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## Editorial Desk

Dear All,

It is my honour to present this Yearbook of the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the International Year of Volunteers (IYV+10) which provides you all a synopsis of celebrations from Nepal.

This yearbook is a commemorative publication of IYV+10 celebrations in Nepal which is a significant step to highlight the activities of National Steering Committee for Volunteerism Nepal (NSCVN) and also to showcase the works being carried out by various organizations to mark IYV+10 as well as to promote volunteerism in Nepal.

2011 has been an incredible year for Nepal as the yearlong celebrations of IYV+10 has drawn attention of the national and international volunteering stakeholders in many ways. IYV+10 campaigns also deepened and broadened the debate about volunteerism in Nepal as it has increased the awareness level of people and concerned stakeholders.

The IYV+10 celebrations was used by Nepal as an opportunity to celebrate the essence of volunteerism but also to assess the progress made towards achieving the four objectives of IYV+10; namely, Recognition, Facilitation, Networking and Promotion. We also used it as the golden platform to promote the use of volunteerism modality as a strategic resource to achieve Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) in Nepal. Therefore, IYV+10 campaigns in Nepal were launched with the slogan "Volunteering for MDGs".

The IYV+10 celebration proved to be a great success, bringing together leadership and decision makers from government, humanitarian and development organizations, civil society, academia, the UN system and the corporate sector. The key reason of this huge successful IYV+10 events in Nepal was the exceptional government ownership and multi-stakeholder involvement as the joint-flagship. A strong relationship and partnership has been built by this IYV+10 campaigning and now most of the national volunteering stakeholders are interested to work in the national level volunteering campaign. The formation of NSCVN and the activities implemented for the celebration to mark IYV+10 has created favourable atmosphere to initiate larger supplementary campaigns with all the stakeholders advocating for the more inclusive and sustaining volunteering infrastructure and networking for better Nepal. Therefore; this is the great opportunity for all of us to build on the momentum created by IYV+10 campaign in Nepal.

The yearlong IYV+10 celebrations with major high level events has brought so many positive changes and addressed many issues of volunteerism in Nepal. The mind set of authorities and people has been changing and the acceptance level has been enhanced. IYV+10 campaigns also deepened and broadened the debate about volunteerism in Nepal as it has increased the awareness level of people and government on volunteering.

Therefore, it is my privilege to acknowledge and thank the each Steering Committee members and agencies for making 2011 an extraordinary year in Nepal with their strong commitment and cooperation.

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At the end, let me thank and acknowledge the efforts of all our ordinary volunteers for their extraordinary contribution for the humankind.

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Rt. Hon'ble Prime Minister  
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The Prime Minister

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## Special Message

It is my great pleasure to know that National Steering Committee for Volunteerism Nepal (NSCVN) is bringing out a "Yearbook" of the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the International Year of Volunteers (IYV+10) showing activities done throughout the year 2011.

Nepal is one of the least developed countries with lots of opportunities. We are committed to capitalize these opportunities with the best and rational use of the resources available, and achieve Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) as targeted. However, the available resources are not enough in meeting all the development demands in the country. We, therefore, have envisaged starting a national campaign, "Volunteerism for Development". We can start with a campaign of "ek gaun ek pokhari" (one village one pond), cleaning of river and neighborhood, and else. In this national campaign on volunteerism, people from different walk of life can take part and contribute in development process. This is how we want to link volunteerism that has been well practiced in Nepalese societies with development process in a coordinated manner.

We have shown some exemplary results of volunteerism particularly in the field of health sector. I sincerely applaud for the job done by the volunteers in this regard. I also appreciate the volunteer work done by my fellow Nepalese as well as foreign volunteers working in Nepal.

I am sure that this "Yearbook" will be one of the sources of inspiration for its readers as well as others in taking part in volunteerism and thereby in contributing in national development process through volunteerism, and sincerely appeal everybody for the same.

**Dr. Baburam Bhattarai**

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## Message

It gives me great pleasure to see the IY+10 Yearbook 2011 of National Steering Committee for Volunteerism Nepal (NSCVN).

The year, 2011 was marked throughout the world as the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the International Year of Volunteers (IYV+10) pursuant to the resolution passed by UN General Assembly in 2008. In Nepal, the national level events were initiated under National Planning Commission from National Steering Committee for Volunteerism Nepal (NSCVN) during the year 2011.

The activities undertaken towards marking the IYV+10 had the impact on enhancing the significance of volunteer services in development strategies and in achieving Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), set forth in the interim plan of the Government of Nepal.

With the volunteers, being deployed for development work in very remote and backward districts of Nepal, the importance of volunteer services for development has simultaneously increased. In the early start of 2012, government of Nepal in infrastructure and socio-economic development has deployed 700 additional volunteers from National Development Volunteer Service in different remote parts of the country. The National Planning Commission is planning to coordinate with other international volunteer organizations engaged in Nepal to optimize the results from volunteerism.

It is my sincere hope that the message of IYV+10 inspires every individual and institution in Nepal to work together which will turn out to be an important step in reaching the MDGs by 2015.

I wish the initiatives taken by National Steering Committee for Volunteerism Nepal (NSCVN) may further develop and expand in the future.

**Mr. Deependra Bahadur Kshetry**

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## Message

In Nepal, we have a long tradition of volunteerism. Each year, many people volunteers their time, energy and expertise in different kinds of activities. Volunteerism in Nepal, therefore, has been greatly contributing in the society. Female Community Health Volunteers working across the country are an example of Nepalese volunteerism. That is the reason why Government of Nepal is planning to link volunteerism with developmental process as a campaign that contributes in achieving MDGs.

In this regard, we celebrated the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Int'l Year of Volunteers (IYV+10) in Nepal in big way. To mark this occasion, Rt. Hon'ble President, Dr. Ram Baran Yadav kindly launched the "State of the World's Volunteerism Report 2011". As part of this event, "National Volunteer Conference" and "Volunteer Caravan" from east to west of the country was also organized to promote the volunteerism in the country. These activities created opportunities to people of all walks as well as volunteer agencies to come at one place for the common cause.

To celebrate the IYV+10, a National Steering Committee for Volunteerism Nepal (NSCVN) was constituted at National Planning Commission (NPC). As chair of NSCVN, I would like to thank everyone who participated and contributed to mark IYV+10 in a big way, especially member agencies for their meaningful participation/contribution. My special thank goes to Rt. Hon'ble President, Dr. Ram Baran Yadav, Vice-Chair of NPC, Mr. Deependra Bahadur Kshetry and Member-Secretary of NPC, Mr. Yubaraj Bhusal as well as representatives of development partners for their kind participation.

This "Yearbook" has been published as a "token" as well as the "documentation" of the IYV+10 celebrations in Nepal. In this occasion, I thank Rt. Hon'ble President, Dr. Ram Baran Yadav, Rt. Hon'ble Prime Minister, Dr. Baburam Bhattarai and Vice Chair of NPC as well as other colleagues for their kind "message" printed in this book. I also thank all those who contributed in the preparation and bringing out of the book.

Finally, once again, I request all to contribute in "building a prosperous and peaceful new Nepal" through volunteerism.

Prof./Dr. Shiba Kumar Rai

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Ms. Flavia Pansieri

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## Message

At this special moment, I would like to congratulate the National Steering Committee for Volunteerism Nepal (NSCVN) and give thanks to all the volunteers and volunteer-involving organizations in Nepal on the publication of this first-ever yearbook.

Nepal has a deep-rooted tradition of community self-help. The volunteer spirit touches many development activities, and Nepal also sends large numbers of UN Volunteers to share their skills and showcase volunteerism in other developing countries.

Throughout the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the International Year of Volunteers (IYV+10) in 2011, Nepal stood firm in bringing more focus to the importance of volunteerism. NSCVN gathered together the country's key actors to celebrate the anniversary year and its culmination on 5 December, International Volunteer Day (IVD).

In Nepal and many other places, it is a sense of solidarity with others that motivates people to action. And ultimately, 2011 has been about supporting those who light up our world through their commitment to peace, human development and sustainability.

While at UNV, I have met countless dedicated volunteers from all kinds of organizations achieving remarkable results for peace and development. Motivated by a passion for doing good, they advance equality and inclusion, ensure environmental protection and move development forward. We must continue to tap into this incredible energy!

During 2011, we not only celebrated remarkable individuals. UNV and its partners sought the ideas, views and inputs of stakeholder organizations from across the world, on how to promote volunteerism better. Their messages were clear: we need to document what volunteers do, find new ways to measure the impact volunteerism makes, and share this information with others so that they can build on these great ideas.

We also launched the first *State of the World's Volunteerism Report*, which showcases the universal values of volunteerism that are keys to moving the world towards a more sustainable future. Volunteering not only delivers peace and development results, says the Report. It is uniquely able to impact the inner lives of individuals, communities and societies, binding them with bonds of trust and reciprocity.

Especially, in Nepal, Rt. Hon'ble President, Dr. Ram Baran Yadav officially launched this report at President House, Shital Niwas, Kathmandu in a very high level event organized by NSCVN on IVD celebration.

Now to highlight all IYV+10 activities in Nepal, the Committee is bringing out this first-ever yearbook, in which you can discover much about 2011 activities and their results. Together with all UN Volunteers and UNV staff, we congratulate again the Committee for this important initiative, and express our thanks for the Committee's continued support for volunteerism in Nepal.

Yours,



**Ms. Flavia Pansieri**  
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Mr. Robert Piper

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# Message

On behalf of the United Nations in Nepal and being a strong believer in the power of volunteerism, I am very pleased and honoured to present this yearbook of the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the International Year of Volunteers (IYV+10) from Nepal. This yearbook presents an outstanding output of the "IYV+10" campaigning in Nepal throughout 2011.

The UN General Assembly launched the celebrations of the 10th Anniversary of the International Year of Volunteers in 2011 through the Resolution 63/153 of 2008. The United Nations Volunteers (UNV) Programme was designated as the global focal point for the years' preparation, implementation and follow-up. This resolution also invited governments, media, civil society, the private sector, development partners and the UN to mark IYV+10 at the global, regional and national levels.

Nepal is a great example of a country that truly showcases the impact and potential of volunteerism for development. A large number of volunteers serve in various peace and development projects and programmes across the country. A large number of Nepali volunteers serve as international UN volunteers abroad, making a difference in the peace and development efforts of other countries. We at the United Nations highly value Nepal's commitment to volunteerism.

IYV+10 was launched in Nepal for the South-Asian region on the occasion of International Volunteer Day, 5th December 2010, and a series of activities have been conducted throughout the year, under the leadership of the National Steering Committee for Volunteerism Nepal (NSCVN)/National Planning Commission and with strong support from the committee members as well as a broad range of partner organizations.

As we marked the IYV+10 in 2011, we are thrilled to share our experience and achievements through this yearbook. It will be given to government agencies, UN agencies, civil society, and other partners to reinforce the collaboration for volunteerism to support the process of achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) as well as the ongoing inclusive growth of this nation.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our own UNV Team in Nepal for their coordination and efforts to make the IYV+10 campaign a great success. I would also like to thank the National Steering Committee for Volunteerism Nepal, the National Planning Commission and partner organizations for their excellent ownership as well as leadership over the campaign.



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**Mr. Robert Piper**

United Nations Resident Representative and Humanitarian Coordinator for Nepal

International Year of Volunteers  
10th Anniversary  
2011



# 1 | Introduction



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# 1

Background

Vision Statement

The Four Pillars of IYV+10

Volunteering for MDGs



## 1.1 Background of the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the International Year of Volunteers (IYV+10)

Volunteerism helps foster compassion, social responsibility and spiritual and emotional bonds between the provider and recipient of voluntary services. Further, it helps to develop solidarity amongst the members of a society.

The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) declared 2001 as the International Year of Volunteers (IYV) in December 1997 through a resolution sponsored by the Government of Japan. The United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme was designated as the UN's focal point. The IYV, largely led at national levels, whose main objectives are to increase recognition, facilitation, networking and promotion of volunteerism, was successful in highlighting the achievements of millions of volunteers worldwide. IYV also encourage governments to actively support and promote the involvement of people from a variety of backgrounds in volunteerism for development.

UNGA Resolution 31/131 directed UNV to promote youth volunteering. The UNGA discussed follow-up reports to IYV in 2002, 2005 and 2008, the last of which called for the marking of the tenth anniversary of the IYV or 'IYV+10' in 2011 through UNGA Resolution 63/153. The UNGA Resolution invited governments, media, civil society, the private sector, development partners and the UN to mark IYV+10 at the global, regional and national levels.

Volunteerism is part of Nepalese culture. Many problems in the communities are solved through voluntary services and actions. More importance should be given to voluntary actions at the community level so that the synergy could bring the country together to get closer to the achievement of the MDGs, not only because it has been planned as a global initiative, but also because all want to live in a better world together. The United Nations is celebrating 2011 as the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the International Year of Volunteers (IYV+10) by showcasing the achievements made, raising awareness and mobilizing a diverse group of volunteers. The United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme has been designated as the focal point for IYV+10 for the Year's preparation, implementation and follow-up. To this end, the UN member states were obliged to celebrate the IYV+10 as an expression of common humanity.

