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Mr. Kumar Khadka, National Coordinator for IYV+10
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Dear all volunteers in Nepal. From UNV we really would like to thank you all for participating and making this year special. The Tenth Anniversary of the International Year of Volunteers (IYV+10) celebration has been very successful in Nepal and we owe all this to our volunteers. From small and big organizations to individual volunteers we all

together celebrated our year of volunteers.

Please visit our website and facebook page for more details of our celebration including pictures and stories. And we also encourage volunteers and organizations to join us by sharing stories, projects and experiences of this year's celebration.

After this year volunteers continue their work and support beyond 2011. The IYV+10 celebrations will continue to mark volunteerism and its importance in the peace and development process all around the world. Thank you very much to all of you, volunteers in Nepal!

IVD (International Volunteer Day) 2011
National Volunteering Conference in Kathmandu

As part of the effort to celebrate IVD 2011 and IYV+10, a National Volunteering Conference was organized by NSCVN on December 5, 2011. **His Excellency, Rt. Hon'ble President of Nepal, Dr. Ram Baran Yadav**, officially inaugurated this conference in President House in the launching ceremony of the SWVR. **Hon'ble Minister for Women, Children and Social Welfare, Mr. Dan Bahadur Chaudhary**, officially started the conference in Hotel Annapurna in Kathmandu, Nepal.



[Kathmandu Conference on IVD 2011]

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

Celebration in Nepal Documentary film

The year 2011 has been significantly important to all the volunteers in the world, and in Nepal we have had various celebrations together with organizations and individual volunteers including IVD celebration. To share and disseminate all the relevant information about IYV+10 celebrations in Nepal UNV is on the process of making a documentary film. It will include lots of pictures of those events and also videos of important features of the celebration.

IYV+10 Volunteer Caravan “Volunteering for MDGs”

Volunteerism Spirit in the Air!!!

To celebrate IYV+10 this year, National Steering Committee for Volunteerism, Nepal (NSCVN) in collaboration with important organizations and stakeholders in Nepal launched officially IYV+10 Volunteer Caravan with special highlight on Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

Volunteer Caravan had objectives of; promotion of Volunteerism and its contribution to achieve MDGs, promotion of local networking and collaboration at community level, calling for all the related organizations and individual volunteers to show their commitment to achieve MDGs in Nepal.

On the 5th December 2011 hundreds of volunteers gathered in Kathmandu to show to the world that they believe in volunteerism and its power for the development of their society which was the starting event for the International Volunteer Day (IVD) celebration.

Organized by the National Steering Committee for Volunteerism, Nepal (NSCVN), the IYV+10 Volunteer Caravan with the special theme of “Volunteering for MDGs” started the IVD celebration in Kathmandu, which went further to 7 more cities highlighting different goals of the 8 MDGs, from the far-western part in Dhanghadi and Nepalgunj, to the eastern part, Ilam, Damak and Biratnagar and to the central part, Pokhara and Hetauda in the following days.



[Volunteer Caravan in Kathmandu]



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The Volunteer Caravan opened remarkably the IVD 2011 by passing the spirit to the official launch of the State of the World's Volunteerism Report at the Presidential residence and then to the Volunteerism Conference at the Annapurna hotel later in the afternoon continuing the volunteerism spirit in the air.

Lots of youth volunteers from universities and volunteers from volunteering related organizations in Nepal have gathered together on 5th December in the Exhibition road at Bhrikutimandap and marched peacefully through the Kathmandu city. The cheerful spirit of the volunteers who participated in the Volunteer Caravan was spread all over the city as the group marched together with the Nepalese traditional music and dance. The cheerful and enthusiastic spirit motivated the passengers on the street, even the ones in the bus and on motorcycles by sharing the message on MDGs in Nepalese language for their better understanding.

Official Launch of the State of the World's Volunteerism Report (SWVR) at the President's House

His Excellency, Rt. Hon'ble President of Nepal, Dr. Ram Baran Yadav, officially launched the “State of the World's Volunteerism Report 2011” on December 5 (IVD), 2011 in the presence of high level government officials and heads of the different agencies in Nepal



[Official Launch of the SWVR with the President]

SWVR promotes a better understanding of volunteerism. The report demonstrates the universality, scope and reach of volunteerism along with the twenty-first century. It examines important contributions of in various fields such as sustainable livelihoods, social inclusion, social cohesion, disaster risk reduction, governance and political participation.

