

**Electoral Education at Grassroots and District Level
for Democratic Governance (EEDG) Project
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***Report of 4th 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:** *4th 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 1st year achievements.*
- ✦ Sharing of the planned activities for the 2nd year.*
- ✦ Discussion on the current issues related to election.*
- ✦ Suggestions and feedbacks collection from the Advisors.*

C. **Date and Time Duration of 2nd PAU Meeting:** *1st August 2013, Thursday 9:00 a.m*

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.*
- ✦ 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. Mr. Rajkumar Sapkota, National Project Coordinator of EEDG project welcomed all the participants and proceeded with a power point presentation on the agendas of the meeting. He shared about the achievement of the last year activities and the planning of the activities for the 2nd year. He too shared about the best practices of the EEDG project and the success to increase the participation of the excluded communities like women, dalits and janajatis in a significant way in the project activities like trainings and workshops with a guideline of each activity and program for enhancing the participation of excluded community and also mobilizing the existing groups

or communities just giving a different name of Citizen Forum rather than creating another group and increasing only the number of groups at the community level.



Following the presentation, Ms. Sharmila Karki opened floor for discussion. Prof. Kapil Shrestha Co-chairperson of National Election Observation Committee (NEOC), appreciated the best practices of the EEDG project and asked for the sharing of those practices so that other organizations can also learn lessons and follow them and expressed his willingness to work on the issues related to the election at the central level in co ordination with the Jagaran Nepal. He too shared about his experiences working in Karnali region and the changes over there especially towards the attitude of women.

In a similar note, Mr. Tanka Panta media advisor expressed his happiness to look for the media co ordination of the Radio and Television programs regulated under EEDG project and believed it to come in much better form.



Ms. Shanta Sedhain, Member of the Nepal Bar Association pointed out the need of the sharing of the good practices organizing a national level sharing workshop so that it can be learnt by others.

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 which she believes will assist the project to run in a right track and meet the set goal.

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 activities of the previous year along with the planned activities of the next year.
-  EEDG project also shared the cost in the Voters Registration Campaign of the Nepal Government in the project area. So, the Meet suggested for bringing out the information and claiming their share.

- ✚ *Although the Voters Registration Rate is very high in Karnali region more than 70% which stands second to Kavre, PAU Meeting suggested a need to create awareness and activities for decreasing Ballot invalid rate.*
- ✚ *The good practices of the EEDG project like the Guideline for ensuring the participation of the excluded communities in each project activities and mobilizing the already existing communities rather than forming a new group or community were well appreciated by the member of PAU and suggested to share it among the other organizations working in the same issue and fields.*

- ✚ *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 4th 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	4		8
	Janajati/Ethnic Group	1			1
	Dalit	1	1		2
	Others				
	Total				11
2. Photo					



National Project Coordinator, sharing about the project activities last year and the proposed activities for the 2nd year.



Project Advisor sharing their views in PAU meeting.