## 1.2 Vision Statement

Vision statement on the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the International Year of Volunteers (IYV+10) in 2011 from the United Nations Volunteers and partner organizations in the volunteer family. In celebrating IYV+10:

### Volunteer values

- We celebrate volunteering as an expression of our common humanity and as a means of building mutual respect, understanding, trust, solidarity and reciprocity.
- We embrace volunteering as universal and inclusive, and recognize volunteering in its diversity, as well as the purpose that sustains it: a firm belief in the values of equality, solidarity, civic engagement as well as individual and collective freedoms.

### Volunteer engagement

- We recognize that volunteering benefits both society at large and the individual volunteer and we recognize that volunteering contributes to human development and human rights as much as to the personal development of the individual volunteer.
- We value volunteering as an opportunity for people to connect, engage, and discover joint solutions. And we purposefully create opportunities for volunteer participation.
- We engage the will, the positive energy and the innovation of millions of people towards realizing the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and in building social cohesion, mutual understanding and the achievement of community-centered goals.
- We invest in enabling the environment for citizen engagement: the development of volunteering policies and supportive legislation; in volunteer management and support; in measuring the impact of volunteering; and in knowledge building and knowledge sharing about volunteering and what it can achieve.

## Volunteering in the future

- We envisage societies that value, recognize and encourage volunteering as integral to local, national and international plans and priorities.
- We foresee a future in which all individuals embrace a shared commitment to voluntarily contribute, within their capacity, to the pursuit of the common good and to the ideals of harmony and peace.
- We face the future of volunteering with optimism, innovation and enthusiasm.

We call upon all leaders in Governments, volunteer involving organizations, civil society, private sector, non-governmental organizations, the United Nations system and from communities to recognize and celebrate the achievements of volunteers by actively engaging in the marking of IYV+10.

## 1.3 The Four Pillars of IYV+10

- **Recognition:** acknowledging the value of volunteerism to societies all over the world and the connection between volunteerism and the MDGs.
- **Promotion:** promoting inclusive volunteerism to representative the diverse groups in a society.
- **Facilitation:** ensuring that the maximum numbers of people from the broadest range of backgrounds have access to volunteer opportunities.
- **Networking:** fostering the exchange of experience and strengthening partnerships among different entities promoting and implementing volunteer projects.

## 1.4 Volunteering for MDGs

The National Government to make an effort to achieve the MDGs, supported by the international community, can only complement the involvement of people and civil society worldwide. Recognizing the power of volunteerism is the first step towards harnessing this vast resource in a global effort to achieve the MDG targets. Whether expressed as volunteer service, mutual aid, self-help, campaigning or other forms of voluntary participation, the willingness and ability of citizens to give freely of their own time, out of a sense of solidarity will have a major influence on the extent to which the MDGs are attained and sustained. The role and contribution of volunteerism to sustainable development and peace agendas have been consistently acknowledged in various UNGA Resolutions and reports. In a ground breaking resolution adopted by the UN General Assembly at the end of IYV, Member States concurred that, "Neglecting to factor volunteering into the design and implementation of policies could entail the risk of overlooking a valuable asset and undermine traditions of cooperation that bind communities together" (A/RES/56/38 of 5 December 2001). Subsequently in 2008, another UNGA Resolution reaffirmed the significance of volunteerism for the achievement of the MDGs and called for the marking of IYV+10 in 2011.

On the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the MDGs in September 2010 and following the Millennium Summit of 2000 world leaders from 160 countries came together to assess their progress and reaffirmed their commitment towards achieving the MDGs by 2015. UN assessments showed mixed results and called for finding innovative solutions and partnerships to achieve the off-track MDGs and to break with past strategies which have not worked. The Outcome Document as well as other UN reports and assessments have identified a number of challenges hindering achievement of MDGs. Key among them is the lack of attention to sustainability or the ability to maintain MDG gains, weak leadership and ownership of national governments, weak institutional capacity at the local levels resulting in inadequate delivery, and limited utilization of services that are provided. These studies also highlighted poor and uneven participation of CSOs and NGOs in development planning, implementation and monitoring.

Achieving the MDGs requires the ingenuity, solidarity and creativity of millions of ordinary people through voluntary actions. Therefore, we used IYV+10 as the golden platform for Nepal to strengthen the use of volunteerism as a strategic resource to achieve development effectiveness and to develop and sustain a national volunteer infrastructure by fully utilising the volunteerism modality in order to achieve MDGs set by the Government of Nepal. Thus, IYV+10 campaign in Nepal was launched with the slogan "Volunteering for MDGs".

# 2 | IYV+10 Celebration in Nepal



# 2

Entry Point - Launch of International Year of Volunteers (IYV) in 2001

IYV+10 and Nepal

IYV+10 Launching Ceremony in Nepal for Asia

Establishment of National Steering Committee for Volunteerism Nepal (NSCVN)

Nepal's Participation in International IYV+10 Forums





## 2.1 Entry Point - Launch of the International Year of Volunteers in 2001



Then Hon'ble Minister of Science and Technology, Mr. Surendra P. Chaudhary addressing the IYV launching ceremony as the chief guest. He was flanked by (from left to right) then Member Secretary of NPC, Mr. Shree Man Shrestha, then FNCCI President, Mr. Pradeep Kumar Shrestha, then Member Secretary of Social Welfare Council, Dr. Tika Pokharel, then Hon'ble Member of NPC & Chair of IYV 2001 National Steering Committee, Dr. Jagadish Chandra Pokharel, Japanese Ambassador, Mr. Mitsuaki Kojima, and then UN Res. Rep. of Nepal, Mr. Henning Karcher



Veteran political leader, Late Mr. Girija Prasad Koirala visiting the exhibition (He was the former president of Nepali Congress Party and 5 times Prime Minister of Nepal)

The UN General Assembly held on November 20, 1997 passed a resolution that was proposed by the 123 countries, including Nepal, to proclaim 2001 as International Year of Volunteers. The objectives of International Year of Volunteers 2001 (IYV) were recognition, facilitation, promotion and networking of volunteer sector.

To launch and celebrate IYV 2001 in Nepal, National Planning Commission (NPC), National Development Volunteer Service, UNV, Nepal Red Cross Society, Tribhuvan University, Ministry of Local Development, Ministry of Education, NGO Federation, RUNVAN, Social Welfare Council, Federation of Nepalese Chambers of Commerce and Industries, Japanese Embassy, IAVE, and international volunteer sending agencies in Nepal formed IYV 2001 National Steering Committee (NSC) on August 1, 2000.

This committee was chaired by then Hon'ble Member of the National Planning Commission, Dr. Jagadish Chandra Pokharel and co-chaired by Director of National Development Volunteer Service, Dr. Pradi P. Upadhyay.

As per the decision of the NSC, IYV 2001 was launched in Nepal by organizing a National Volunteer Exhibition on December 17-18, 2000 in Bhrikutimandap, Kathmandu. 47 volunteer-related organizations took part in the exhibition and thousands of visitors came to visit the stalls. There was a featured article in the national weekly paper and discussion over the FM Radio Stations one week before the launch. On December 4, 2000, a press release was issued to inform people about International Volunteer Day (IVD). Immediately after the launching ceremony, a press conference was organized which successfully brought enough attention to interest the national media.

## 2.2 IYV+10 and Nepal

The IYV+10 celebrations were used by Nepal as an opportunity to celebrate the essence of volunteerism and also to assess the progress made towards achieving the four objectives of IYV+10: Recognition, Facilitation, Networking and Promotion.

In Nepal our key objectives of the IYV+10 campaign were to achieve a broader network with the government and other stakeholders by advocating the importance and relevance of volunteerism to achieve MDGs and providing opportunities of engaging more institutions and individuals through IYV+10 celebration activities throughout the year.

Following and under the 4 main objectives of the IYV+10 celebrations at global level, Nepal highlighted its objectives as follows:

- ✓ **Recognition:** In Nepal there has been a very strong culture of volunteerism in the community. The main objective is to draw attention again to the cultural root of volunteerism and give proper recognition to its contribution to the community development.
- ✓ **Facilitation:** Our objective is to build a national platform to consider volunteerism issues at national level through steering committees with government level institutions complementing it with a civil society alliance. More opportunities to become volunteers should be shared to organizations and volunteers.
- ✓ **Networking:** Various activities and events marking the IYV+10 in the year 2011 were served as a platform for engaging institutions related to volunteerism in Nepal and also individual volunteers as important actors. Another main objective of celebrating IYV+10 is to encourage more organizations and individuals to participate and share their experiences and knowledge.
- ✓ **Promotion:** The main objective is to promote volunteerism in general to all public in Nepal through various events and a national conference on IVD, 5th December, also by using social media such as facebook, website and twitter.

More specifically, the interventions of NSCVN to mark IYV+10 had the following objectives:

- To generate tools, policies and knowledge enabling development partners to integrate volunteerism into development policies, strategies and programmes in Nepal.
- To strengthen collaboration between VSAs, VRAs, NGOs/INGOs, Civil Societies and other national actors of volunteering in Nepal.
- To raise volunteerism on the development agenda of Nepal through national policy formulation.
- To build more sustainable partnerships in Nepal for achieving development goals through volunteerism.
- To showcase the potential of voluntary services in Nepal to achieve development goals (Nepal's example of Female Community Health Volunteers-FCHV).
- To increase open public dialogues and discussions on volunteering and development.

## 2.3 IYV+10 Launching Ceremony in Nepal for Asia

### National Conference on Volunteering

**Date:** December 5, 2010

**Theme:** Volunteering for the MDGs

**Venue:** Local Development Training Academy, Jawalakhel, Lalitpur, Nepal

**Organizers:** National Planning Commission (NPC), National Development Volunteer Service (NDVS), UNV, JICA, VSO, Youth NGO Federation Nepal and RUNVAN.

This conference was jointly organized by NPC, NDVS, UNV Nepal, JICA, VSO, National Youth NGO Federation and RUNVAN. This conference was intended to be the first national meeting to address volunteerism issues held on special occasion of International volunteer Day (IVD), 2010. The theme of the conference was "Volunteering for the MDGs". The aim was to encourage communication among scholars of differing disciplines, government and volunteering organization on issues related to volunteering and MDGs.



*In the photo from right: Chief Representative of JICA, Mr. Mitsuoyoshi Kawasaki, UN Resident Representative and Humanitarian Coordinator for Nepal, Mr. Robert Piper, Former Hon'ble Member of National Planning Commission and Chair of NSCVN, Dr. Prem Bahadur Kunwar, former Hon'ble Vice-Chair of National Planning Commission, Dr. Jagadish Chandra Pokharel, UNV Deputy Executive Coordinator, Ms. Naheed Haque, Joint-Secretary of NPC, Mr. Bhaba Krishna Bhattarai*

The one-day conference discussed both short-term and long-term policy measures related to volunteerism and MDGs in developing countries as well as industrialized countries, and touched on various facets of their interrelations with the development of mankind as whole. Along with 3 theme papers many keynote lectures, guest lectures, & special lectures on volunteerism and MDGs were presented at the conference.

This conference was very special because Nepal was honored to have the IYV+10 campaign for South Asia official launched on this forum. The, then Hon'ble Vice-Chair of National Planning Commission, Dr. Jagadish Chandra Pokharel graciously inaugurated the conference by lighting the traditional lamp (Sukunda). Similarly, Special Guest from UNV Headquarter, Deputy Executive Coordinator of UNV, Ms. Naheed Haque lit ten candles to commemorate and launch the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of International Year of Volunteers (IYV+10) in Nepal for Asia. The conference was chaired by the then Hon'ble Member of National Planning Commission and former Chair of NSCVN, Dr. Prem Bahadur Kunwar. United Nations Resident Representative and Humanitarian Coordinator, Mr. Robert Piper was also invited as a special guest in the event. Secretary of Youth and Sports Ministry, Mr. Sushil J. B. Rana, Director of NDVS, Mr. Jagannath Adhikari, Chief Representative of JICA, Mr. Mitsuyoshi Kawasaki, Chief of UNMIN Mission Support, Mr. Emmanuel K. Agawu, UNV Programme Officer, Mr. Christian Simmelkier and Country Director of VSO, Ms. Arlene Mahinay were present in the event as the guests. Representatives from different government agencies, NGOs/INGOs, academic fields, private sectors, VSAs/VRAs, media houses and volunteers were also present at the event. The formation of National Steering Committee for Volunteerism Nepal (NSCVN) was announced from this conference as one of major deliverables.

Around 200 national, as well as international representatives and volunteers took part in this National Volunteer Conference. The programme was highly covered across the country by national media, both print as well as electronic.

## 2.4 Establishment of National Steering Committee for Volunteerism Nepal (NSCVN)

In relation to highlighting IYV+10 and encouraging the use of volunteerism as a strategic resource to achieving development effectiveness in Nepal, National Planning Commission (NPC) with the facilitation of the United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme, established the National Steering Committee for Volunteerism Nepal (NSCVN). This national committee acted as the formal government body and provided the leadership at national level for the IYV+10 campaigning.

