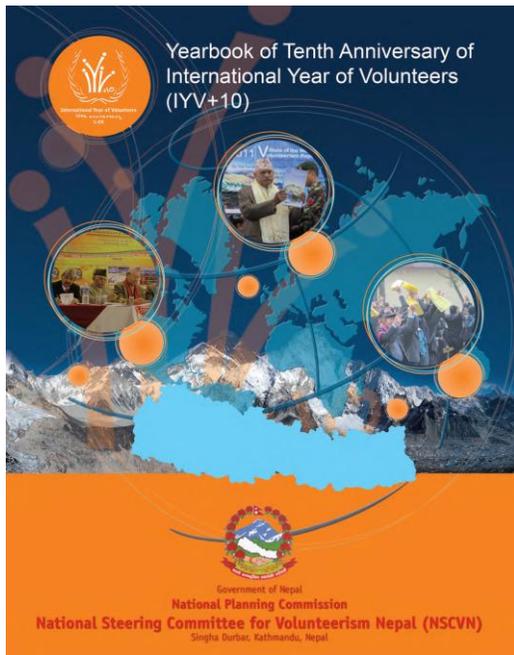




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Tenth Anniversary of the International Year of Volunteers (IYV+10) Yearbook



The year, 2011 was marked throughout the world as the tenth anniversary of International Year of Volunteers (IYV+10) pursuant to the resolution passed by UN General Assembly in 2008. In Nepal, national level events were initiated under National Planning Commission through National Steering Committee for Volunteerism Nepal (NSCVN) during the year 2011. The activities undertaken towards IYV+10 had the impact on enhancing the significance of volunteer services in development strategies and in achieving millennium development goals, set forth in the interim plan of the government of Nepal. Yearlong celebrations of

IYV+10 have drawn attention of the national and international volunteering stakeholders in many ways. IYV+10 campaigns also deepened and broadened the debate about volunteerism in Nepal as it has increased the awareness level of people and concerned stakeholders.

After having huge successful IYV+10 events in Nepal, national steering committee with the financial support from UNV Nepal is going to publish an "IYV+10 Year Book" including the events from December 5, 2010 to December 2011. This yearbook will be a commemorative publication of IYV+10 celebrations in Nepal which is a significant step to highlight the activities of national steering committee and also to showcase the works being carried out by various organizations to mark IYV+10 as well as to promote volunteerism in Nepal.

New UN Volunteers in 2012 from January to April

In January, Lakruwan (Bangladesh) as Health Coordinator for UNHCR (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees), in February, Julien (Switzerland) and Doris (Switzerland) as Associate Community Development Officer for UNHCR, and Giovanni (Canada) as Public Information Officer for NRRC (Nepal Risk Reduction Consortium) and in April, Suzuka (Japan) as Reporting Officer for UNIRP (United Nations Interagency Rehabilitation Programme) joined Nepal as UN Volunteer.

**Welcome to Nepal!
Nepalma Swagat Cha!**

Namaste! My name is Suzuka from Hiroshima, Japan. I am working for the UNIRP, which is providing vocational, educational, and gender-specific support for ex-combatants from the 'People's war' in Nepal. Before joining the UNIRP I worked as program coordinator of a Peacu Building program called 'Conflict Transformation Across Cultures', both in the US and Nepal. This experience gave me a chance to stay in Nepal last year, and I have been witnessing how it is empowering when we can effectively share and exchange our experiences, different viewpoints, and creative and concrete methodologies to transform conflicts. I am highly motivated to support our beneficiaries to let them find that there would be another option other than giving up or fighting with guns, and to elicit their inner potential. Danyabat!

UNDP Nepal Facebook and Twitter launched!

Now UNDP Nepal has also launched Facebook page and Twitter. So please visit and share the information, and also share your opinions and experiences with us

www.facebook.com/undpnepal ; <http://twitter.com/#!/iyv10unvnepal>

New UNV campaign, “Action Counts” in the preparation for Rio+20

Volunteers around the world can sometimes feel that their contribution to society goes unnoticed. Now is the perfect time to be heard, and where better to do it than at the meeting aiming to set goals for the way we will live on this planet over the next decades.



<http://www.volunteeractioncounts.org/en/>

Rio+20 will bring together governments and the international community – including the United Nations and NGOs - as they strive to set global targets to move the world towards sustainable development. Sustainable development is about meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. At this crucial crossroads, our aim is to vocalise your volunteering activities so that you can be heard by the global target setters who will be in Rio in June. In short, we want them to know what sustainable development issue you're dedicating your time to, and show them how crucial people's volunteer actions are for the future of our planet.

Rio+20 is a great opportunity to show global leaders what people care most about. The #actioncounts tag will allow us to identify your actions, and add all your individual contributions together. We believe that grouping similar voluntary acts together gives them more weight – many voices speaking together are more likely to be heard.

Please join us and visit the site to add your voice and experience! Together we can make things happen!

NDVS (National Development Volunteer Service) policy consultation workshop in Biratnagar

National Development Volunteer Service (NDVS) is formulating Nepal's first ever National Volunteerism Policy for which series of consultations and meetings are underway. This policy formulation will be a milestone development in terms of volunteerism in Nepal. This will recognize and facilitate the issues related to volunteerism in real sense. Few stakeholder meetings have been organized in Kathmandu. UNV Nepal is financially as well as technically supporting the volunteer policy formulation of NDVS and both NDVS and UNV Nepal agreed to organize five regional and one national policy consultation workshops to generate recommendations from local as well as national level stakeholders and volunteers.

First such regional policy consultation workshop was organized in Hotel Pacific, Biratnagar during 18th and 19th April 2012. The Hon'ble Member of National Planning Commission, Prof. Dr. Shiba Kumar Rai was the chief guest of the workshop. Chief District Officer of Morang district, Mr. Tara Nath Sharma, Director of NDVS, Mr. Jagannath Adhikari and UNV Programme Officer Mr. Christian Simmelkiaer were invited to participate and give presentation at the workshop. Professors of Purbanchal University and different colleges, representatives from local volunteering organizations, LGCDP volunteers and journalists from different media houses participated in the workshop too. The response from the local stakeholders and volunteers was collected and some significant recommendations were also collected from this workshop or the Eastern region.

In line with the workshop UNV organized a wrap-up meeting with the LGCDP volunteers in the Eastern region to share experiences with them. Next wrap-up meeting will be held in the Kavre district inviting all the LGCDP volunteers in the district early May, and 3 more regional meetings are scheduled to invite all the LGCDP volunteers per region.

UNV Social Gathering on 27th April 2012, in Kathmandu

UNV Nepal Field Unit organized a UNV Social Gathering on 27th April on the rooftop of the UN House in Kathmandu and invited the volunteers who serve in Kathmandu. In Nepal we have 25 volunteers serving in Damak, Bharatpur, Dadeldhura and KTM. Social Gathering is to share knowledge and experiences and have better understanding of serving as volunteer in Nepal.



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