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Need Assessment Survey at 58 Municipalities

With the realization of a need to improve the municipal database and to collaborate, advocate and provide better services to the member municipalities, MuAN initiated a member 'Need Assessment Survey'. MuAN has relied on the active support from VNG International (Local Government Association of the Netherlands), GTZ/udle, DED and the municipalities for the completion of the survey.

Objectives

The objectives of the survey were to improve the networking system between MuAN and the municipalities; promote the realization of self determined development; initiate a monitoring system to assess MuAN's performance in a long run and prioritize its activities according to the member's needs.

The survey was focused on the feedback channel to update the LGA about their appropriate services towards the municipalities, awareness level of municipalities on the services of MuAN and satisfaction level, activities to strengthen effective information sharing among municipalities, suggestions for improvement of MuAN's services and roles, good/best practices of all (LSGA related) activities of the municipalities and

information sharing among the municipalities. Though the questionnaire was distributed to all the 58 municipalities, only 41 responded the survey.

Summary Results:

The majority of the municipalities have expected technical support by MuAN in poverty reduction programs (40%) followed by capacity building programs (42%). Support on human resource management (35%) and empowerment to women members (31%) has also been a relevant focus. Greater emphasis on equalizing the Information and Networking, Advocacy and Lobbying and Technical & Advisor Support provided by MuAN was given by the municipalities.

The most frequently mentioned demands were technical and advisory services, technical and financial support in municipal resource mobilization, issues of solid waste management and proper identification and management of landfill sites. Along with these issues, the support on ICT promotion, networking among the donors, providing services on periodic planning have also been highlighted by the municipalities.

The top ten needs pointed out by the municipalities were:

- SWM/ landfill site construction and management.
- Infrastructure development.

- Financial support.
- Drinking water and sanitation.
- Human resource management.
- Networking.
- IPT/Resource mobilization.
- ICT Promotion.
- Periodic planning.
- Social mobilization.

The challenge that might be faced is the provision of funds and services. However, one of the strengths of the municipalities is community participation and public-private partnership approach in development.

Recommendation

1. MuAN should target its services to all municipalities, especially the remote regions and deprived areas.
2. MuAN's services should focus on municipal needs rather than the donors'.
3. Services should be regular, updated and effective.
4. MuAN should develop a proper strategy linking with its annual plans and programs.
5. Uplift the municipalities by funding. The full report can be viewed at MuAN's website:

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Schools Encouraged for Joining Sanitation Training

Under SWASHTHA Project, SLTS training was conducted at Gularia, Tikapur and Butwal. The training has given emphasis on health and hygiene, best practices of sanitary improvement and positive behavioral change.

Under the SWASHTHA Project, 35 local schools are targeted for School Led Total Sanitation (SLTS) training within the selected clusters of seven municipalities (Bharatpur, Butwal, Gularia, Tikapur, Ramgram, Ratnanagar and Siddharthanagar) and three small towns (Sunawal, Bardaghat and Kawasoti). The aim of conducting such training session was to benefit school children, teachers and parents on improving their awareness towards health and sanitation.

With the technical assistance from ENPHO, SLTS training has been successfully conducted at Gularia (August 28-30, 2009), Tikapur (September 3-5, 2009) and Butwal (September 14-16, 2009). The training was provided to the Head Teachers, subject teachers and members from 'Parent-Teacher Association' of the selected schools. Besides, physical improvement works in ten schools of Chitwan has been accomplished.



SLTS Training at Gularia Municipality

Positive feedbacks were received from all the participated schools. This included increasing concern towards the health and hygiene of the students. Discussions on best practices of sanitary improvement have helped the schools understand where they lacked. The emphasis, however, was given on improving the sanitary habit through positive behavioral change.

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Progress on Public Private Partnership Urban Environment (PPPUE) Project

75% work on slaughter house construction has been completed while process on public toilet construction is taking place at Bheemductta municipality.

The PPPUE project is taking place in two municipalities; Dhankuta and Bheemductta. According to the focal persons from the municipalities, it has been found that 75% work on Slaughter house construction at Dhankuta municipality has being completed while process on public toilet construction is taking place at Bheemductta municipality.

MuAN is working on the preparation of questionnaire format for 'Solid Waste Management Best Practice Collection' for the selection of best practices on solid waste management from all the 58 municipalities. The objective of this act is for the betterment of the urban environment.



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MuAN's Annual Report,
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Annual report of MuAN (2065/66) concentrated its resources and efforts area on advocacy and lobbying, information and Networking and Technical and Advisory Support. MuAN has continued its struggle for immediate local elections or an according provision, as demanded by the interim constitution. Last year MuAN was active in the mobilization of financial resources of municipalities and technical support projects of SWM, water, sanitation and health.

MuAN's Annual Report for the fiscal year 2065/2066

The primary aim of preparing the annual report is to give a brief overview about the primary working areas, programmes and activities of MuAN during the past fiscal year 2065/66. Furthermore, the report served as an assessment of MuAN's performance. The major intention is to improve MuAN's services and support the member municipalities. This report is one of the outcomes of the entire valued cooperation and motivation of the member municipalities.

Highlights of the report:

Advocacy and Lobbying

Given the fact that the representation of the local governments' interests prevails as the primary function of the association, MuAN concentrated its resources and efforts in the area of lobbying for strong, self-reliant municipal government. Various workshops, expert views and consultative meetings have prepared the first comprehensive study on federalism and local government restructuring. Apart from this long term objective, MuAN acknowledged the urgent need for a transitional solution to the legitimacy crisis. Therefore, MuAN has continued its struggle for immediate local elections or an according provision, as demanded by the interim constitution.

Information and Networking:

For MuAN, the maintenance of a regular communication channel with the urban stakeholders, especially the member municipalities, remains a major challenge. Accordingly, MuAN intensified its efforts to interact with the municipalities in order to get their perceptions and expectations towards MuAN's work. Apart from the finalization of the 'Municipal Need Assessment Survey', MuAN organized 4 regional meetings with the

representatives from almost all municipalities. These meetings have become the basis of a refined networking strategy which is about to be implemented throughout the coming fiscal year, focusing on more joint activities and information sharing between the urban stakeholders. Apart from that, MuAN also increased its efforts to revive the regular publication of VoC in order to provide a forum for municipal issues in Nepal; as well as develop our new e-Newsletter into a regular and comprehensive medium.

Technical and Advisory Support:

Owing the fact, that MuAN remains dependent on partners to execute its projects, the association sought to find a strategic compromise between the availability of resources and the needs and interests of the member municipalities. Accordingly, MuAN was engaged in technical partnerships only when it explicitly served the needs of the municipalities. The two main areas where MuAN was active are:

- The mobilization of financial resources for the municipalities and
- Technical support projects of SWM, water, sanitation and health.

Although technical support remains a peripheral area of LGA, given the fact that most projects were either pilot projects or directly linked to the policy level, as well as following the feedback from the municipalities, MuAN's engagement in technical support has become invaluable for the urban sector in Nepal. Please view the full report at www.muannepal.org.np

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Upcoming Events



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October 13, 2009

Workshop on MuAN's Strategic Planning

October 14, 2009

Training on "Performance Development Coaching Programme"

October 16, 2009

MDG Campaign: Stand up Program.

Wishes for Deepawali



Wishing all the members and subscribers of VoC e-Newsletter
on the auspicious occasion of Deepawali.

Mr. Dormani Poudel (President of MuAN),
and
MuAN Family.



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