The Government of Nepal, National Planning Commission joined hands with other stakeholders and established the National Steering Committee for Volunteerism Nepal (NSCVN). NSCVN is comprised of 12 member organizations with 13 members chaired by NPC. Member organizations of NSCVN are National Development Volunteer Service (NDVS), Ministry of Youth and Sports, Ministry of Women, Children and Social Welfare, United National Volunteers (UNV) programme, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA), Volunteer Service Overseas (VSO), Youth NGO Federation Nepal, Nepal Chamber of Commerce, Federation of Nepalese Chamber of Commerce & Industry (FNCCI) and Returned United Nations Volunteers Association Nepal (RUNVAN). NSCVN has its own TOR as its Code of Conduct. NSCVN reports to the Vice-Chair of the NPC.

The activities of the committee are associated with the overall strategy of achieving the MDGs by 2015. The steering committee is responsible for supporting the government of Nepal to develop and sustain a national volunteer infrastructure and fully utilize the volunteerism modality to achieve MDGs set by the Government of Nepal.

The principle objective of this national committee is to encourage a joint collaboration of different sectors and to address the local concept of volunteerism.

The committee is responsible for planning, implementing and following-up on activities and initiatives throughout the year 2011 and beyond. It is undertaking interventions and activities aimed at strengthening volunteerism as a strategic resource for development. The committee developed a multi-stakeholder national plan of action to mark IYV+10 in Nepal and played a key role in the celebration urging and encouraging other institutions and organizations to participate.

During IYV+10 celebrations, the committee brought together stakeholders from the private and volunteering sectors, engaging each of them as partners throughout the year. Members came together to work on joint initiatives and to run events and conferences together.

NSCVN at this stage is planning to develop 3 Year's Action Plan (2012-2015) with a new strategic volunteering campaign targeting MDGs with the theme "Volunteering for MDGs" in Nepal.

## Current composition of NSCVN



Chairperson  
**Hon'ble Prof. Dr. Shiba Kumar Rai**  
Member of NPC



Member  
**Mr. Bharat Nepali Pyakurel**  
Joint Secretary (MoYS)



Member  
**Mr. Ram Prasad Bhattarai**  
Under Secretary (MoWCSW)



Member  
**Mr. Christian Simmelkjaer**  
Programme Officer (UNV)



Member  
**Mr. Mani Pokharel**  
President (YNGOF)



Member  
**Ms. Smriti Bhattarai**  
Programme Manager (VSO)



Member  
**Ms. Roshi Mool**  
Programme Coordinator (KOICA)



Member  
**Mr. Krishna Lamsal**  
Programme Officer (JICA)



Member  
**Mr. Krishna C. Neupane**  
Secretary General (RUNVAN)



Member  
**Mr. Heem Rawal**  
Secretary (Nepal Chamber of  
Commerce)



Member  
**Ms. Bhawani Rana**  
Vice President (FNCCI)



Member-Secretary  
**Mr. Jagannath Adhikari**  
Director of NDVS



Secretary  
**Mr. Kumar Khadka**  
UNV National Coordinator for IYV+10



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## 2.5 Nepal's Participation in International IYV+10 Forums

### 2.5.1 Sharing Global Voices Workshop, Bonn, Germany

On the special occasion of the 10th Anniversary of the International Year of Volunteers (IYV+10) and of the European Year of Volunteering 2011 (EYV 2011), Sharing Global Voices workshop was convened by UNV on 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> February 2011 in Bonn, Germany.

The main objectives of this two days meeting co-funded by the Youth in Action Programme of the European Commission, were to ensure wide information-sharing among participants, to provide an opportunity for mutual learning, to share good practices (including through a "Share Fair"), to discuss specific topics related to volunteerism, and to share activity plans for 2011 and beyond.

On this occasion, UNV wished to provide an opportunity for northern and southern committees and coordinating bodies marking the IYV+10 to meet, exchange experiences, learn from each other and network with each other.

The meeting was attended by 17 national committees, totaling 21 participants, as follows:

- 6 national coordinating bodies for the European Year of Volunteering 2011 (NCBs) from the European Union: Belgium, Latvia, Malta, Portugal, Poland, and Sweden.
- 11 national IYV+10 committees from: Nepal (2 representatives), Australia, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Burundi (2 representatives), Ecuador, Jordan, Namibia, Rwanda, Senegal, Turkey.
- The European Commission was represented through the DG Education and Culture, Youth Program and European Volunteer involving organizations promoting the EYV 2011 were represented by EYV Alliance.

Two presentations were made from Nepal. The best practice shared from the Nepal was the establishment of the National Steering Committee for Volunteerism Nepal (NSCVN), to oversee activities related to IYV+10 and volunteer activities. The existence of several national level trusts dating back to the 1950s was explained as was the fact that the Government of Nepal also has several formal and informal volunteering bodies.

It was shared that volunteer goals are closely aligned with the MDGs in Nepal and the theme of IYV+10 activities and promotion. Indeed, the event 'Volunteering for MDGs' which had attracted many members and partner organizations.



*Group Photo of Participants: then Hon'ble Vice-Chair of National Planning Commission, Dr. Jagadish Chandra Pokharel (Second from the right-seated) and then Hon'ble Member and chair of National Steering Committee for Volunteerism Nepal (NSCVN), Dr. Prem Bahadur Kunwar (First from the right-seated) participated in the workshop*

### 2.5.2 IYV+10 Regional Consultative Meeting for Asia-Pacific, Manila, Philippines

During the first half of 2011, a series of regional workshops were organized bringing together key stakeholders from civil societies, the private sectors, national authorities and academia involved in setting the scene for volunteer work as well as UNV's constituencies at the regional level.

For the Asia-Pacific and the Caribbean region, a regional consultation workshop was organized in Manila, Philippines on 2-5 May, 2011 for the marking of the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the International Year of Volunteers (IYV+10). Including Nepal, 60 delegates from 21 countries attended the event. The participants had the opportunity to share their experiences and good practices on volunteerism in their countries and to deliberate options for a collective response to their contribution to achieving the MDGs. This meeting added regional visibility to the yearlong IYV+10 campaign, built momentum, shared practices and provided valuable opportunities for diverse stakeholders to mark the year. This meeting also strengthened the regional volunteerism agenda in terms of partnerships and thematic priorities and to boost National IYV+10 Committees.

From Nepal, Director of NDVS and Member-Secretary of NSCVN, Mr. Jagannath Adhikari, UNV Programme Officer and Member of NSCVN, Mr. Christian Simmelkier and UNV National Coordinator for IYV+10 and Secretary of NSCVN, Mr. Kumar Khadka participated in the event. Nepal Team actively took part in the discussions as well as in the 'Volunteer Share-Fare' organized to showcase country-wide progress and best practices. The Nepal team presented and distributed multi-stakeholder plan of action developed by NSCVN to mark IYV+10 as the major national level document. Nepal also highlighted on the fact and articulated in the presentations that MDGs need to be localized and shared that voluntary organizations are making significant contributions to achieving MDGs at local and national levels in Nepal.

### 2.5.3 Global Volunteering Conference, Budapest, Hungary (GVC-2011)

The high-level Global Volunteering Conference on 15-17 September 2011 was organized in Budapest, Hungary under the campaigning of 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the International Year of Volunteers (IYV+10). The Global Volunteering Conference, themed "Volunteering for a Sustainable Future", was co-hosted by the United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC). About 200 representatives from 80 countries including Nepal, from civil society organizations, NGOs, academia, the private sectors, governments, IFRC and the UN Agencies participated in the conference. From Nepal, former Vice-Chair of the National Planning Commission, Dr. Jagadish Chandra Pokharel and Associate Programme Officer of UNV, Ms. Jung Yuen Park took part in the conference.

As a conclusion of the conference, a declaration was announced and in their final declaration, the delegates called on all sectors of society to make volunteering a priority and recognize the contribution of volunteers in making the world a better place. The conference examined the role of volunteers in addressing present and future challenges in an increasingly polarized and fragmented world. Linkages were addressed between volunteering and issues such as climate change, migration, youth involvement, solidarity between generations, crisis prevention and recovery, disaster risk reduction, gender and growing urbanization.

The conference also highlighted growing trends in volunteering such as corporate volunteering, online volunteering, and the social media as a means of engagement while addressing legal and practical mechanisms to better protect, recognize and promote volunteers, nationally and internationally.



*UNV National Coordinator for IYV+10, Mr. Kumar Khadka sharing the progress of IYV+10 celebrations in Nepal on Volunteer Share-Fare on 2nd day of the Manila consultative meeting.*



*UNDP Administrator Helen Clark spoke to the delegates via video message at the opening ceremony of GVC-2011.*

# 3 | Launching of the “State of the World’s Voluntrerism Report (SWVR) 2011”

(Office of the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal, Shital Niwas, Kathmandu)



# 3

The official launch of

## State of the World's Volunteerism Report

By His Excellency, Rt. Hon'ble President of Nepal, Dr. Ram Baran Yadav

Office of the President of Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal,  
President Building, Sheetal Niwas, Maharajgunj, Ktm., Nepal

...Volunteering for the MDGs...

### Program Schedule

**Organizer:** Government of Nepal, National Planning Commission,  
**National Steering Committee for Volunteerism Nepal (NSCVN),**  
Singha Durbar, Kathmandu, Nepal

**Venue :** Office of the President of Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal, President Building,  
Maharajgunj, Ktm., Nepal

**Date :** December 5, 2011  
**Time :** 11:00AM-12:00PM

S.N.	Time	Activities	Remarks/Responsibility
1	10:00-10:50	Registration	
2	10:30-11:00	Reception of the Guests	
Program commencement by MC/Program Host			
3	11:00-11:05		
Arrival of His Excellency, Rt. Hon'ble President of Nepal, Dr. Ram Baran Yadav and Welcome to Chief Guest by Flower Bouquet by Hon'ble Vice Chair of National Planning Commission, Mr. Deependra Bahadur Kshetry and Hon'ble Member of National Planning Commission, Prof. Dr. Shiba Kumar Rai.			
		<b>Chief Guest</b>	<b>His Excellency, Rt. Hon'ble President of Nepal, Dr. Ram Baran Yadav</b>
		<b>Special Guest</b>	<b>Mr. Deependra Bahadur Kshetry, Hon'ble Vice-Chair, NPC</b>
		<b>Chair of the program</b>	<b>Prof. Dr. Shiba Kumar Rai, Hon'ble Member of NPC &amp; Chair of NSCVN</b>
		<b>Guest</b>	<b>Mr. Yubaraj Bhusal, Secretary, NPC</b>
		<b>Guest</b>	<b>Ms. Shoka Noda, Country Director, UNDP</b>
		<b>Guest</b>	<b>Mr. Christian Simmelkiaer, PO, UNV</b>
4	11:05-11:10	Welcome speech	<b>Mr. Yubaraj Bhusal, Secretary, NPC</b>
5	11:10-11:15	Highlight on conference	<b>Mr. Christian Simmelkiaer, PO, UNV</b>
6	11:15-11:20	<b>Launch of the "State of the World's Volunteerism Report (SWVR)" by Rt. Hon'ble President of Nepal, Dr. Ram Baran Yadav</b>	
7	11:20-11:25	Short remarks	<b>Ms. Shoka Noda, Country Director, UNDP</b>
8	11:25-11:30	Short Remarks	<b>Mr. Deependra Bahadur Kshetry, Hon'ble Vice-Chair, NPC</b>
9	11:30-11:35	Key Speech for the conference by Dr. Rambaran Yadav, Rt. Hon'ble President of Nepal	
10	11:35-11:40	<b>Vote of thanks &amp; closing remarks</b>	<b>Prof. Dr. Shiba Kumar Rai, Conference Chair, Chairperson of NSCVN &amp; Hon'ble Member of NPC,</b>
11	11:40-11:45	<b>Photo session</b>	
12	11:45-11:55	Tea and cookies	
13	11:55-12:00	<b>Leaving for the National Volunteer Conference 2011 in Hotel De l'Annapurna, Kathmandu</b>	



### 3.1 Launch of the “State of the World’s Volunteerism Report (SWVR) 2011”



Rt. Hon'ble President of Nepal, Dr. Ram Baran Yadav, launching the “State of the World’s Volunteerism Report (SWVR) 2011” in Nepal

The “State of the World’s Volunteerism Report 2011” was launched in Nepal with a very high level programme in Office of the President of Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal, President House, Kathmandu, Nepal.

The Rt. Hon'ble President of Nepal, Dr. Ram Baran Yadav officially launched the first ever “State of the World’s Volunteerism Report 2011” on December 5, 2011 in President’s House. The ceremony was chaired by Hon'ble Member of National Planning Commission and chair of National Steering Committee for Volunteerism Nepal (NSCVN), Prof. Dr. Shiba Kumar Rai. The Hon'ble Vice-Chair of NPC, Mr. Deependra Bahadur Kshetry chaired the event as the special guest. Secretary of NPC, Mr. Yubaraj Bhusal, Secretary of President’s Office, Mr. Baman Prasad Neupane, Country Director of UNDP, Ms. Shoka Noda and Programme Officer of UNV, Mr. Christian Simmelkier were also present. Secretaries of different ministries, heads of different government agencies, NGOs including VSAs/VRAAs, and journalists from different media houses took part in the event.



