

REPORT

Training on ‘Climate change and its impact in agriculture and women’ in Nepal

Lalitpur, 24 September: A two days training course on “Empowering women to adapt climate change effects for sustainable growth” was held at the Local Development Training Academy, Lalitpur district, Nepal on 23-24 September 2018. The key objectives of the training course among others were to create awareness and increase the skills of unprivileged women, youth and local development activists on climate change adaptation for the sustainable growth and food security in Nepal.

The training course was organised as a part of the on-going project of Europe-based diaspora organization, BASUG Diaspora and Development in collaboration with its local partner SOLVE Nepal and with the support of the German International Development Cooperation GIZ and CIM. A total of 68 women representatives from different cooperatives and women communities took part in the training course.



(Photo: Country Coordinator of CIM in Nepal, Ms. Pasma Dahal speaking at the closing ceremony of the training as chief guest. Picture also shows from left: Mr Sohan Shrestha, Mr Rajendra Bahadur Pradhan, Mr Bikash Chowdhury Barua, Ms. Dahal, Mr Ansar Ahmed Ullah and Mr AHM Abdul Hai)

Country Coordinator of CIM in Nepal, Ms. Pasma Dahal attended the closing ceremony as chief guest, while Executive Director of SOLVE Nepal, Mr Rajendra Bahadur Pradhan was in the Chair. BASUG Chairman, Mr Bikash Chowdhury Barua from the Netherlands and Country Coordinator of BASUG UK, Mr Ansar Ahmed Ullah addressed the session as special guests. Project Coordinator of BASUG Germany, Mr AHM Abdul Hai addressed the concluding function as guest speaker.

CIM Country Coordinator, Ms. Dahal in her speech stressed on the need for active engagement of women in climate adaptation for the betterment of society. She expressed her grave concern about the vulnerability of the women and people living in rural areas which are highly affected by the negative impact of the climate change in Nepal. She highlighted the significance of the training and capacity building initiatives as she has herself visited and observed the harsh reality of climate hazards in rural areas.

Expert on Climate Adaptation, Mr Sohan Shrestha, Social Development Officer of SOLVE Nepal, Ms Nara Maya Rana and District Project Coordinator of 'Susasan' Project of SOLVE Nepal, Ms Pratigya Neupane facilitated sessions in the training. Financial Officer of SOLVE, Ms Nepal Namita Shrestha, Field Coordinators of SOLVE Nepal Ms Basna Maya Morpa and Mr Yadab Nepal were also present at the training event among others. *(Photo below: Participants on the first day of the training in Lalitpur)*



BASUG Chairman Mr Bikash Chowdhury Barua in his speech said, women are always neglected in the family and society in Asian countries. They work hard and even at the risk of their own lives in the natural calamities but their rights are ignored. Because of the natural calamities in Nepal food scarcity is one of the threats. So, through these training courses women beneficiaries have learnt how to grow vegetables and crops through alternative ways to ensure food security on one hand and empowering themselves in the long run. *(Photo below: First day training at Lalitpur)*



A documentary film made by SOLVE-Nepal on climate change adaptation and women empowerment was also screened. Another training course for the women beneficiaries will be held in Kathmandu this year and two more training sessions will be held in Lalitpur and Kathmandu in the second phase in 2019 following the first phase of the training. Another advocacy workshop will be organised in Berlin, Germany in 2019.

WORKSHOP ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND ITS IMPACT IN AGRICULTURE AND WOMEN

Kathmandu, 21 September 2018: An advocacy workshop on “empowering women to adapt climate change effects for sustainable growth” was held in Kathmandu, the capital city of Nepal on Friday 21 September 2018.

The workshop was organised as a part of the on-going project of BASUG in collaboration with its local partner, SOLVE Nepal and with the support of the German International Development Cooperation GIZ and CIM. The objective of the workshop was to create awareness among the unprivileged women, youth groups, policy makers, climate activists and local development activists on the issue of adaptation to the climate change hazards for the sustainable growth and food security in Nepal. The project also aimed at promoting diaspora initiatives for the community development in the country of origin.



(Photo: Member of the National Planning Commission (Climate Change and Environment) of Nepal, Dr Krishna Prasad Oli is speaking the Workshop as the chief guest. Sitting on his right are: Executive Director of SOLVE, Mr Rajendra Bahadur Pradhan, Country Coordinator of CIM in Nepal, Ms Pasma Dahal, Chairperson of SOLVE Nepal Mr Narayan Joshi, BASUG Chairman, Mr Bikash Chowdhury Barua, Chairperson of Mahankal Rural Municipality, Mr Ram Chandra Dahal and Chairperson of Bagmati Rural Municipality, Mr Bir Bahadur Lapchan)

The Member of National Planning Commission (Climate Change and Environment) of Nepal, Dr Krishna Prasad Oli inaugurated the workshop as chief guest, while Chairperson of SOLVE Nepal Narayan Joshi was in the chair. BASUG Chairman, Mr Bikash Chowdhury Barua addressed the session as special guests. Member of SOLVE Nepal, Mr Sohan Shrestha moderated the inauguration session. Among others, Chairperson of Bagmati Rural Municipality, Mr Bir Bahadur Lapchan, Chairperson of Mahankal Rural Municipality, Mr Ram Chandra Dahal, Climate Change Specialist, Ms Engila Mishra Maharjan, Vice Chairperson of Mahankal Rural Municipality, Ms Kamala Tanange and Vice Chairperson of Bagmati Rural Municipality, Ms Ranjana Ghimere addressed the workshop.

