



Local Initiatives to Reduce Impacts of Climate Change (LIRIC)

Introduction

Area Coverage Bardibas, Gaushala, Aurahi and Bhangaha (Mahottari) Bateshwor and Mithila (Dhanusha) Province 2
Sector Climate change, Livelihoods
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Climate change has been impacting on water resources and has increased water-induced disasters. This has especially affected livelihoods of vulnerable people and communities who are relied on agriculture as they have limited capacity to adapt to climate shocks and stresses. Province 2, despite being relatively accessible, are in the high to very high to climate change level of vulnerability (NAPA, 2010) and is relatively behind both in terms of absolute and multidimensional poverty (NPC, 2018). In this context, Local Initiatives to Reduce Impacts of Climate Change (LIRIC) project is implemented to engage the grass-root level Civil Society Organization (CSOs) in climate action and to help create enabling environment at local governments towards climate resilient development.

Funded by European Union and Austrian Development Agency, LIRIC project is being implemented by

ADRA in partnership with Rupantaran and Community Development and Advocacy Forum Nepal (CDAFN) in 6 municipalities/rural municipalities of Mahottari and Dhanusha districts in Province 2. The 42-month long project will especially focus on multifaceted strategies of facilitating a functional CSO network as an advocate of climate issues to build community awareness and claim their rights, enhancing capacity to implement climate change adaptation and mitigation actions, which also generate income and employment, and collaborating with local government to create a favourable enabling environment towards climate resilience and inclusion in the local development plan. The improvement in these three areas, both individually and synergistically, will enhance resilience of poor and vulnerable communities to climate shocks and stresses.

Project Contributes to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)



Project Area



Objective

To enhance resilience of poor and vulnerable communities to climate change impacts

Outcomes

- 1 To promote practical engagement of CSOs in right based advocacy to hold LGs accountable in climate actions
 - 2 To strengthen CSOs' capacity and engagement in climate change adaptation and mitigation actions
 - 3 To create favorable enabling environment in LGs towards climate resilient development
- CSO engagement and capacity building
 - Multi-stakeholder partnership
 - Right targeting and inclusion through Climate Vulnerability and Capacity Analysis
 - Collaboration with LGs
 - Right-based approach
 - Upstream-downstream linkage
 - Climate field school
 - School climate change education
 - Local Capacity Building

Target Group

The action will work with 6 local governments of Mahottari (Bardibas, Aurahi, Bhangaha and Gaushala) and Dhanusa (Mithila and Bateshwar). The project will work directly with 2,000 HHs in the upstream and downstream area of Ratu, Aurahi and Maraha river systems which will be selected based on climate vulnerability and affiliation with grass-root level CSOs such as farmer groups, women groups, community forest user groups (CFUGs) and water user groups. These groups will comprise of a majority of women, youth and marginalized groups. Target groups also include 900 school children through school climate change education in 6 secondary schools. 6 CSO networks and 1 inter-LG mechanism will also be supported.

Major Activities

- Capacity building of CSOs and their networks.
- Dialogues within and between CSO networks and LGs
- School Climate Change Education
- Community Based Adaptation Plan (CBAP)
- Demonstration of climate change adaptation technologies and practices
- Climate Field Schools
- Strengthening of supply chain of climate friendly inputs and technologies
- Collaborative initiatives with LGs for land reclamation and pond rehabilitation
- Facilitation of inter-LG mechanism for collaboration and lesson sharing
- Climate resilient development planning at LGs
- Establishment of micro-weather stations and weather advisory services through LGs
- Piloting of payment for ecosystem services (PES) mechanism

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