*This is the first ever “State of the World’s Volunteerism Report (SWVR)” commissioned by the United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme which is launched on 5 December 2011 in many countries around the world. The Report is expected to enhance recognition, facilitation, networking and promotion of volunteerism worldwide. It will also increase recognition of the critical role of volunteers that sets standards in peace and development. This report shows that, in most societies around the world, volunteers make significant contributions to economic and social development. Through their voluntary actions, millions of people are contributing to meeting the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). In fact, in a study of 36 countries, it is estimated that there are 140 million people who volunteer at a given time in those countries.*

UNDP Country Director, Ms. Shoka Noda expressed her sincere gratitude to the Rt. Hon'ble President of Nepal, Dr. Ram Baran Yadav for launching the report. Citing the major themes of the report, Ms. Noda pointed out that volunteering is a key ingredient that can respond in a positive way to the development challenges and change the way we approach development.

The Hon'ble Vice-Chair of National Planning Commission, Mr. Deependra Bahadur Kshetry took the opportunity to thank the national steering committee for organizing the report launch programme. He further pointed out that Nepal has been and will be good examples of showcasing solidarity and mutual respect for the community through volunteerism and its values.

The Rt. Hon'ble President of Nepal, Dr. Ram Baran Yadav highlighted the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the International Year of Volunteers (IYV+10) as a unique opportunity to recognize and appreciate the contribution of the millions of volunteers all over the world to development, prosperity and peace for all people. Rt. Hon'ble President further explained that the people are the wealth of a nation and volunteerism is an unacknowledged renewable asset which can be a force for the future of development.

Delivering the closing remarks and vote of thanks, Hon'ble Member of NPC and Chair of NSCVN, Prof. Dr. Shiba Kumar Rai expressed his gratitude to the Rt. Hon'ble President of Nepal, Dr. Ram Baran Yadav for his gracious presence in the programme. Similarly, he acknowledged various stakeholders and volunteers serving in different walks of social life. Sharing his own experience as volunteer, he urged all to participate in voluntary work, particularly in the remote areas.

This event was given a very high priority from so many distinguished government officials and heads of different volunteer sending and receiving agencies including NGOs, INGOs and Media houses of Nepal.

## 3.2 Speeches

### 3.2.1 Speech delivered by Rt. Hon'ble President of Nepal, Dr. Ram Baran Yadav on the Launch of "State of the World's Volunteerism Report 2011"

#### Ladies and Gentlemen!

- I am very happy to be here amidst you to launch the "State of the World's Volunteerism Report 2011" commissioned by United Nations Volunteers. The report focuses on the universal values that motivate people all over the world to engage for the common good and a truly human society motivated by the values of trust, solidarity and mutual respect. I would like to thank to the National Steering Committee for Volunteerism Nepal for providing me this important event.
- I am happy to know that the first State of the World's Volunteerism Report will be launched worldwide today and provide some very significant findings about volunteerism.
- Nepal has long tradition for volunteerism and voluntary action as the basis of social relations, solidarity, self-help and local capacity, is an integrated part of traditional Nepalese culture. Public goods such as village trails and pathways, temples, inns, water taps and wells used to be built on an voluntary basis. Relief work during disasters such as floods, earthquakes, famine and epidemics are mostly done on a voluntary basis. Many problems in communities are even today solved through voluntary services. Self-help community groups such as Guthi or Dharma Bhakari are examples of traditional voluntary work in Nepali society.



#### Ladies and Gentlemen!

- One of the prominent examples of volunteerism in Nepal initiated a National Female Community Health Volunteer programme in 1998 which has significantly helped to reduce child mortality and for which Nepal has globally awarded.
- Through their voluntary actions, millions of people from most societies around the world make significant contributions to economic and social development, especially to meeting the Millennium Development Goals. The first State of the World's Volunteerism Report promotes a better understanding of volunteerism by demonstrating its universality, scope and reach and by discussing new trends in volunteerism in the twenty-first century.
- There are innumerable new and innovative examples of volunteerism around the world. They are the ways that people can be engaged, that people's action can be made a driving force in helping us achieve our Millennium Development Goals. But now we must focus on how to capitalize on this human asset to achieve a better future.
- It can be hoped that this report will change the perception of volunteerism as an essential component of change and progress. We also hope that volunteers will be recognized as an essential and sustainable asset for making all lives better.
- As we know that the people are the wealth of a nation, and volunteerism is an unacknowledged renewable asset. We cannot ignore this untapped asset that can both be a force for the future of development as well as bringing sustainability to development activities. When you engage people in the development of their own communities there's a sense of ownership, a sense of recognition and a need to sustain development gains.

#### Ladies and Gentlemen!

- I hope the report will illustrate that volunteerism of today has a modern face. Migration and travel are transforming the way people volunteer and we see new trends as for example the private sector's increasing involvement in volunteerism. And last but not least, information and communications technologies are opening up new means of civic engagement by opening possibilities for on-line volunteer services and other internet based voluntary activities.
- Thank you again to all of you who are gathered here today and to all the members of the National Planning Commission, National Steering Committee for Volunteerism Nepal and to all the organizations who work and support volunteerism in Nepal.
- I wish all the success of this National Volunteer Conference and the 10th Anniversary of International Year of Volunteers on the auspicious occasion of International Volunteer Day 2011 which will recognize and appreciate the contribution of millions of volunteers in a global perspective.

Thank you! Thank you all.

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### 3.2.2 Speech delivered by Hon'ble Vice-Chair of the NPC, Mr. Deependra Bahadur Kshetry on the launch of "State of the World's Volunteerism Report 2011"



- Rt. Hon'ble President of Nepal, Dr. Ram Baran Yadav
- Hon'ble Member of National Planning Commission and Chair of National Steering Committee for Volunteerism Nepal (NSCVN), Prof. Dr. Shiba Kumar Rai,
- Secretary of National Planning Commission, Mr. Yubaraj Bhusal,
- UNDP Country Director, Ms. Shoko Noda,
- UNV Programme Officer, Mr. Christian Simmelkier,
- Nepal government officials, Agency Heads, Distinguished Guests, Journalists, Dear Volunteers and Ladies and Gentlemen:

Before starting my speech I really would like to thank National Steering Committee for Volunteerism Nepal, for giving me this opportunity.

As part of this year's special celebration of the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the International Year of Volunteers (IYV+10), this year's Plan of Action for Nepal was developed by the National Steering Committee and Nepal has been one of the countries organizing most volunteer related activities around the world. Thank you for all the members of the committee for your great effort and success for this year's celebration in Nepal. Thank you to all of you for all the hard work for the preparation.

Today we are here to celebrate the International Volunteer Day with the official launch of the first ever "State of the World's Volunteerism Report, SWVR" commissioned by United Nations Volunteers. This is great opportunity to look back on what all the volunteers have been doing in the world and appreciate their contribution for the society. I would like to thank many millions of volunteers promoting fraternity working for sustainable development, humanitarian assistance, environmental preservation, and progress towards the MDGs. We are facing the daunting task of achieving the MDGs and countless other development challenges. Volunteerism is a key ingredient that can respond in a positive way to these challenges and change the way we approach development. We need the active participation of millions of citizens to achieve the MDGs.

What the report also highlights is that volunteerism is not only a material input to tackle peace and development challenges, but is an opportunity to foster inclusion, solidarity and community well-being. This report will bring us numerous examples of the transformational changes that volunteers experience, and the report also will show us why volunteerism is crucial to human development. This report is expected to enhance recognition, facilitation, networking and promotion of volunteerism worldwide. We hope this report will be the starting point for our society to focus more on the value of volunteerism and its contribution to the society.

Nepal has been and will be good example of showcasing solidarity and mutual respect for the community through volunteerism and its values. Nepal initiated a National Female Community Health Volunteer programme in 1998 which has now expanded to around 50,000 trained volunteers across the country. We do believe in the power of people and the value of sharing. Great efforts made by women volunteers have been internationally rewarded. We have to engage our volunteer spirit through all the development process for the country; by embracing the growing youth generation and including them into the society, by empowering the marginalized groups and giving them access to the main stream projects, by mobilizing various forms of volunteers for various projects, by educating our children to learn the important values, and by strengthening local communities. Volunteerism is more than a tool for development. Its underlying values are the key to moving the world towards a more sustainable future.

Ladies and gentlemen, by the launch of the *State of the World's Volunteerism Report 2011* we mark today as special moment for the volunteerism history in Nepal and we want to show our commitment to make better world together and we do have faith in that.

We highly appreciate the effort to develop this report; United Nations Volunteers programme and all the organizations and individuals who participated in the preparation of this report. We appreciate again all the preparation work of the NSCVN for today's celebration. And the biggest appreciation goes to Rt. Hon'ble President of Nepal, Dr. Ram Baran Yadav for his full support for today and his belief in the volunteerism.

Thank you all.



### 3.2.3 Speech delivered by Hon'ble Member of NPC and Chair of NSCVN, Prof. Dr. Shiba Kumar Rai on the launch of "State of the World's Volunteerism Report 2011"

Chief Guest of this highly significant program Rt. Hon'ble President of Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal, Dr. Ram Baran Yadav.

Hon'ble Vice-Chair of the National Planning Commission, Mr. Deependra Bahadur Kshetry.

Member-Secretary of National Planning Commission, Mr. Yuba Raj Bhushal.

UNDP Country Director, Ms. Shoko Noda.

UNV Program Officer, Mr. Christian Simmelker.

Civil servant colleagues, Volunteer Friends (Swayam Sewikas & Swayam Sewaks), Media Personnel, Ladies and Gentlemen

Today (December 5, 2011) we are here to mark the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the International Year of Volunteers (IYV+10). This is now marked by launching the State of World Volunteerism Report 2012 (prepared by United Nations and dedicated to millions of volunteers across the globe) by the Rt. Hon'ble President of Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal, Dr. Ram Baran Yadav. This shows how Nepal is committed in achieving Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) by promoting the volunteerism in the country.

Volunteerism (swayam sewa or paropakar) is not new in Nepalese community. All most everybody has been involved in some kinds of volunteerism. Considering this very fact, we introduced the volunteerism in health service as Female Community Health Volunteer (FCHV) who are working in the community (Ward level in Village Development Committee) across the country. Fifty-thousands FCHVs have been contributing in the improvement of health indicators (reduction of maternal and child mortality rate and others) for which Nepal has also been internationally awarded. This is a unique example of "success story of volunteerism" in the world. I sincerely appreciate the contribution of FCHVs in the nation building through their volunteer service in health service delivery.

In addition to FCHVs, Government of Nepal has also initiated deployment of volunteers in achieving MDGs. They are directly mobilized by National Planning Commission (NPC). Several hundreds of volunteers in the field of health, education, agriculture, local governance and others are mobilized in different parts of the country. And, to mark the IYV+10, a National Steering Committee for Volunteerism Nepal was constituted at NPC with a high priority.

Immediately after this program, we are also going to have a National Volunteer Conference at another venue; and from day after tomorrow, we are starting the Volunteer Caravan at seven different parts of the country, namely, Ilam, Damak, Biratnagar, Hetauda, Pokhara, Nepalgunj and Dhangadi. This is aimed to promote volunteerism in achieving MDGs and thereby, eliminate the existing disparities which in turn contribute in bringing lasting peace in this country.

On this very august occasion, I sincerely express my personal and on behalf of National Steering Committee for Volunteerism a hearty gratitude to Rt. Hon'ble President for kindly presiding over this ceremony as chief guest and for launching the *State of the World's Volunteerism Report 2011* to mark the IYV+10 in Nepal, and also addressing this very special event organized to mark the IYV+10. This will definitely add energy among all volunteers in different parts of the country and also further encourage all Nepalese to contribute in national development process through volunteerism.

I also take this opportunity to thank Hon'ble Vice-Chair of NPC for presiding over this ceremony as the special guest and addressing this highly significant event, and NPC Member-Secretary for welcoming all dignitaries present here. I also thank UNCP Country Director, Ms. Shoko Noda for presiding over as guest and addressing this event. Once again, I wish to thank all volunteers (Swayam Sewika & Swayam Sewak) contributing in national development process. My special thanks go to media personnel, who will carry this very important message of volunteerism to each and every corners of the country. I thank all member agencies of National Steering Committee for Volunteerism Nepal, officers/staffs of Presidential Palace who worked very hard to make this event a grand success.

Last but not the least; I extend my sincere thanks to all present at this ceremony.

Thank you.



### 3.2.4 Welcome Speech delivered by Secretary of the NPC, Mr. Yubaraj Bhusal on the launch of "State of the World's Volunteerism Report 2011"



- The Rt. Hon'ble President of Nepal, Dr. Ram Baran Yadav,
- Hon'ble Vice-Chair of National Planning Commission (NPC), Mr. Deependra Bahadur Kshetry,
- Hon'ble Member of NPC and Chair of National Steering Committee for Volunteerism Nepal (NSCVN), Prof. Dr. Shiba Kuma Rai,
- Country Director of UNDP, Ms. Shoko Noda,
- Secretaries of different ministries, Head of the agencies, distinguished guests, journalists friends, ladies and Gentlemen:

Volunteerism is part of Nepalese culture. Many problems in the communities are solved through voluntary services and actions. Volunteerism has a strong background in this country. Nepal has its own historical, traditional, cultural, social, economic background to germinate, care, develop and sustain volunteering systems that assisted the people living in the mostly rough, hard, fragile geographical terrain.