The Report also shows that, in most societies around the world, volunteers make significant contribution to economic and social development. Through their voluntary actions, millions of people are contributing to meeting the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). The Report will help to move volunteerism into a new era in which its true dimensions and significance are an integral part of the general discourse on global issues.

PPPUE (Public Private Partnership for Urban Environment Programme)

-25 UN Volunteers share case stories and experiences -

In 2010 a special program was launched by engaging women volunteers with the support from the United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme. UNV developed the appropriate modality as field worker to approach better at local level for recruiting and placing national volunteers within Nepal for the PPP scheme for the project. 25 female volunteers were recruited and deployed in local bodies (district administrations as well as municipalities) for the PPPUE programme as UNV Field Workers (10 in year 1 and 15 in year 2). This aimed to involve in enhancing service delivery and small scale private sector participation projects at local level, and to place technically qualified local female volunteers in local bodies, so that their work could strengthen the local level service delivery in the various areas. PPPUE volunteers also worked for the development and funding of small-scale projects with private sector participation in municipalities.



[UNV Field Visit – Mahottari Municipality]

The implementation of PPP concept requires a win-win solution between two seemingly conflicting premises; the government has a mission to keep public service provision as its social function and private sector when given the opportunity would provide the service on the basis of normal business terms. In effect, adopting PPP concept implies a change of vision, namely a shift from security oriented to prosperity oriented vision. This is what we have learned from PPP concept training. During the Enterprise Development training we learned how to prepare business plan, financial record maintaining and business selection and the focus of the training was to encourage women entrepreneurs in enterprise development. In order to encourage women Entrepreneurs, I carried out a data collection of women entrepreneurs in Bharatpur. Besides we also had training about Good Governance. Through all these trainings we received support for capacity and skill development, leadership skill and ability to work in a diverse cultural environment. During my assignment I could also participate in the UNV annual retreat, where National and International UN Volunteers shared their experiences and challenges of working as UN Volunteer. It motivated me to cope with harsh working conditions as volunteer. Bharatpur lies in central region of Nepal in Narayani zone, Chitwan district of Nepal. It was established in 2035 B.S with 14 wards. The municipality allocated me with tasks of monitoring and evaluating the performance of bio-gas digester project where I could get technical knowledge. In Bharatpur it is quite difficult to manage hospital waste as there is no difference in handling it, which is a health hazard to municipal workers working in the waste treatment site. So I did a research about hospitals and collected field data of the amount of waste production, categories of waste, treatment options if they have followed any, so that we could implement an environment protection measures/ treatment plant based on PPP concept. Another project was about slaughter house, as there is none in Bharatpur. Therefore an initiative was carried out by organizing an interaction program with butchers and slaughter house owners, political representatives, Municipality executive officers to discuss this issue. And we could build compost chambers in the 5 wards of Bharatpur Municipality.

I worked hard to motivate people for PPP concept application. I also assisted tax department where I got to learn about software programs to enter data related to tax and I got to know about different types of taxes imposed at municipality level. I also assisted administration department and got knowledge on document preparation for foreign affairs issues. Assisting LGCDP in various ways, I took part in an interaction programs with indigenous people to decide LGCDP grants. I also assisted in providing logistic support in orientation program carried out by the Ministry of Local Development on blended guidelines for municipalities. This experience enabled me to talk to people in different way and terms so that they could understand better. I now have strong belief to be able to motivate others, to communicate in mass, to build leadership nature: moving people forward with the vision. UNV has proved to be a platform for my overall growth and versatility. I believe the knowledge I have gained will be solid cornerstone for my future career and I am very much proud of myself working as UN Volunteer.

