

**Electoral Education at Grassroots and District Level
for Democratic Governance (EEDG) Project
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***Report of 3rd 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:** *3rd 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 the members of PAU about the status of the project.
- to share the findings of baseline study.
- to get feedbacks on it.
- to finalize the draft.

C. **Date and Time Duration of 3rd PAU Meeting:** 11th March 2013,

D. **Venue:** Union House, Anamnagar Kathmandu

E. **Participation:** Total 10 (3 female/ 7male)

E. Proceedings:

1. Pre-meeting activities

- Communication & Coordination with Project Advisory Unit members to schedule meeting.
- Invited members by mail & invitation letter.
- Conformed 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 handout for participants.
- Logistic preparation for meeting.
- Draft report sharing

2. During Meeting:-

The program was chaired by Ms. Sharmila Karki, Chairperson of Jagaran Nepal and the president of NGO Federation. Highlighting the objectives of the meeting Ms.Karki expressed that the project carried out a baseline study to assess present status on electoral education of project and asked the participants for the feedbacks & suggestion in order to give the study a final shape so that it might be used by everyone working in electoral education as a reference.

President of HCDA Humla Mr. Birkha Bahadur Shahi welcomed to all participants and focused on the objectives of the baseline study in Karnali. The lead researcher Mr. Padma Prasad

Khatiwada presented the findings of baseline study. After his presentation, the floor was opened for the participants where they provided with the valuable suggestions and feedbacks on findings of baseline study.

Adding value to finding of the study, Mr. Komal Prasad Dhamala, Executive Director of Electoral Education and Information Centre (EEIC) Election Commission of Nepal thanked to lead researcher and partner organizations for doing a great initiation i.e. baseline study in Karnali. He clarified on the objective of the Election Commission of Nepal not to distribute national ID cards or voter registration cards but conducted the voter registration with photograph to assist to bring fairness and create credibility of election. Election Commission of Nepal has just conducted its activities at district level. He focused on the role of all to participate and bring uniformity to complete the electoral education related activities.

Dr. Netra Timilsena, South Asia Alliance for Poverty Eradication (SAAPE) Coordinator thanked the study team and the supporter for conducting the baseline study on electoral education and highlighted the need to aware the people of Karnali on voting rights and that only creates free, fair and credible environment.

Speaking in the meeting senior human rights activists Shova Gautam, Meera Dhungana, EEDG Project Advisors Gajadhar Sunar, Kapil Shrestha, Shanta Shedhai, Basanti Shahi and representative of IFES Niru Basnet focused on the equal participation and coordination among women, dalits, janajati and marginalized groups while conducting any developmental activities.

The meeting was organized in the amid participation of EEDG project Advisory Unit Members, representatives of Election Commission of Nepal, IFES, NEOC, National Women Commission, Media and the organizations working in the area of electoral education to share the baseline study findings carried out by Jagaran Nepal and HCDA with the financial support of Jagaran Nepal.

The meeting was facilitated by Mr. Rajkumar Sapkota-National Project Coordinator of EEDG project.

3. Post Meeting Activities:-

- Compiled all the suggestions and feed backs thus collected in the meeting and incorporate them in the final report.
- Prepared report of the meeting.
- Shared the finding of the meeting with stakeholders.

F. Achievements of the Meeting :

- Update progress of the project was shared to Members of the PAU which was found appreciated.

- All the stakeholders brought together at a common platform and were made aware about the actual scenario of electoral education in Karnali region.
- Acknowledgement of the initiation of the EEDG by the authorities like EEIC, SAPEE, NWC and others contributing NEOC in creating free, fair and credible environment for election.
- Constructive suggestion and feedbacks collected providing the study a final shape.
- The meeting contributed to maintain coordination with ECN, NEOC, NFN, Nepal Bar Association and other likeminded organizations.

G. Visibility and Communication:

A request letter signed by Chairperson of Jagaran Nepal was dispatched to all members of project Advisory Unit. They were also requested to join by mail. The text message about financial support of European Union was clearly written in invitation letter. A banner with the logo of European Union, Jagaran Nepal and HCDA was displayed at the program.

H. Resource

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

J. Evaluation of meeting:-

It was the third meeting of the Project Advisory Unit. It provided the valuable suggestions and constructive ideas for implementing the EEDG project in better and set way.

K. Problem Faced:-

Not any specific.

L. Lessons Learnt:

- Regular meeting of PAU can provide the constructive suggestions and feed backs leading the project to the actual set direction.
- It's very effective when the people working at the grassroots level and the people at the central level advocating for the grassroots development for bringing the actual scenario and the problems and the identification of the actual need for the development.

- More focus should be given for the equal participation and coordination among women, dalits, janajati and marginalized groups while conducting any activities related to election.

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M. Annexes
Participants list

1	Sharmila Karki	Chairperson	Jagaran Nepal
2	Komal Dhamala	Director	EEIC-ECN
3	Kapil Shrestha	Vice Secretary	NEOC
4	Tanka Panta	Senior Journalist	
5	Gopal Lamsal	General Secretary	NGO Federation
6	Shanta Sedai	Advocate	Bar Association
7	Gajadhar Sunar	Chairperson	DNF
8	Basanti Shahi		SIDC
9	Dala Rawal	Director	HCDA
10	Rajkumar Sapkota	NPC	EEDG/Jagaran Nepal

1. Participants' structure	Cast	Male	Female	Third Gender	Total
	Brahman/Chhetri	5	3		8
	Janajati/Ethnic Group	1			1
	Dalit	1			1

	Others				
	Total	7	3		
2. Photo					



Project Advisors sharing their views in PAU meeting.



National Project Coordinator, briefing the progress of the project.

