

**Electoral Education at Grassroots and District Level
for Democratic Governance (EEDG) Project
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***Report of 2nd Project Advisory Unit
Meeting***

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Abbreviations

ECN	Election Commission of Nepal
EEDG	Electoral Education at Grassroots and District Level for Democratic Governance
HCDA	Himalaya Conservation and Development Association
NEOC	Nepal Election Observation Committee
NFN	NGO Federation of Nepal
PAU	Project Advisory Unit
PMC	Project Management Committee

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- A. **Title of the Event:** *2nd Meeting of Project Advisory Unit of Electoral Education at Grassroots and Districts for Democratic Governance (EEDG).*
- B. **Objectives of the Meeting:** Following were objectives of the Project Advisory Unit meeting.
- To update on progress of the project activities;
 - To share the planning of next quarter(Up to March 2013);
 - To seek suggestions, feedbacks and advices from Advisors.
- C. **Date and Time Duration of 2nd PAU Meeting:** 28th December 2012, Time 9 to 11:30 AM
- D. **Venue:** Jagaran Nepal Meeting Hall, Anamnagar Kathmandu
- E. **Participation:** Total 11(Male – 6, Female- 5) participants were present in the meeting.

F. Proceedings:

1. *Pre-meeting activities*

- Communication & Coordination with Project Advisory Unit members to schedule meeting.
- Invited members by mail & invitation letter.
- Confirmed invitation by telephone.
- Shared the agendas of PAU meeting with invitees.
- Updated the progress status of project for PAU meeting.
- Prepared power point presentation for meeting.
- Prepared and printed handouts for participants.
- Logistic preparation for meeting.

2. *During Meeting:-*

The PAU meeting was chaired by Ms. Sharmila Karki, Chairperson of Jagaran Nepal. She welcomed & thanked to all participants for paying their valuable time to PAU meeting. She also explored agendas of meeting and briefed about expectation from advisors for effective implementation of EEDG project.

Then after Mr. Rajkumar Sapkota, National Project Coordinator of EEDG project welcomed to all participants and preceded a power point presentation to share the progress of the project. He has focused on progress status of the project, challenges and impression of the field monitoring. Following the presentation, Ms. Sharmila Karki opened floor for discussion. Prof. Kapil Shrestha Co-chairperson of National Election Observation Committee (NEOC), asked about the locally

faced problem. He also **advised to coordinate in local level while forming citizen forum and reduce duplication.**

Addressing the meeting, Mr. Komal Dhamala – Director of the Electoral Education & Information Centre ECN said that ECN has institutionalized electoral education as well as training. He requested to work in line with election commission. He also mentioned to be sensitive while disseminating the information related to electoral education. Mr. Dhamala shared present progress of the ECN and voter registration status. ECN has conducted training and developed 2000 resource persons. Election commission is planning to develop one contact person in each VDC and ward of the Municipality he added.

Ms. Shanta Sedhain, Member of the Nepal Bar Association suggested for regular monitoring of project activities from centre level to ensure the expected result.

Ms. Bashanti Shahi who is from the organization working in Karnali thanked Jagaran Nepal for taking voter education project in Karnali though it is challenging. She appreciated Jagaran Nepal for providing such opportunity. She mentioned that working in Karnali is itself challenging. Though it has enriched in various natural resources, people of Karnali are living under poverty. Women participation in Karnali seems hard due to low literacy rate and lack of awareness. The geography of the Karnali is tough and bring people together is also challenging she shared. At last, she expressed her solidarity as well as committed to provide advices in her capacity for better implementation of the EEDG project.

Mr. Gopal Lamsal General Secretary of the NGO federation of Nepal said that role of local staffs and partner is very important for the success of the project so capacity building of the local partner and staffs is essential. He suggested for involving VDC level clubs and institutions in project activities that have massive influence in community.

Mr. Tanka Panta media advisor thanked to Jagaran Nepal for internalizing feedback of the first advisory meeting and wished to take sincerely important advices of 2nd meeting. He also pointed out role of media for educating people on electoral education.

Ms. Sharmila Karki expressed her concern to get feedbacks for maximizing the women participation in Karnali. She requested Election Commission of Nepal to coordinate the different strategic partners and organize meeting so that organizations working for electoral education

can share their learning as well as conduct electoral education in line with ECN. Jagaran Nepal believes that electoral education is regular process and working continuously. Nobody is sure about the upcoming election but that will happen in future and we should work to educate people for upcoming election she added. The climatic condition of the Karnali is not favorable for field work so project is going to organize capacity building training to the field staffs and national level sharing among likeminded organization to discuss on the current issues related to electoral education as well as democratic governance. She concluded meeting thanking to all advisors for providing valuable time and promised to incorporate the feedbacks, suggestion while implementing project activities.

3. *Post Meeting Activities:-*

- Prepared report of the meeting.
- Shared the finding of the meeting with stakeholders.

G. Achievements of the Meeting :

- Update progress of the project was shared to Members of the PAU which was found good.
- Members of the PAU were well informed on going activities of ECN. It has just trained 2000 persons on electoral education. Project can coordinate with them and may utilize those resource persons to conduct training in field level. ECN is going to develop 4800 contact person in VDC level who represents ECN in each VDC. Coordination with those contact persons is very important for organizations who are working for electoral education. EEDG should work in close coordination with those contact persons and maintain uniformity while conducting electoral education.
- EEDG has been maintaining kind coordination with ECN, District Election Office and other stakeholders to update progress as well as future planning of the project.
- PAU Meeting was concluded to maintain uniformity for disseminating message related to electoral education. For example, preparing training content, forming civil forum at local level (Village /district) etc. To maintain uniformity ECN has been requested to coordinate different organizations working for electoral education.

- Monitoring of the project in Karnali from centre level is very costly. But it is an important for ensuring quality as well as achieving expected result. Project can mobilize DCC, Local partners to monitor the project in participatory way at local level but capacity building of local partners on monitoring & evaluation is an essential before mobilizing.
- The meeting contributed to maintain coordination with ECN, NEOC, NFN, Nepal Bar Association and other likeminded organizations.

H. Visibility and Communication:

A request letter was dispatched to all members of project Advisory Unit which is signed by Chairperson of Jagaran Nepal. They were also requested to join by mail. The text message about financial support of European Union was clearly written in invitation letter. In the beginning of the presentation, logo of European Union, Jagaran Nepal and HCDA was clearly mentioned.

I. Resource

NRs. 10,800 was planned to cover travel cost and cost of refreshment of meeting day.

J. Evaluation of meeting:-

It was second meeting of the Project Advisory Unit. It was found very fruitful which could help for implementing the EEDG project in better way.

K.Problem Faced:-

Meeting was started little bit late than the scheduled time.

L. Lessons Learnt:

- Close coordination with ECN is very essential to address the emerging issues.
- Capacity building of the DCC is important to monitor the project at local level.
- District level staffs and partners need to capacitate for better result.

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M. Annexes					
1. Participants' structure	Cast	Male	Female	Third Gender	Total
	Brahman/Chhetri	5	5		10
	Janajati/Ethnic Group	1			1
	Dalit				
	Others				
	Total	6	5		11
2. Photo					



Project Advisors are sharing their views in PAU meeting.



National Project Coordinator, briefing the progress of the project.