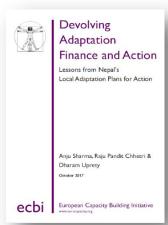
Admin and Finance Officer Smiriti Maharjan attended a three-day workshop on Accounting and Financial Management Techniques for Decision Making held in Kathmandu in May 2018. The training helped Smriti to further enhance her knowledge and skills in accounting and financial management, reporting NFRS, integrated audit approach and strategic planning linked with operations. Discussion on practical issues faced by the participants in their own organizations was very useful for her and after the training, she feels more confident to manage overall accounts department and develop financial report in a systematic manner.

## **Publications**



### Displaced and Landless: An Unabated Ordeal of Disaster Survivors: A Report

This report focuses on the situation of the people displaced by major disasters. It provides anecdotal evidences as to how disasters are impacting on land and causing 'landlessness' forcing affected people to migrate.



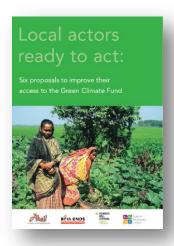
#### Devolving Adaptation Finance and Action: Lessons from Nepal's Local Adaptation Plans for Action

This paper draws lessons for the GCF – and the EDA modality in particular – from Nepal's experience in devolving climate finance and action.



#### Displaced and Landless: An Unabated Ordeal of Disaster Survivors: Briefing Paper

The briefing paper summarizes the research report. It points out that the government resettlement programme is slow and grossly inadequate leading people to suffer for many long years.



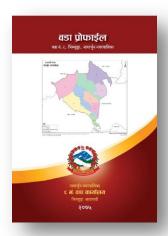
#### Lead Actors Ready to Act: Six proposals to improve their access to the Green Climate Fund

The six proposals covered in this booklet provide concrete recommendations for the GCF Board, its Secretariat, and relevant decision-makers to enhance access of local actors to the GCF funds, and to ensure their involvement.



#### From Displacement and Despondency to A New Dawn: Case Study

This is a success story of 41 families displaced by the flood in Bardiya district, who are now rebuilding their houses and their lives as they get land ownership certificate.



#### Ward Profile: Nagarjun Municipality, Bhimdhunga-Ward. 08

It is a comprehensive profile that intends to help build sustainable and resilient cities. The profile includes detail information on social, economic, health and environmental status of the ward.



#### Harnessing Green Climate Fund Resources for Nepal: Information Brief

The information brief gives an overview of Nepal's national capacities to effectively access, manage, deploy and monitor climate finance from the Green Climate Fund.



# **Status Quo of International Adaptation Finance: Policy Brief**

This policy brief discusses the status of international adaptation finance by explaining how the term adaptation finance is framed and by giving an overview of current adaptation finance flows and trends.

For more details on our publications please visit: <a href="www.prc.org.np">www.prc.org.np</a>

# **Partners and Membership**

#### **Our Partners**

- 1. DanChurchAid (DCA) Nepal
- 2. Both ENDS
- 3. OXFAM
- 4. Oxford Climate Policy (Ocp)
- 5. ActionAid Nepal (AAN)
- 6. Nagarjun Municipality
- 7. United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

#### PRC is an active member of

- 1. Climate Action Network South Asia(CANSA)
- 2. Climate and Development Dialogue (C&D Dialogue)
- 3. PRC enjoys observer status in GCF

### Partnership this year





This year on 13 July 2018, PRC officially entered into partnership with DCA Nepal. As equal partners, we aim at long term mutual commitment and responsibility towards each other in assisting poorest and vulnerable groups of Nepal to lead a life in dignity, building proactive civil society, and promoting democratic and human rights values in Nepal. To begin with, PRC and DCA Nepal will work together in the following specific areas:

- 1. Capacity Building of DCA Nepal Partners
- 2. Fundraising and Promoting dialogue/discussions on issues of mutual concern
- 3. Co-operation and network building
- 4. Mutual learning and development
- 5. Innovation

# **Way Forward**

For the fiscal year 2075/76, PRC plans to work with a renewed vigor in the field of climate change and sustainable development. We will continue to engage in policy related issues, research and studies and capacity building areas. In order to contribute to the vision of PRC, we will constructively engage with all the stakeholders including government agencies, NGOs and other like-minded institutions.

#### 1. Programme and Interventions

PRC will continue various projects and events that contribute to the vision for sustainable development and environmental justice. We will implement project to influence the policies related to climate change, environmental sustainability, and capacity building of actors from national to local level including the government agencies. We have plans to engage with local governments, grassroots women's groups and organize events from local to national levels. We will be conducting various capacity strengthening training and workshops for target stakeholders.

#### 2. Collaboration and Partnership

In order to achieve its goal, PRC will also collaborate with like-minded organizations from local, national to international level. This collaboration will be on various fronts

such as technical knowledge, financial assistance and experiences sharing. We will also seek new opportunities to work with the local and federal governments. PRC, along with other members, will collectively work for making the Climate and Development Dialogue (C&D Dialogue) platform more vibrant, productive and visible through effective activities to be conducted under the platform's banner in the areas of climate change, environmental justice and sustainable development.

### 3. Enhanced Profiling of PRC

PRC will endeavor to carve a niche for itselfin influencing and contributing significantly in such areas as national and international climate policy processes, climate finance, climate resilient and low carbon development practices, and loss and damage associated with climate change impacts. It will further enhance the quality of its study and research work, generate and share knowledge and learning widely and and work for build national momentum on climate change and environmental issues, and showcasing its good work.

#### 4. Fundraising

PRC is already making efforts in raising sufficient fund to cover its programme costs. Some of its efforts have already materialized, while the likelihood of an improved funding portfolio seems quite high given the positive discussions already under way with a couple of funding partners. We will continue to explore financial and technical resources from both national and international sources to adequately resource our programme and activities.

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