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Rain water harvesting in Lalitpur

Lalitpur:

Lalitpur Sub-Metropolitan City (LMC) has allocated Rs 5 Million budget to conserve water sources and solve the drinking water problem of the district through rainwater harvesting and underground water storage.

The Chief Executive Officer said that the money would be utilized in rainwater harvesting, effective water supply and reconstruction of the ponds at Saptapatal, Purnachandi and few other

reservoirs for water storage.

The project has been initiated in collaboration with UN-HABITAT, Kathmandu Valley Drinking Water Management Board, Bottlers Nepal Ltd., Bentley University, National Natural Conservation Trust and Integrated Urban Development Centre.

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Kalaiya Municipality Visit and Follow up Meeting

Mr. Dormani Paudel, MuAN's President and Mr. Ramesh Lal Shrestha, Program Officer, visited the sites at Kalaiya Municipality on August 12 to assess the first phase activities of Kalaiya Project. The meetings and focus group discussions with the concerned partners revealed certain problems like financial inadequacies, lack of human resources and political uncertainties hindering the project.

MuAN will inform MLD about the

municipal situation and work jointly with UN HABITAT to develop clear guidelines for MDG localization and sanitation strategy for the project.

The follow up joint meeting between the UN HABITAT, Kalaiya Municipality and MuAN was held on August 19 at MuAN's meeting hall. The agenda of the meeting was to review the first installment project activities and formulate action plan for the second installment.

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Progress on Kalaiya Project



Progress on Kalaiya Project at various selected TLOs. 1) Hand-Pump Constructions and its inauguration by the locals (Left); 2) Pit-Toilet constructions with biogas (Middle); 3) Biogas implementation at Local kitchen room (Dishu)

Under Kalaiya Project various trainings for 30 TLOs have been conducted, hand-pump constructions and toilet constructions with/without biogas were carried out so far.

Kalaiya Project was jointly organized by MuAN, UN-HABITAT and Kalaiya Municipality to alleviate the problems on water and toilet facilities at Kalaiya by 2011. The project attempts to facilitate localization of MDG by strengthening the capacity of municipality to meet the MDG targets related to water and sanitation. The programme has different components like: capacity building at municipal level, institutional set up and advocacy, skill development training for income generation, improvement of drinking water and environmental sanitation & awareness raising activities. Capacity building at municipal level is the one of the vital part of this particular project.

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Although the Kalaiya municipality is implementing the activities, the planning at municipal level as well as central level needs to be refined and strengthened with emphasis in field level activities. Since there lack some clear guidelines of MDG localization and water sanitation, UN-HABITAT with joint cooperation of MuAN will be developing guidelines on MDG localization and sanitation strategy for the municipality.

This water and sanitation programme has so far achieved its targets under the first phase plan. The second installment of the project has already been started with the ongoing preparation for its action plan.

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Book Release Program.



The book: 'Future Structure of Local Government under Federal System in Nepal' (below) launched by Honorable CA President Mr. Subash Chandra Nembang (Above).



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(President of MuAN).

Kathmandu:

A book entitled 'Future Structure of Local Government under Federal System in Nepal' was released on August 22, 2009 at Everest Hotel. The program was jointly organized by MuAN, ADDCN and NAVIN. The book is the result of exclusive research and elaborative studies on nine thematic areas with the support of experts from Government to non-government levels.

Honorable guest Mr. Subash Chandra Nembang, CA President, said, 'The book is released just in time for proposing the draft constitutional paper'. He informed us that the final new governmental constitutional paper will be publicized by Jestha 14, 2067. Honorable guest Mr. Purna Kumar Sherma, Minister of Local Development, briefed the conflict (Central/ Regional level) and essential points on local development. Similarly Mr. Ganesh Bahadur Khadka,

State Minister of MLD, said that the focus should be given towards forming Nepal as a united country. The speeches were overall centered to the need of national transformation through central, regional and local level. Bottom-up strategy on development was much favored during the discussion.