This morning we are gathered here to launch "*State of the World's Volunteerism Report 2011*" launch on the occasion of International Volunteer Day, celebrated annually on 5<sup>th</sup> December. This year's celebration is even more special as it is the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the International Year of Volunteers (IYV+10), declared by the United Nations in 2008, in appreciation of the contribution of volunteerism to peace and development. This is the first ever "*State of the World's Volunteerism Report 2011*" commissioned by UNV and this is my honor to welcome you all in this very important event of NSCVN of NPC. I'd like to express my heartfelt gratefulness to the Rt. Hon'ble President of Nepal, Dr. Ram Baran Yadav for his gracious presence in this event and for launching this report.

Achieving the Millennium Development Goals will require the ingenuity, solidarity and creativity of millions of ordinary people through voluntary action. MDG efforts on the part of national governments, supported by the international community, can only complement the involvement of people and civil society worldwide. Recognizing the power of volunteerism is the first step towards harnessing this vast resource in a global effort to achieve the MDG targets. Whether expressed as volunteer service, mutual aid, self-help, campaigning or other forms of voluntary participation, the willingness and ability of citizens to give freely of their time out of a sense of solidarity will have a major influence on the extent to which the MDGs are attained and sustained.

We need to put more importance on voluntary actions at community level so that the synergy could bring the country together to get closer to the achievement of the MDGs, not only because it has been planned as a global initiative to be fulfilled but also because we want to live in a better world together.

Ladies and gentlemen, I again would like to welcome to you all in this "*State of the World's Volunteerism Report 2011*" launch programme and I express my sincere gratitude towards all of you for participating in this event.

Thank you!



### 3.2.5 Speech delivered by UNDP Country Director, Ms. Shoko Noda on the Launch of "State of the World's Volunteerism Report 2011"

The Rt. Hon'ble President of Nepal, Dr. Ram Baran Yadav, Hon'ble Vice-Chair of NPC, Mr. Deependra Bahadur Kshetry, Hon'ble Member of NPC and Chair of NSCVN, Prof. Dr. Shiba Kuma Rai, Secretary of NPC, Mr. Yubaraj Bhusal, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen:

Right now, as we assemble here, a human rights lawyer is advising a refugee in Iraq, a doctor is attending an HIV patient in Namibia and a young man is cutting the hair of an elderly gentleman in Germany. Right now, a midwife is assisting a thirteen year old girl deliver a baby in South Sudan, an engineer is drawing up a plan for a village community centre in Bolivia while working from his home in Indonesia, and a retiree is combing the hair of a young cancer patient in Australia. And all these people are volunteers.

Today, we are here on the occasion of the launch of a very important report - the *State of the World's Volunteerism Report (SWVR) 2011* commissioned by UNV. I'd like to express my sincere gratitude to the Rt. Hon'ble President of Nepal, Dr. Ram Baran Yadav for launching the report.

The report captures the value of volunteerism on a global scale, the value of solidarity, commitment and respect, and deepens the understanding of the impact that volunteerism can have on our lives. It is also the first time that an organization is attempting to acknowledge and recognize the work of volunteers all over the globe.

It is hoped that this report will change the perception of volunteerism as an essential component of change and progress. We also hope that volunteers will be recognized as an essential and sustainable asset for making all lives better.

The report is bringing a renewed focus to volunteerism. Since 2001, we've had greater recognition of the achievements of volunteerism, but volunteerism still often remains under the radar screen. The 2001 International Year of Volunteerism brought a new dynamism and recognition...but we need to take it further. Hopefully this report will bring a new energy and awareness about volunteerism in society and its contribution to the peace and development. This report is an attempt to bring recognition to the millions who are volunteering their time and energy doing crucial peace and development work in disaster, environmental or in humanitarian situations. In a study of 36 countries, it is estimated that there are 140 million people who volunteer at a given time in those countries

On this 10th Anniversary of the International Year of Volunteers, the UN focal point for the International Year, the UNV programme, has undertaken this study to focus attention on the importance and contribution of volunteerism on a global scale.

Let me give you an example. Here in Nepal, there is a lady called Chandramaya. She doesn't have shoes. She can't read or write. But what she does have, along with 50,000 women just like her, is the desire to engage in her community. With just a bit of training, Chandramaya goes into rural areas to help women with maternal health issues. These are areas not easily reached by doctors. Chandramaya gives medicine and she gives advice. In Nepal, since 1990, maternal health has improved by 49%. Chandramaya is a Female Community Health Volunteer. And like so many other volunteers, it's not money that drives her. It is not only the desire to help those around her, but because participation brings respect and dignity as a person who volunteer. Through volunteering, she is also gaining work contacts, skills and more.

The report puts volunteerism at the heart of an emerging development agenda, showing the link between volunteerism's contribution in sustainable human development, in disaster relief, in environmental stewardship, in poverty reduction, health, education and beyond. The report also highlights that volunteerism is not only a material input to tackle peace and development challenges, but is an opportunity to foster inclusion, solidarity and community well-being. The report demonstrates that volunteerism permeates every aspect of life and every culture. It challenges the preexisting perceptions that volunteerism is a Northern-based, or western phenomena, or that there is a predominant North to South participation. In fact it is just a philanthropic action for the rich. Volunteerism is widespread among the income poor.

Volunteerism brings compassion and a sense of connectedness. It brings a sense of cooperation at the community level. A feeling that can foster solidarity, improve development effectiveness and also contribute to the peace and development in general.

Volunteerism is universal. It is a resource with global impact because it is inclusive. And it is an addition to the sustainability of our programmes because it is a shared value. Volunteerism contributes to both individual and community well-being.

Until now, volunteerism has remained largely absent from the peace and development agenda. The SWVR report shows that the full potential of volunteerism can only be realized when it is recognized as a powerful and universal asset and a vital component of the social capital of every nation. If we are to achieve the MDGs and other development goals, the engagement of people is integral to development. And we need to recognize those who are engaged.

I invite you to join this discourse and to join us in action so we never forget that people, that volunteers, are the wealth of a nation.

Thank You.



### 3.2.6 Speech delivered by UNV Programme Officer, Mr. Christian Simmelkjaer on the Launch of "State of the World's Volunteerism Report 2011"

The Rt. Hon'ble President of Nepal, Dr. Ram Baran Yadav, Hon'ble Vice Chair of the National Planning Commission, Mr. Dependra Bahadur Kshetry, Hon'ble Member of NPC and Chairman of NSCVN, Prof. Dr. Shiba Kumar Rai, Secretary of NPC, Mr. Yubaraj Bhusal, Country Director of UNDP, Ms. Shoko Noda, Distinguished Guests from Ministries, NDVS and International Development Organizations, Ladies and Gentlemen:

Today is 5<sup>th</sup> December and the International Volunteer Day (IVD) is celebrated all over the world as an occasion to highlight the contribution of volunteerism to peace and development and to the fight against poverty. At the same time this day marks the near ending of the 10th Anniversary of the International Year of Volunteers in 2011 (IYV+10), which has provided an opportunity to celebrate the importance of volunteerism all over the world and to reflect on the progress made in the last ten years in the field of volunteerism as well as to identify ways to move the agenda of volunteerism forward.

The United Nations Volunteers (UNV) has acted as the focal point for IYV+10 and on behalf of UNV, I am extremely proud that today on International Volunteer Day 2011 we will also witness the launch of the first ever State of World Volunteerism Report which is commissioned by UNV and will be presented to the UN General Assembly in New York later today. Here in Nepal we will have the great honor of having the Rt. Hon'ble President of Nepal, Dr. Ram Baran Yadav launching the report, and I think that this high level engagement of a Head of the State clearly demonstrates the significance and importance attributed to this report all over the world.

The *State of the World's Volunteerism Report 2011* is expected to become an integral part of the New Development Consensus and shows that volunteer action is essential for the way forward and that new forms of volunteerism contribute significantly to Human Development. It is the hope that that this report will be a milestone in the promotion of the concept of volunteerism for development, providing useful insights into the state of volunteerism in the world and pointing out the way forward in terms of developing strategies, policy frameworks and national volunteer legislations.

I would like to once again express my gratitude and appreciation to the Rt. Hon'ble President of Nepal, Dr. Ram Baran Yadav for generously accepting to launch the report in Nepal and I think that few countries in the world will have such a high level event as the framework for presenting the report to the public on the occasion of International Volunteer Day 2011.

In Nepal, the marking of the IYV+10 has been effectively promoted under the leadership of the National Steering Committee for Volunteerism Nepal, and this morning we started the International Volunteer Day with the launch of the Volunteer Caravan Nepal – an nationwide initiative organized by the National Steering Committee. In the coming days the Volunteer Caravan programme will spread from Kathmandu to cover 7 other cities in Nepal, from Ilam in the East to Mahendranagar in the West, highlighting the importance of volunteerism as a means to achieving the MDGs by 2015 and drawing attention to one of the 8 MDGs in each city.

UNVs organizational theme for this year's IVD celebration is "Volunteering Matters" and in Nepal we have decided to focus in particular on the contributions of volunteerism to the achievement of the MDGs – which will be the theme of a National Volunteer Conference this afternoon in Hotel Annapurna. In the conference there will be an opportunity to explore this important issue further and we will have presentations on Volunteerism and the MDGs in Nepal as well as an outline on the past, present and future of volunteerism in the country. In this way the conference will have the overall objective of pointing the way forward for volunteerism in Nepal, which I think is a very appropriate ending of an International Volunteer Day with several significant events.

The launch of the *State of the World's Volunteerism Report 2011* is indeed a most noteworthy event in this regard and I would like to thank everybody present for joining us for this important celebration. With these words I will end this short introduction to our gathering and use the opportunity to wish you all a great International Volunteer Day 2011.

Thank you, DHANYABAD



### 3.3 Photo Gallery of SWVR Launch in President House



*Hon'ble Vice Chair of National Planning Commission, Mr. Deependra Bahadur Kshetry welcoming Rt. Hon'ble President of Nepal*



*State of the World's Volunteerism Report Launch Programme: Rt. Hon'ble President of Nepal, Dr. Ram Baran Yadav (in the left) with other dignitaries*





Hon'ble Member of National Planning Commission and Chair of NSCVN, Prof. Dr. Shiba Kumar Rai presenting "State of the World's Volunteerism Report" to the President.



Rt. Hon'ble President of Nepal, Dr. Ram Baran Yadav launching the first ever "State of the World's Volunteerism Report (SWVR) 2011" in President House, Kathmandu, Nepal



Group Photo with Rt. Hon'ble President of Nepal, Dr. Ram Baran Yadav after launching SWVR in President House, Kathmandu, Nepal

# 4 | National Volunteer Conference 2011

(Hotel de l' Annapurna, Durbar Marg,  
Kathmandu)



## 4



## National Volunteer Conference 2011

## ...Volunteering for the MDGs...

Kathmandu, Nepal

## Program Schedule

**Organizer:** Government of Nepal, National Planning Commission,  
**National Steering Committee for Volunteerism Nepal (NSCVN),**  
 Singha Durbar, Kathmandu, Nepal

**Venue** : Hotel de l' Annapurna, Durbar Marg, Kathmandu, Nepal  
**Date** : December 5, 2011  
**Time** : 1:00PM-3:00PM

Time	Activities	Remarks/Responsibility
12:30-1:00	Registration	
1:00-1:05	Opening Ceremony	
Program commencement by MC/Program Host		
Welcome to Chief Guest and other guest(s) with Garlanding/Flower bouquet/Khada by Female Children (Panchakanya) wearing traditional Nepali Dress (Gunyo & Cholo)		
<b>Reception of Guests</b>		
1:00-1:05	<b>Chief Guest</b>	<b>Mr. Dan Bahadur Chaudhary</b> , Hon'ble Minister of Women, Children and Social Welfare
	<b>Chair of the program</b>	<b>Prof. Dr. Shiba Kumar Rai</b> , Hon'ble Member of NPC & Chair of NSCVN
	<b>Special Guest</b>	<b>Dr. Jagadish Chandra Pokharel</b> , Former Vice-Chair, National Planning Commission
	<b>Special Guest</b>	<b>Mr. Ananda Raj Pokhrel</b> , Secretary, MoWCSW
	<b>Special Guest</b>	<b>Mr. Jagannath Adhikari</b> , Director of NDVS and Member-Secretary of NSCVN
	<b>Special Guest</b>	<b>Mr. Mitsuyoshi Kawasaki</b> , Chief Representative, JICA
	<b>Special Guest</b>	<b>Ms. Young-Ah Doh</b> , Resident Representative, KOICA
	<b>Guests</b>	<b>Mr. Christian Simmelkier</b> , PO, UNV
1:05-1:10	Welcome Speech	<b>Mr. Jagannath Adhikari</b> , Director, NDVS
1:10-1:15	<b>Inauguration of the Conference by Mr. Dan Bahadur Chaudhary</b> , Hon'ble Minister of Women, Children and Social Welfare	
1:15-1:20	Highlight on Conference Objective	<b>Mr. Christian Simmelkier</b> , PO, UNV
<b>Presentations</b>		
1:25-1:35	Volunteerism and MDGs in Nepal	<b>Mr. Jagannath Adhikari</b> , Director, NDVS
1:35-2:05	<b>Lunch Break (30 minutes)</b>	
2:05-2:20	Past, Present and Future of Volunteerism in Nepal	<b>Dr. Jagadish Chandra Pokharel</b> , Former Vice-Chair, National Planning Commission
<b>Remarks</b>		
2:20-2:25	Short Remarks	<b>Mr. Mitsuyoshi Kawasaki</b> , Chief Representative, JICA
2:25-2:30	Short Remarks	<b>Ms. Young-Ah Doh</b> , Resident Representative, KOICA
2:30-2:35	Short Remarks	<b>Mr. Ananda Raj Pokhrel</b> , Secretary, MoWCSW
2:50-2:55	<b>Key Speech for the conference by Mr. Dan Bahadur Chaudhary</b> , Hon'ble Minister of WCSW	
2:55-3:00	<b>Closing remarks and vote of thanks</b>	<b>Prof. Dr. Shiba Kumar Rai</b> , Conference Chair, Chairperson of NSCVN & Hon'ble Member of NPC

## 4.1 National Volunteer Conference 2011

The National Volunteer Conference was organized by the National Steering Committee for Volunteerism Nepal (NSCVN) on December 5, 2011. Rt. Hon'ble President of Nepal, Dr. Ram Baran Yadav, officially inaugurated this conference in the President House in the launching ceremony of "State of the World's Volunteerism Report 2011". Hon'ble Minister for Women, Children and Social Welfare, Mr. Dan Bahadur Chaudhary officially inaugurated the conference with his kind presence in Hotel De l'Annappurna, Kathmandu. The National Volunteer Conference 2011 was organized on the auspicious occasion of International Volunteer Day (IVD) and 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the International Year of Volunteers (IYV+10).

