

Electoral Education at Grassroots and District Level for Democratic Governance (EEDG) Project (DCI-NSAPVD/2021/271844)

Report of 5th 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:** *5th 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.

- ✦ *Sharing of the Project Activities in the last Quarter.*
- ✦ *Sharing of the planned activities in the days ahead.*
- ✦ *A brief analysis about the recently held CA election.*
- ✦ *Suggestions and feedbacks collection from the Advisors.*

C. **Date and Time Duration of 5th PAU Meeting:** *26th December 2013, Thursday 9:00 AM*

D. **Venue:** *Jagaran Nepal Meeting Hall, Anamnagar Kathmandu.*

E. **Participation:** *Total 10(Male – 4, Female- 6) 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.*
- ✦ *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.*

2. *During Meeting:-*

The PAU meeting was chaired by Ms. Sharmila Karki, Chairperson of Jagaran Nepal. The welcome remark was put forward by Mr. Rajkumar Sapkota, National Project Coordinator of EEDG project. He then proceeded with a power point presentation on the agendas of the meeting. He shared about the achievement of the project activities in the last Quarter and the planning of the activities for the coming Quarter. He too shared about the preponderance of different Project Activities which would have been worthless to conduct in the Post Election period. He also shared about the CA Election Monitoring from the Gender Prospective by the Project Staffs and the Project beneficiaries Under Women Commission and NEOC (National Election

Monitoring Committee). He too shared about his field visit in some of the Project districts and put forward the agenda for Rara Assembly as he saw no possibility of the Rara Assembly in Rara which was further more clarified by the personal experience while his visit there.

Following the presentation, Ms. Sharmila Karki opened floor for discussion and shared some of the experiences while Election Observation. One of the Advisors, Mr. Komal Dhamala raised some of his queries about the Electoral Education at the School and College level, about its methodology and also about the purpose of Rara Assembly which was addressed later by Mr. Sapkota the Coordianator. He too explained about the activities of Election Commission for the conduction of 2nd CA Election on the set time. He put forward about the further activities of Election Commission on the basis of study and analysis of Vote Invalid Trend and engage the Activists of the Political Parties for the purpose of Voters Education in an effective manner from the learning of this time.

In a similar note, Mr. Tanka Panta media advisor expressed his happiness for the accomplishment of the set Project activities and suggested to concentrate on the Electoral Education for Local Election in the days ahead which is also very important. Whereas, Gopal Lamsal, Secretary of NGO Federation suggested to conduct the Mid Term Evaluation of the Project by Social Welfare Council and put forward the outcomes of the project to a greater mass.

Ms. Shanta Sedhain, Member of the Nepal Bar Association admired the Gender Friendly Election Monitoring and asked to come up with the report of it. Meanwhile Ms Basanti Shahi also shared her experiences about the election in Karnali region.

Ms. Sharmila Karki shared about the challenges and expressed happiness for the achievement that has been gained so far. She added much information and clarification on the presentation. The closing remark was put forward by the Chairperson with vote of Thanks to all the members of PAU for their precious time and valuable suggestion and feedbacks.

3. Post Meeting Activities:-

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

G. Achievements of the Meeting :

- ✦ *PAU members got updated about the achievement of the previous year along with the planned activities of the next year.*
- ✦ *Discussion was made on the Karnali Assembly which is one of the Project Activity in the third year. Advisors had the discussion about the modality of the Karnali Assembly and the motive behind it. Taking the geography under consideration, a simple proposition was made to conduct it in Jumla as there is population density as it's accessible to the participants from other districts to participate in the Assembly.*
- ✦ *Election Commission was proposed to co ordinate with the Civil Society working in the Electoral Education while planning the further activities for the Voters Education after the analysis of the Invalid ballot Tendency and planning the activities accordingly.*
- ✦ *A report was asked to prepare about the findings about CA Election 2013 Monitoring from the Gender Prospective in the Project District and share the finding so that could be a good documentation and can be used by the Women Commission, Election Commission as well as by other Civil Society Organizations.*

- ✦ *Constructive suggestions and feedbacks collected for the effective and efficient implementation of the planned activities this year.*

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 5th meeting of the Project Advisory Unit. It was successful to collect the constructive feedbacks from the advisors for implementing the EEDG project in better way.

K. Problem Faced:-

L. Lessons Learnt:

- ✚ *Involvement of the local partners can lead to the successful completion of the project.*
- ✚ *The expected involvement or participation of excluded communities can be achieved if come with an effective strategy.*

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M. Annexes					
1. Participants' structure	Caste	Male	Female	Third Gender	Total
	Brahman/Chhetri	4	5		9
	Janajati/Ethnic Group				
	Dalit		1		1
	Others				
	Total				10
2. Photo					



National Project Coordinator, putting forward the agendas of the Meeting .



Project Advisor sharing their views in PAU meeting.