During the speech, program manager of GtZ/fsp Dr. Mathew Horst pointed out the essence of concrete decisions from the local level for positive and effective feedbacks. He also said, 'Constitutional guarantee and financial support is very important for conducting developmental activities'. Mr. Dormani Paudel, President of MuAN, suggested that there is a need for a strong local government. At the end, he added that the released book will aid on the governmental commitment towards finalizing the constitutional paper.

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TWO DAYS ORIENTATION PROGRAMME ON MUNICIPAL PERIODIC PLAN FOR MUNICIPAL STAFF

Kathmandu:

Municipal Association of Nepal (MuAN) organised two days orientation programme on the municipal Periodic Plan for the staff of six municipalities with the support of MoLD, DUDBC and GTZ/udle on August 17-18, 2009 in Kathmandu. The main objective of the programme was to enhance knowledge of municipal staff on content, process, technical aspect and preparation of periodic plan. The participants included three staff from each municipality namely Dharan, Bhimeswor, Butwal, Tansen and Dhangadhi including divisional engineer under DUDBC. Altogether 25 persons had participated in the orientation programme.

Mr. Krishna Gyawali, Secretary of municipal management at MLD said that local level plan should be developed in line with the priorities of national development plan to build a sustainable planning process. Mr. Dormani Paudel from the seat of chairperson said that the municipal problem is not the lack of resources but willingness to participate.

The programme started with the personal introductory session. Mr. Kalanidhi Devkota, MuAN's executive secretary welcomed the participants and highlighted the objectives of the orientation while Mr. Arjun Koirala from GTZ/udle facilitated the technical session.

Technical Session:

The technical session began with the presentations made by MoLD, DUDBC, GTZ/udle and MuAN. The first presentation by Mr. Narayan Thapa, Under Secretary, MoLD shared the experiences and highlighted on contemporary issues and context of MCPM and LGCDP in municipal periodic planning. The Presentation sessions proceeded by different resource persons from DUDBC (Dr. Mahendra Subba, Mr. Girija Gorkhali, Mr. Deepak Shrestha, Mr. Promod Karmacharya and Ms. Bijaya Shrestha) and from GTZ/udle (Mr. Iswar Joshi, Arjun Koirala, Arun Regmi and Mani Ram Mahat on different topics.

Closing Session:

Mr. Ganesh khatiwada, Dharan municipality

expressed his views that the orientation programme was fruitful. Dr. Mahendra Subba, Deputy Director General of DUDBC and Mr. Indra Bahadur Shrestha, Director General of DUDBC emphasized on the importance of Periodic Plan for plan intervention. They highlighted that DUDBC is technically supporting in formulating periodic plan. Dr. Horste Matthaeus, Programme Manager of GTZ/UDLE said that Periodic plan is more dynamic and important for economic development. He suggested that municipalities need to be owned as part of important function of municipality.

Mr. Krishna Gyawali, Secretary of municipal management at Ministry of Local Development appreciated the orientation programme and stated that plan should be realistic as well as flexible. Mr. Gyawali emphasized that local level plan should be developed in line with the priorities of national development plan to build a sustainable planning process.

Mr. Bidur Mainali, General Secretary of MuAN thanked all the participants for their active participation. He expressed that monitoring mechanism needs to be devised to trace its implementation. At the end, Mr. Dor Mani Poudel from the seat of chairperson expressed his gratitude on the recommendations to improve the planning and management process. He also shared the need assessment survey conducted by MuAN on municipalities. He said that the municipal problem is not the lack of resources but willingness to participate. He suggested that municipal profile needs to be prepared before preparing Periodic plan. He finally expressed MuAN's commitment to provide necessary support as per need.

-Ramesh Shrestha

Upcoming Events



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Aug 28-30, 2009

SLTS Training at selected public schools of Gularia.

September 3-5, 2009

SLTS Training at selected public schools of Tikapur.

September 7-11, 2009

Citynet Conference at Yokohama, Japan.

September 13-14, 2009

Update of Brochures on Kalaiya Project.

September 22, 2009

Internal MuAN workshop for annual action plan 2010.

September, 2009

Local Government Advocacy/Lobbying Programme for Local Government Association and concerned stakeholders.

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With Best Regards,
Kalanidhi Devkota,
Executive Secretary,
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