The conference was chaired by Hon'ble Member of National Planning Commission as well as the chair of National Steering Committee for Volunteerism Nepal (NSCVN), Prof. Dr. Shiba Kumar Rai. Similarly, the former Hon'ble Vice-Chair of National Planning Commission, Dr. Jagadish Chandra Pokharel, Secretary of Women Children and Social Welfare Ministry, Mr. Ananda Raj Pokhrel, Director of National Development Volunteer Service (NDVS), Mr. Jagannath Adhikari, Chief Representative of JICA, Mr. Mitsuyoshi Kawasaki, Resident Representative of KOICA, Ms. Young-Ah Doh and Programme Officer of United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme, Mr. Christian Simmelkiaer were called upon the dais offering the floor to the guests in the ceremony. This conference was the first of its kind, bringing together leadership and decision makers from governments, humanitarian and development organizations, civil societies, academia, the UN system and the corporate sectors. The theme of the conference was "Volunteering for MDGs". This conference was the highlight of International Volunteer Day 2011 and the IYV+10 and provided an opportunity to identify and examine ways to ensure the ongoing sustainability and future of volunteerism in Nepal.

The conference was preceded by the opening speech of UNV Programme Officer, Mr. Christian Simmelkiaer in which he highlighted the International Volunteer Day (IVD) as an occasion to highlight the contribution of volunteerism to peace and development and to the fight against poverty. United Nations Secretary-General, Mr. Ban Ki-Moon's special message for IVD 2011, was uttered by Associate Programme Officer of UNV Nepal, Ms. Jung Yuen Park in which volunteers' dedication; their admirable spirit of service, and their wide-ranging efforts to promote the goals of the United Nations was recognized.

Director of NDVS, Mr. Jagannath Adhikari gave a short presentation on 'Volunteerism and MDGs in Nepal'. His presentation focused on the roles and the activities of NDVS and showcased examples of voluntary initiatives in terms of achieving MDGs in Nepal. This presentation was followed by the comprehensive presentation over the 'Past, Present and Future of Volunteerism in Nepal' by former vice-chair of NPC, Dr. Jagadish Chandra Pokharel. Dr. Pokharel precisely presented the status and practice of volunteerism now and then in Nepal. He also presented the future projection of volunteerism in Nepal.

This conference was addressed by high level government dignitaries and heads of different development partners.



From left: Mr. Ananda Raj Pokharel (Secretary of Women, Children and Social Welfare Ministry), Dr. Jagadish Chandra Pokharel (Former Vice Chair of NPC), Prof. Dr. Shiba Kumar Rai (Hon'ble Member of NPC and Chair of NSCVN), Mr. Dan Bahadur Chaudhary (Hon'ble Minister for Women, Children and Social Welfare), Mr. Christian Simmelkiaer (UNV Programme Officer)

**Mr. Jagannath Adhikari** (*Member-Secretary of National Steering Committee and Director of NDVS*) waived a warm welcome to all the dignitaries and participants. He shared with the conference that volunteerism is a foundation of traditional Nepalese society and invited everyone to join this discourse and to join us in action so we never forget that people, that volunteers, are the wealth of a nation.



**Mr. Christian Simmelkjaer** (*UNV Programme Officer for Nepal*) in his opening speech said that volunteerism leads to sustainable human development and is a key to moving the world towards a more sustainable future. He further explained that many stories of volunteers making a difference in the lives of millions of people all over the world are not only making the news, but they are changing the world.



**Mr. Mitsuyoshi Kawasaki** (*Chief Representative of JICA*) delivering his special remarks shared that JICA has dispatched over 1,000 volunteers from east to far west, from north and south from 1970. Some of them become a legend in a community. Some of them empowered women and children to play an active part in the country. And some of those living with them become key person for development of this country.



**Ms. Young-Ah Doh** (*Resident Representative of KOICA*) delivering her special remarks said that 5th December is celebrated as International Volunteers Day in order to raise awareness of the important role volunteers play in meeting human needs. This kind of celebration in the macro level is very necessary in order to cite the important role of volunteers in achieving the Millennium Development Goals.



**Hon'ble Dan Bahadur Chaudhary** (*Minister for Women, Children and Social Welfare*) delivering his special remarks as the chief guest of the conference reflected the references from ground reality of past voluntary practices. He shared his feeling that the contribution of volunteers is quiet high than the civil servants in nation building. He further said that Nepalese society has been passed with numerous voluntary practices and activities which have contributed a lot. Additionally he expressed that volunteers are the catalyst of development in the context of Nepal. In his speech he urged all national and international organizations and individual to take part in promotion of volunteerism in Nepal to sustain peace and development. Citing the ongoing volunteer caravan, he requested all to make it grand success across the country. On behalf of government of Nepal, he expressed his gratitude and thankfulness to all stakeholders who enjoyed their role to make the conference successful.



**Hon'ble Prof. Dr. Shiba Kumar Rai** (*Member of NPC and Chair of NSCVN*) delivering the closing remarks and vote thanks expressed his gratitude to Hon'ble Minister, Mr. Dan Bahadur Chaudhary, all the stakeholder, all the volunteers serving in Nepal and the journalists. He further said that there is extreme poverty in the country. He urged volunteers to serve in rural areas of Nepal as volunteers which would be crucial in achieving MDGs. He further committed that in the future NPC and NSCVN will work on promoting volunteerism in cooperation with other stakeholders in Nepal.



## 4.2 Photo Gallery of National Volunteer Conference 2011



*Dignitaries from left: Mr. Ananda Raj Pokharel (Secretary of Women, Children and Social Welfare Ministry), Dr. Jagadish Chandra Pokharel (Former Vice-Chair of NPC), Prof. Dr. Shiba Kumar Rai (Hon'ble Member of NPC and Chair of NSCVN), Mr. Dan Bahadur Chaudhary (Hon'ble Minister for Women Children and Social Welfare), Mr. Christian Simmelkier (UNV Programme Officer), Mr. Jagannath Adhikari (Director of NDVS and Member-secretary of NSCVN), Mr. Mitsuyoshi Kawasaki (Chief Representative of JICA), Ms. Young-Ah Doh (Resident Representative of KOICA)*



*Participants in the conference*



*Former Hon'ble Vice-Chair of NPC, Dr. Jagadish Chandra Pokharel and Hon'ble Member of NPC and Chair of NSCVN, Prof. Dr. Shiba Kumar Rai in a close-up*



*Hon'ble Member of NPC and Chair of NSCVN, Prof. Dr. Shiba Kumar Rai delivering his speech in the conference*



*Participants expressing their solidarity for volunteerism in the conference*



# 5 | Volunteer Caravan

(Official launch and inauguration in  
Bhrikutimandup, Kathmandu)



## 5



## Volunteer Caravan

## ...Volunteering for the MDGs...

## Program Schedule

**Organizer:** Government of Nepal  
National Planning Commission  
**National Steering Committee for Volunteerism Nepal (NSCVN)**  
Singha Durbar, Kathmandu, Nepal

**Venue** : Bhrikutimandap, Kathmandu, Nepal  
**Date** : December 5, 2011  
**Time** : 7:00AM-9:15AM

S.N.	Time	Activities	Remarks/Responsibility
1.	07:00-7:45	<b>Gathering</b> (Program Commencement by MC/Program Host)	
2.	07:45-7:50	<b>Opening</b>  Inauguration of Volunteer Caravan By Chief Guest <b>Hon'ble VC of NPC, Mr. Deependra Bahadur Kshetry</b> jointly with: Hon'ble Member of NPC & Chair of NSCVN, <b>Prof. Dr. Shiba Kumar Rai</b> , UN Resident Representative and Humanitarian Coordinator, <b>Mr. Robert Piper</b> ,	
Special remarks from <b>Mr. Robert Piper</b> , UN Resident Representative and Humanitarian Coordinator from 7:50 AM - 8:00 AM			
Volunteer Caravan starts (8:00) and arrival (8:40) at the same venue Bhrikutimandap (circling Tundhikhel)			
<b>Formal program</b>			
3.	8:40-8:45 (Dias calling)	Chief Guest	<b>Mr. Deependra Bahadur Kshetry</b> , Hon'ble Vice-Chair of NPC
		Chair	<b>Prof. Dr. Shiba Kumar Rai</b> , Hon'ble Member of NPC & Chair of NSCVN
		Special Guest	<b>Mr. Yubaraj Bhusal</b> , Secretary, NPC
		Special Guest	<b>Mr. Robert Piper</b> , UN Resident Representative and Humanitarian Coordinator
		Guest	<b>Mr. Jagannath Adhikari</b> , Director NDVS
		Guest	<b>Mr. Christian Simmelkjaer</b> , PO, UNV
4.	8:45-8:55	Welcome Speech	<b>Mr. Yubaraj Bhusal</b> , Secretary, NPC
5.	8:55-9:05	Highlight on Vol. Caravan	<b>Mr. Christian Simmelkjaer</b> , PO, UNV
6.	9:05-9:15	Short remarks	<b>Dr. Deependra Bahadur Kshetry</b> , Hon'ble VC, NPC
7.	9:15-9:20	Closing and vote of thanks	<b>Prof. Dr. Shiba Kumar Rai</b> , Hon. Member of NPC & Chair of NSCVN

**Refreshment: (9:20-9:45)**

## 5.1 Introduction

The International Volunteer Day 2011 was marked with the launch of the Volunteer Caravan which is a nationwide initiative organized by the National Steering Committee for Volunteerism Nepal (NSCVN). The idea of a Volunteer Caravan in Nepal was borne during the discussions on IYV+10 in December last year, when Mr. Ibrahim Hussein, Senior Portfolio Manager for South Asia, Development Division visited Nepal from UNV HQ in Bonn, Germany. This happened in connection with last year's celebration of IVD and the official launch of the IYV+10 campaign in Nepal for South Asia.

The major objective of the Volunteer Caravan was to promote volunteerism and its contribution to achieve MDGs in Nepal, which was also focused on building national as well as local networking and collaboration. This was the first initiative of its kind NSCVN has organized to mark IYV+10. Thousands of volunteers gathered in different cities of Nepal and marched the cities. The main idea of the Volunteer Caravan was to gather thousands of volunteers in 8 big cities of 5 development regions of Nepal and march through the whole city. This act symbolized separate MDGs in every city followed by small interaction meetings with local stakeholders in the same location on the same day. After closing the Volunteer Caravan in one city, the Volunteer Caravan Core Team moved to another city.

It was a unique concept adopted by NSCVN to celebrate IYV+10. The Volunteer Caravan was started from Kathmandu followed by regional Volunteer Caravans in seven major cities across Nepal: from Dhangadi to Nepalgunj in the Far-Western Region; from Ilam to Damak and to Biratnagar in the Eastern Region; and from Pokhara to Hetauda in Central Region of Nepal.

Table-1: Schedule of Volunteer Caravan

Region	City	MDG	Date
Central	Kathmandu	Global Partnership for Development	5 Dec. 2011
Far Western	Dhangadi	Eradicate Extreme Poverty and Hunger	6-8 Dec. 2011
Mid-Western	Nepalgunj	Promote Gender Equality and Empower Women	
Western	Pokhara	Ensure Environmental Sustainability	6-8 Dec. 2011
Central	Hetauda	Reduce Child Mortality	
Eastern	Biratnagar	Improve Maternal Health	6-9 Dec. 2011
	Damak	Combat HIV and AIDS, Malaria and other Diseases	
	Ilam	Achieve Universal Primary Education	

## 5.2 Kathmandu Episode of Volunteer Caravan (Inaugural session)



Hon'ble Vice-Chair of National Planning Commission, Mr. Deependra Bahadur Kshetry, Chair of NSCVN and Hon'ble Member of National Planning Commission, Prof. Dr. Shiba Kumar Rai and UN Resident Representative and Humanitarian Coordinator for Nepal, Mr. Robert Piper jointly inaugurating the event.