The Chief Guest Dr Oli in his speech said, prime need of today is to promote human wellbeing and to reduce the impact of climate change in the lives of the rural population especially, the vulnerable section of our society. He also made his commitment to incorporate this issue in the upcoming 15th periodic plan and long term vision of the government. BASUG chairman, Mr Bikash Chowdhury Barua in his speech said, migrants are contributing not only to their home countries, but equally contributing to the receiving countries. They are contributing to the economy at both ends- sending and receiving. He said, in the developed countries there is now an anti-migration wind blowing, which needs to be tackled and that can only be done only by showcasing the best practices of the migrants. *(Photo below: Partial view of the participants at the workshop in Kathmandu)*



Executive Director of SOLVE, Mr Nepal Rajendra Bahadur Pradhan gave the welcome address in the workshop. Among others, Country Coordinator of CIM in Nepal, Ms Pasma Dahal, Country Coordinator of BASUG UK, Mr Ansar Ahmed Ullah, Project Coordinator of BASUG Germany, Mr AHM Abdul Hai, Consultant of SOLVE Nepal, Mr Sudil Gopal Acharya and Mr Nimesh Regmi addressed the workshop. Moderated by Dean of IOF, Dr Krishna Tiwari, a paper on Climate Change and its Impact in Nepal was presented by Climate Expert, Dr Netra Prasad Timsina of South Asia Alliance for Poverty Eradication (SAAPE). In the technical session another paper on Gender Perspectives of Climate Change was presented by Climate Expert, Ms Basna Sapkota.

A Mapping Report was presented in the workshop and a documentary film made by SOLVE-Nepal under the project on the climate change issues was also screened. The workshop was inaugurated by pouring water into a plant by the chief guest Dr Oli. It was attended by a total of 99 participants from different stakeholders.

It may be mentioned that another two separate training courses, each of two days long, for the unprivileged women and youth groups will be organized in Lalitpur and Kathmandu in Nepal and another advocacy workshop will be held in Berlin, Germany in 2019.

Links of the news on the Workshop and Training published in different newspapers and on-line news:

- 1) <http://www.bisshobanglanews24.com/nodes/nodes/view/type:news/slug:Climate-Adaptation-Training-for-Women-Empowerment-held-in-Nepal> (London)
- 2) <http://londontimesnews.com/english/?p=6561> (London)
- 3) <http://our-voice-online.com/climate-adaptation-training-for-women-empowerment-held-in-lalitpur/> (Germany)
- 4) <http://our-voice-online.com/bn/ললিতপুরে-জলবায়ু-অভিযোজন/> (London)
- 5) <http://ukbdtimes.com/?p=22751> (London)
- 6) <https://banglamirrornews.com/2018/09/28/climate-adaptation-training-for-women-empowerment-held-in-nepal/> (London)
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workshop was organized by the Europe-based organization BASUG and SOLVE Nepal.

The Member of National Planning Commission (Climate Change and Environment) of Nepal Dr Krishna Prasad Oli inaugurated the workshop as chief guest, while Chairperson of SOLVE Nepal Narayan Joshi was in the chair. BASUG Chairman Bikash Chowdhury Barua addressed the session as special guests. Member of SOLVE Nepal Sohan Shrestha moderated the inauguration session.

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Executive Director of SOLVE Nepal Rajendra Bahadur Pradhan presented welcome address in the workshop. Among others, Country Coordinator of CIM in Nepal Pasma Dahal, Country Coordinator of BASUG UK Ansar Ahmed Ullah, Project Coordinator of BASUG Germany AHM Abdul Hai, Consultant of SOLVE Nepal Sudil Gopal Acharya and Nimesh Regmi facilitated the workshop among others.

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Under this project a mapping report and a documentary film on the issue have been produced and have been presented during the workshop. The workshop was inaugurated by pouring water into a plant by the chief guest.

The objective of the workshop was to create awareness among the unprivileged women, youth groups, policy makers, climate activists and local development activists on the issue of adaptation to the climate change hazards for the sustainable growth and food security in Nepal. The project also aimed at promoting diaspora initiatives for the community development in the country of origin.

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