Brita Kumari Mahato/Bharatpur Municipality

Reality of Women Participation

I got a chance to facilitate the process of the formation of users committee for Naya Gaun Road improvement project. When I joined, there was very limited number (around 10/12 person) of male participants only. I asked them about the female participation but they told me that women of that community were not ready to involve in such activities. In reality, the reason was that no sufficient information was provided about the users meeting to women. Then I strongly objected that process and I reminded them of the provision of blended guidelines, there must be needed 33% female members in the users committee. After sometime, I was able to convince them and I requested them to inform the all community members (users) including women for the meeting on next day morning. They realized the problem and postponed that meeting, and the following day, there were 18 women out of 41 participants. All women were happy to be there. There was also very active participation from them. During the meeting I explained about the project in details, source of funding, implementation modalities, users' contribution, form of users' committee and its role. In this way, they formed a Users Committee including 33% female members. This is an example of the reality of women's participation in local development. After this event, the women group has started to involve the other activities of local development by themselves.

Sharmila Kafle/Dhulikhel Municipality

LGCDP (Local Governance and Community Development Programme)

– 100 LGCDP/NDVS (National Development Volunteer Service) volunteers share *case stories and experiences* -

In the spring of 2010, I got the opportunity to join United Nations Volunteers Programme in Nepal for the LGCDP Programme as National UNV Coordinator. I was responsible for coordinating 100 UNV funded NDVS national volunteers at 48 District Development Committees (DDC) and 52 Municipalities. It was an opportunity but at the same time a big challenge to bridge with major stakeholders; National Planning Commission Secretariat (NPCS), NDVS, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Ministry of Local Development(MLD)/ LGCDP Program Coordination Unit and different Cluster Coordination Units. In the meantime, I could visit more than 30 DDCs and similar number of Municipalities across the country. Being stationed at government entity, I learned different levels of coordination and could perform accordingly to complete the assignment successfully.

I feel so fortunate and grateful to UNV for providing me this noble opportunity to serve as National Coordinator. In two years of my assignment, I received very positive response and conducive environment for the effective and efficient performance from NDVS. For my professional career it also has been very crucial. If I had not chosen to be UNV, I surely would have missed this wonderful opportunity for exploring the countless adventures and furnishing the expertise. Thank you to all the people that I met during my serving time, especially the volunteers who have been always so supportive and understanding. Thank you.

Indra Bahadur Bhujel National UNV Programme Coordinator for LGCDP

Since last 21 month, I am working in Dharan Municipality which is not my hometown and at the beginning it was quite new and fresh but little bit lost too. But afterwards I met lots of friends and finally I made a family environment over there. Every day I enjoy my duties and responsibilities and work environment is very friendly, supportive and encouraging to me. I never expected at the beginning this kind of working environment could be possible, but I could create myself wonderful work environment and I am so happy and proud about this. I worked as community facilitator and coordinator between the municipal inter section, cluster Unit Biratnagar, NDVS, MLD and also with local communities, also as a mediator and information provider about Capacity Development plan and activities, Social Mobilization Procedures, Topping up grant in between the all party mechanism, User's committee, Stakeholders and NGOs. I also work as a reporter to line agency and also as a monitor about basically area of infrastructure development in different phase, which is made my user's committee with the team of Municipality itself, cluster officials, MLD officials and other donor agency. I also support CD Training package, Orientation activities and also sometimes other municipal those kinds of events.

As a field worker, I noticed the different issues and problem at local level. Due to urbanization trends in the developing countries, all resources go to only the infrastructure development. Basically in the context of Dharan, big volume of the budget goes to make a black top road and drainage. Municipality is also not able to stop this kind of development trend. On the other hand, government tries to transform the society by social mobilization and decentralization, but the resources go only to limited beneficiaries and limited areas.

Till the date, targeted people and community are not benefitted by the government service, neither local government nor central government. Central government should bring integrated program about it including preserving, using and developing parks, greenery and open places as another major issue. Those

are the problem of infrastructure development, which can be addressed sooner or later, in case municipality could spend some budget to feasibility study, research and project designing.

Our NDVS Director Jagannath Sir always announce one sentence at a formal program to encourage us, I like to share, that is "Volunteer are not paid, not because of worthless, that is because of priceless." The word is very good to hear and share; I try to make happy and satisfied myself as a volunteer.

Purna Kala Rai

NDVS/LGCDP volunteer in Dharan Municipality



[UNV Nepal Field Visit - Dharan Municipality]

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