The Kathmandu Caravan aimed to incorporate the wider stakeholders including local, national and international agencies along with government agencies in Kathmandu. As the first city visited and being the capital, it was of no surprise there was grand inaugural session followed with a huge march of Volunteers.

The Volunteer Caravan was kicked off in the astounding morning of December 05, 2011 in the huge presence of volunteers and dignitaries from government authorities, VSAs/VRAs, NGOs, civil society organizations, schools, colleges and private sectors. The Volunteer Caravan was launched in Bhrikutimandap, Kathmandu with grand march-pass. Prior to march-pass, short formal programme was carried out. The grand opening session was chaired by Chair of NSCVN and Hon'ble Member of NPC, Prof. Dr. Shiba Kumar Rai. Hon'ble Vice-Chair of NPC, Mr. Deependra Bahadur Kshetry was invited as the Chief Guest.

Similarly, United Nations Resident Representative and Humanitarian Coordinator for Nepal, Mr. Robert Piper presided over as the special guest in the programme. The other dignitaries included Secretary of NPC, Mr. Yubraj Bhusal, Director of NDVS, Mr. Jagannath Adhikari, Programme Officer of UNV Nepal, Mr. Christian Simmelkjaer took the chair as guests. Hon'ble Mr. Deependra Bahadur Kshetry, Hon'ble Prof. Dr. Shiba Kumar Rai and Mr. Robert Piper jointly launched and inaugurated the Volunteer Caravan in Kathmandu.

**Secretary of NPC, Mr. Yubraj Bhusal** waived out a warm welcome to all the participants. During the welcome speech, he mentioned that volunteers' contribution in nation building is very crucial and urged all to put aside more time and resources in volunteerism promotion in Nepal.



**UNV Programme Officer, Mr. Christian Simmelkjaer** in his opening speech said that this volunteer caravan will be a quite unique culmination on the celebration of IYV+10 and at the same time a great chance to look forward towards new voluntary initiatives and efforts in the years to come. He further said that this is the manifestation of the power of volunteerism and as the first small journey starting the larger journey of the Volunteer Caravan around the country.



**Hon'ble Member of NPC & Chair of NSCVN, Prof. Dr. Shiba Kumar Rai** concluded the inaugural session of volunteer caravan, highlighting the importance of volunteerism in Nepal. On behalf of NSCVN, he further expressed his sincere gratitude to Hon'ble Vice-Chair of NPC, UN Resident Representative, volunteers and participating organizations involved in the volunteer caravan.



This grand inaugural session of the Volunteer Caravan in Kathmandu was followed by week-long regional Volunteer Caravans in the 7 different regional cities and city-centers of Nepal which started from 7 December 2011 and ended in 9 December 2011.

Large number of volunteers, along with dignitaries, marched in the inner-city to encourage volunteerism and to inform the common people the benefits of Volunteerism. Under the banner of Kathmandu Volunteer Caravan and with numerous banners of different organizations, the caravan moved from Bhrikutimandap and circled the Tudhikhel. During the course, numbers of fliers, leaflets, pamphlets other materials were distributed to the public.

The placards messaging with different influencing slogans for volunteerism were caught up. Regardless of age, position and status, all the invited dignitaries and participants gave their full spirit for volunteerism during the campaign. Once the caravan fully circled and arrived where it began, the Volunteer Caravan resumed the formal sessions.

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## 5.3 Speeches

### 5.3.1 Speech delivered by Hon'ble Vice-Chair of NPC, Mr. Deependra Bahadur Kshetry on the Volunteer Caravan Launch in Kathmandu

The Hon'ble Member of NPC & Chair of NSCVN, Prof. Dr. Shiba Kumar Rai, Secretary of NPC, Mr. Yubaraj Bhusal, Director of NDVS, Mr. Jagannath Adhikari, UNV Programme Officer, Mr. Christian Simmelkjaer, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is a great pleasure for me to be here on the occasion of the launch of the Volunteer Caravan on the International Volunteer Day, 5th December 2011. The Volunteer Caravan is one of the events planned by the National Steering Committee for Volunteerism Nepal, as part of the marking of the 10th Anniversary of the International Year of Volunteers in 2001.



After the launch here in Kathmandu, the Volunteer Caravan will go to 7 different cities in Nepal with the purpose of highlighting the importance of volunteerism as one of the means to achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) by 2015, and I would like to use this opportunity to thank the National Steering Committee for Volunteerism Nepal for taking this great initiative. The timely achievement of the MDGs will need the involvement of ordinary people all over the world and volunteerism is indeed a major way for citizens and communities to engage directly in this process by contributing in whatever way they can at a local level.

Nepal has a long tradition of volunteerism and voluntary work is in many ways an integrated part of Nepali culture, as people in local communities have always come together to jointly carry out various tasks to the mutual benefit of the local society. In modern times volunteerism has taken new shapes and forms, but it is still one of the most important means for supporting the process of development and peace in the country, and thousands of people are engaging in voluntary tasks through youth organizations, NGOs, and other Civil Society organizations.

The Government of Nepal's National Development Volunteer Service (NDVS) is a significant contributor in this regard and since its establishment in 1999 under the auspices of the National Planning Commission, NDVS has mobilized and deployed thousands of volunteers covering all DDCs and municipalities in the country. At the same time NDVS has also worked in close partnerships with various international organizations like DFID, UNESCAP and UNV and it is in that sense a very characteristic development that NDVS today is partnering with international volunteer organizations such as UNV, JICA, KOICA and VSO in the National Steering Committee for Volunteerism, chaired by the National Planning Commission. I am very proud to welcome all these organizations here today as joint partners in the Volunteer Caravan about to take off to all parts of Nepal in pursuit of supporting the achievement of the MDGs in the country.

Besides the promotion of peace and development in general, NDVS has a specific mandate on involving youth as volunteers and I think that the role of youth in the development of Nepal should always be recognized as one of the main assets of our country. Nepal has a very large number of committed and well educated young people. Volunteerism is an obvious way for young people to engage actively in society in spite of the lack of professional opportunities and through voluntary action they have a possibility to gain valuable experience and knowledge that can sustain a future professional career. It is therefore also a pleasure to see so many young people gathered here today and I am sure that your support for the Volunteer Caravan will be of great importance.

The Volunteer Caravan is about to take off and I wish all participants the best of luck with promoting the concept of volunteerism for development and the achievement of the MDGs in Nepal in the days to come - while the Caravan is travelling from Ilam, Damak and Biratnagar in the East, over Pokhara and Heutada in the Central Region to Mahendranagar and Nepalgunj in the West of the country.

It is my sincere hope that everywhere you will be welcomed and recognized as true supporters of volunteerism in Nepal and will have the opportunity to fruitfully interact with community volunteer organizations, NGOs, government representatives and other stakeholders at local level. Through this initiative the need for everybody to work together towards achievement of the MDGs will be highlighted in a very unique way and hopefully the Caravan will turn out to be an important step in reaching the MDG goals by 2015.

Let us have the Volunteer Caravan a Success.

Thank you very much!

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### 5.3.2 Speech delivered by United Nations Resident Representative and Humanitarian Coordinator for Nepal, Mr. Robert Piper on the Volunteer Caravan Launch in Kathmandu

Good morning, dear volunteers. Good morning distinguished guests; The Hon'ble Vice-Chair of NPC, Mr. Deependra Bahadur Kshetry; and Hon'ble Member of NPC and Chair of the National Steering Committee for Volunteerism Nepal (NSCVN), Prof. Dr. Shiba Kumar Rai

First of all I would like to express my thanks to the Chair of NSCVN for inviting me to take part in this important event. Being a strong believer in the power of volunteerism, I am very pleased to be here today.

This morning we are gathered here to celebrate International Volunteer Day, celebrated annually on 5th December. This year's celebration is even more special as it is the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the International Year of Volunteers (IYV+10), declared by the United Nations in 2008, in appreciation of the contribution of volunteerism to peace and development.

Every day, thousands of people around the world volunteer to bring about positive change in their societies and communities, for peace, for development, and for the well-being of others.

Every day, thousands of volunteers leave a positive mark on the lives of others. Volunteerism is more than a tool for development. It is also a set of core values: strengthening solidarity, promoting mutual support, and believing that the responsibility for development and well-being of the world and its citizens is equally shared by each and every one of us.

To build peaceful and prosperous societies, nurturing such values is as important as infrastructure development or stabilization of economies. One cannot succeed without the other.

Nepal is a great example of a country that truly showcases volunteerism. A large number of volunteers serve in various peace and development projects and programmes across the country, and a large number of Nepali volunteers serve as international UN volunteers abroad, making a difference in the peace and development efforts of other countries. We at the UN highly value Nepal's commitment to volunteerism.

Exactly one year ago the IYV+10 was launched, and a series of activities have been conducted in Nepal as a lead up to today, under the leadership of the NSCVN and with strong support from the committee members as well as a number of partner organizations. As the final closing event, we are launching the Volunteer Caravan today, inviting all of you to be part of the celebration.

The Volunteer Caravan gathers together our strength and shows our support for the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals.

Starting from Kathmandu, the Volunteer Caravan will head to seven other cities across Nepal:

From Dhangadi to Nepalgunj in the Far-Western Region;

From Ilam to Damak and to Biratnagar in the Eastern Region; and

From Pokhara to Hetauda in Central Region.

The participants of the Volunteer Caravan will gather with local volunteers, volunteer mobilizing organisations, government counterparts and other stakeholders in the cities and regions to demonstrate our mutual commitment to the concept of 'volunteerism for development', and to encourage others to join us for this Volunteer Caravan.

With a vote of thanks to the NSCVN and especially to all the volunteers and partner organizations I would like to wish you the very best of luck for this inspirational journey of the Volunteer Caravan.

On behalf of the UN Country Team in Nepal, I would also like to extend my gratitude and appreciation to all of you who have supported Nepali society in its peace and development efforts through your commitment as volunteers.

I am happy to inform you that later today after the launch of the Volunteer Caravan, the Rt. Hon'ble President of Nepal, Dr. Ram Baran Yadav will also show his support to today's IVD celebrations, the Rt. Hon'ble President, in his official residence in Maharajgunj, will launch the first ever *State of the World's Volunteerism Report 2011*.

Thank you again to all of you who are gathered here today and to all the members of the NSCVN. And especially to all the organizations who work and support volunteerism in Nepal.

Thank you!



### 3.4 Glimpses of Volunteer Caravan Launch in Kathmandu



*Panchakanya in traditional Nepali attire welcoming all the participants before inauguration of the Volunteer Caravan in Kathmandu*



*Volunteers starting Volunteer Caravan in Kathmandu*



*Volunteer Caravan Marching the Kathmandu City*



*KOICA Volunteers in the Volunteer Caravan*



*Country Director of VSO Nepal, Ms. Arlene Mahinay (Second from right) with VSO Volunteers in Volunteer Caravan*



*Volunteers carrying the Caravan flag*





*United Nations Resident Representative and Humanitarian Coordinator for Nepal, Mr. Robert Piper with volunteers participating in the Caravan.*



*KOICA volunteers marching in the Caravan*



*JICA Team including JICA Programme Officer, Mr. Krishna Lamsol (second from left) and Volunteer Programme Coordinator, Mr. Shigehisa OZAWA (first from right) in the Volunteer Caravan*



*Hon'ble Member of NPC and Chair of NSCVN, Prof. Dr. Shiba Kumar Rai and volunteers showing their solidarity in Volunteer Caravan*



*Volunteers showing their solidarity towards volunteerism*

# 6 | Regional Volunteer Caravan



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Ilam  
Damak  
Biratnagar  
Hetauda  
Pokhara  
Nepalgunj  
Dhangadhi



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## 6.1 Ilam Episode of Volunteer Caravan (7 December 2011)



The Volunteer Caravan began in Ilam, a naturally beautiful city in Eastern Nepal on 7 December 2011 in the morning at 8 am.

Ilam Volunteer Caravan was inaugurated and led by Hon'ble Member of National Planning Commission and the Chair of National Steering Committee for Volunteerism Nepal (NSCVN), Prof. Dr. Shiba Kumar Rai. March-pass of volunteers was initiated by a welcome speech from Mr. Jagannath Adhikari, Director of National Development Volunteers Service (NDVS).

Traditional Lakhe dance and different Jhanki (cultural dance shown in groups) entertained audiences and volunteers during the march-pass. Chief District Officer (CDO) of Ilam district including the heads of the local government offices, representative from different NGOs, local political parties and district sports office participated in the event. Volunteers from Nepal Scout, different schools, colleges and members of NYOFN district chapters and locals actively took part in the caravan.



On 6 December 2011, to highlight the importance of Volunteer Caravan and to gain publicity and ownership at local level, a press conference was organized at the office of FNJ (Federation of Nepalese Journalist), Ilam Chapter. Locals expressed their solidarity for volunteerism with their huge presence. After the Volunteer Caravan concluded, an interaction programme was held in the hall of District Development Committee Ilam.

The interaction was initiated in the chairmanship of Hon'ble Prof. Dr. Shiba Kumar Rai. Representatives from local authorities, political parties, local non-governmental organizations and local journalists were present in the interaction.

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## 6.2 Damak Episode of Volunteer Caravan (8 December 2011)

To highlight the importance of Volunteer Caravan and to gain publicity and ownership at local level, a press conference was organized in the office of FNJ (Federation of Nepalese Journalist), Jhapa Chapter on 7 December 2011.

The Hon'ble Member of National Planning Commission and Chair of NSCVN, Prof. Dr. Shiba Kumar Rai inaugurated Damak Volunteer Caravan which started at 8.30 am on 8 December 2011. Heads of the local government offices including Chief District Officer (CDO), representative from local NGOs, representatives from local political parties, Nepal Scout, District Sports Office, different schools and colleges, Female Community Health Volunteers (FCHVs), Jhapa Chapter of Nepal Chamber of Commerce, members from National Youth NGO Federation Nepal district chapters and locals actively took part in the Caravan activities.

Damak Caravan was extremely successful in terms of the locals' participation. Nearly 800 locals participated in the Caravan and expressed their solidarity on promoting volunteerism. Traditional Panche Baja, Jhanki was demonstrated in the caravan. Director of National Development Volunteers Service (NDVS) and member-secretary of NSCVN, Mr. Jagannath Adhikari and UNV Programme Officer, Mr. Christian Simmelkiaer also took part in the Volunteer Caravan. Chief Guest, Hon'ble Member of NPC and Chair of NSCVN, Prof. Dr. Shiba Kumar Rai concluded the Caravan activities by thanking all participants and local authorities.

After the successful Volunteer Caravan, an interaction programme with local stakeholders was organized. Around 70 people participated in the event including representatives from local authorities, local political parties, local NGOs and journalists. Hon'ble Member of NPC and Chair of NSCVN, Prof. Dr. Shiba Kumar Rai took part in the event as the chief guest. Director of National Development Volunteers Service (NDVS), Mr. Jagannath Adhikari and UNV Programme Officer, Mr. Christian Simmelkiaer delivered their short remarks in the event.



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### 6.3 Biratnagar Episode of Volunteer Caravan (9 December 2011)



A press meet was organized on 8 December 2011 in the office of FNJ (Federation of Nepalese Journalist) Biratnagar, Morang Chapter to disseminate the information about the programme. The Volunteer Caravan was kicked off in Biratnagar, the main city of eastern Nepal, on 9 December 2011 around at 8 am in the morning.

This caravan was led by Hon'ble Member of NPC and Chair of NSCVN, Prof. Dr. Shiba Kumar Rai. Biratnagar Caravan was started with the welcome speech of Mr. Jagannath Adhikari, Director of National Development Volunteers Service (NDVS) and member-secretary of NSCVN.

Most of the local stakeholders including heads of the local government offices, representatives from NGOs, representatives from local political parties, volunteers from different schools and colleges and local people actively took part in the Caravan. Volunteer Caravan marched the Biratnagar Bazaar (Market) and ended at Jana-andolan Chowk. Hon'ble Prof. Dr. Shiba Kumar Rai concluded the Caravan with his vote of thank to all participants.



After the rally, an interaction on volunteerism was held in the hall of hotel Metro City. The interaction was initiated in the chairmanship of Hon'ble Prof. Dr. Shiba Kumar Rai. Around 65 representatives from local authorities, political parties, local non-governmental organizations and local journalists participated in the event. Director of National Development Volunteers Service (NDVS), Mr. Jagannath Adhikari and UNV Programme Officer, Mr. Christian Simmelkier delivered their short remarks highlighting the importance of volunteerism in development. With concluding remarks, Hon'ble Prof. Dr. Shiba Kumar Rai thanked the participants and addressed the concerns raised in relation to volunteerism promotion in Nepal.

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## 6.4 Hetauda Episode of Volunteer Caravan (8 December 2011)

The Volunteer Caravan of Hetauda began at 7:30 am in the morning of 8 December 2011 from FNCCI Chowk and ended at Seema Chowk. Different civil society organizations, Women Groups, Youth Clubs, Scouts, NGO Federation, Schools/Colleges and representatives from NDVS, UNV, KOICA and JICA participated in the Caravan.

A press meet was organized on 7 December 2011 at Hotel Seema to disseminate the information about the Volunteer Caravan where journalists from more than 22 local media houses were present. After the successful Volunteer Caravan, an interaction programme was organized with local stakeholders. This event was chaired by Joint-secretary of Youth and Sports Ministry and Member of NSCVN, Mr. Bharat Nepali Pyakurel. Chief District Officer of Makawanpur district, Mr. Dinesh Bhattarai was also present in the programme as a special guest. Associate Programme officer of UNV, Ms. Jung Yuen Park and Planning Officer of NDVS, Mr. Raju Paudel presented the papers in the event.

Representatives from different political parties such as United CPN-Maoist, Nepali Congress and CPN-UML also took part in the event and talked about the contribution of volunteerism at local level. Mr. Bharat Nepali Pyakural addressed the issues raised in interaction.



## 6.5 Pokhara Episode of Volunteer Caravan (7 December 2011)

A press conference was organized in Pokhara on 6 December 2011 to provide the information on Volunteer Caravan. The remarkable presence was in place from various newspapers, FM radios, television channels and other journalists. Volunteer Caravan was started at 7.30 am on 7 December 2011 from Chipledhunga, Human Right Chowk and ended at Sirjana Chowk via City Hall of Pokhara. Joint-secretary of Youth and Sports Ministry and Member of NSCVN, Mr. Bharat Nepali Pyakurel inaugurated the Pokhara Volunteer Caravan. Volunteers from different civil society organizations, women groups, youth clubs, scout, representatives from government offices, NGO Federation, private sector, schools/colleges gathered and marched the city. Representatives and volunteers from NDVS, UNV, KOICA and JICA were also present in the caravan.



This Caravan was followed by an interaction programme which was held in the district office of National Youth NGO Federation. Representatives from government offices, NGOs and civil societies were present in the interaction programme. The presence of media houses and journalists in the event were very high.



### 6.6 Nepalgunj Episode of Volunteer Caravan (8 December 2011)

The press meet was taken place in Nepalgunj on 7 December 2011 to give the information on Volunteer Caravan. The journalists from Newspapers, FM Radios and Television channels participated in the press meet. On 9 December 2011, Volunteer Caravan was started in the morning from B.P. Chowk and ended at Surkhet Road.

Local stakeholders and people participated in the Caravan. The Caravan was addressed by Mr. Sunil Sharma, chairperson of Federation of Nepalese Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Nepalgunj Chapter. After the Caravan, an interaction was held.

The Local Development Officer (LDO) of Banke district, Mr. Guru Prasad Subedi was invited as chief guest in the interaction. Representatives from different organizations including civil society, youth clubs, government offices and NGOs were present in the event.

Mr. Kamal Subedi presented the paper on "Role of volunteers in achieving MDGs" in the programme. Delivering the special remarks, Mr. Guru Prasad Subedi stressed to harvest the positive attitude among youth along with the spirit of volunteerism.



## 6.7 Dhangadhi Episode of Volunteer Caravan (7 December 2011)

After the press conference on 6 December 2011 which was led by former Hon'ble Member of NPC and Chair of NSCVN, Dr. Prem Bahadur Kunwar in Dhangadhi, Volunteer Caravan was organized on 7 December 2011 from LN-Chowk and ended in FNCCI building at Dhangadhi, Kailali. Dr. Prem Bahadur Kunwar was invited as the chief guest to inaugurate the Dhangadhi Caravan and he started the Caravan with his opening remarks.

Representatives from government offices, civil society organizations, youth clubs, NGOs, schools/colleges and local people participated in the caravan. Central-secretary of Nepal Chamber of Commerce and NVSCN member, Mr. Heem Bahadur Rawal chaired the event and concluded with his vote of thanks to the participants. After the formal closing of Caravan, an interaction was organized at the auditorium of FNCCI Chapter, Kailali in the chairmanship of Mr. Heem Bahadur Rawal.



The chief guest of the interaction, Dr. Prem Bahadur Kunwar highlighted the importance of volunteerism in Nepal referring the context while he was in place as the head of the NSCVN. He acknowledged the contribution of then Bajhangi King Jaya Prithivi Bahadur Singh in promotion of volunteerism in far-western region of Nepal.

He urged educated people to put-aside sometime in volunteerism apart from their professional life. Special guest of the interaction, Chief Development Officer (CDO) of Kailali district, Mr. Chitra Bahadur Bhandari also delivered his short

remarks. Delivering the remarks he highlighted the spirit of volunteerism to serve for poverty reduction.

Similarly, the representative from Astha Nepal, AYON, Red-Cross, FECOFUN, RDN, CCS, and volunteers put forward their views in that occasion. Likewise, Ms. Bimala Dhimi from United CPN-Maoist, Mr. Prakash Bam from Nepali Congress Party, and Mr. Dirgha Sodari from CPN-UML highlighted the role of volunteerism in the context of Nepal.



# 7 | Agency Reports



# 7

Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)

Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA)

National Development Volunteers Service (NDVS)

Returned United Nations Volunteers Association Nepal (RUNVAN)

United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme Nepal

Volunteer Service Overseas (VSO) Nepal

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# Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)

## 1. Overview of JICA Nepal

Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) has been operating in Nepal since 1978. As the Japanese government development agency providing Official Development Assistance (ODA) to Nepal, JICA Nepal, in collaboration with the Embassy of Japan, works closely with the Government of Nepal for the country's growth and development. The history shows that Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteer (JOCV) office was first established in Nepal in 1970. The Office of JOCV and JICA were amalgamated under one roof in 1983. Since then, Resident Representative of JICA Nepal Office has been responsible for carrying out both activities together.

### JICA's Assistance Strategies

The Government of Nepal, under its new Three Year Plan (2010/11-2012/13), has envisioned various programs and projects with the seven priorities: i) balanced development of the physical and social infrastructure; ii) employment creation and economic growth; iii) increased investment to support inclusive development; iv) increased investment to ensure availability and regularity of basic public services; v) promoting good governance; vi) efforts to minimize the climate change impacts; and vii) giving high priority to national important priority projects. Giving priority the country's peace building, democratization, state building, and inclusive development, JICA has been operating in Nepal with the three basic strategies as listed below:

- Infrastructure and institutional development for sustainable economic growths;
- Consolidation of peace and a steady transition to a democratic state/society and
- Rural poverty reduction.

While programming and implementing these basic strategies, JICA has been adopting three governing approaches; namely - (i) field-based approach, (ii) integrated assistance, and (iii) capacity development.

## 2. JICA Volunteer Programme

Japan International Cooperation Agency's volunteer program is a cooperation scheme to develop and reconstruct the society and economy of the recipient country. This program, based on the Japanese people's voluntary activities, aims to promote change in the awareness and attitude of the local residents at the grassroots level through cooperation with them and exchanging ideas, knowledge skills and learning with each other. Such cooperation also promotes deeper understanding of cultures and traditions and establishes lasting friendship between the volunteers and their hosts/counterparts.



JICA volunteers teaching in schools of rural communities in Nepal

As impact of such changes on people's attitude, it is expected to provide feedback to the higher level organizations and systems, leading to the social and economical development in the country.

JICA Volunteers are not only manpower, not training/study, nor provision of financial assistance. They, together with the Nepalese counterparts, help build the capacity of the host organization. They plan, think, work, and evaluate with the counterparts. The participating volunteers not only can contribute to the development of partner countries but also gain valuable experience in terms of international goodwill, mutual understanding, and an expansion in their international perspectives. Widely recognized as a representative of Japanese international cooperation program, volunteer activities have not only earned high acclaim from partner countries but are also receiving increased appreciation in Japan, where expectations from these programs are also rising.

### 3. Types of Volunteer Programs

#### 2.1 Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (JOCVs)

Recruitment campaigns target people between the ages of 20 and 39, with the areas of cooperation spanning eight sectors and a diverse range of about 120 sub-sectors, including agriculture, forestry and fisheries, fabrication, repair operations, civil engineering, health, sanitation, education and culture, sports as well as planning and administration. In fiscal 2009, a total of 1,708 people were sent overseas, with a cumulative total of 34,956 people dispatched to 87 countries since the program was inaugurated in 1965.

In principle, JOCVs are assigned to developing countries for a period of two years. As summarized by the phrase "together with the local community," JOCVs live and work together with the communities in the country to which they were sent, speak the same language of the community, and carry out activities with an emphasis on raising self-reliant efforts while fostering mutual understanding. In addition to the regular volunteer dispatch period of two years (long-term volunteers), short-term volunteers can be recruited and dispatched for periods of less than one year in response to local requests.

#### 2.2 Senior Volunteers

Recruitment targets people between the ages of 40 and 69 who have a strong desire to participate in cooperative activities in developing countries utilizing their solid experiences, including specialized knowledge and technologies, cultivated over long years. Areas of cooperation span nine different sectors, including agriculture, forestry and fisheries, energy, health and medical care, and human resources (education, culture, sports, etc.).

This program was started in fiscal 1990 as the Senior Cooperation Specialist Program and its name was changed to Senior Volunteers in 1996. In fiscal 2009, the number of people sent overseas grew to 445 people, and a total of 4,462 people have been dispatched to 64 countries. The average age of Senior Volunteers is 58. In recent years, there has been an increase in applicants from retirees seeking to spend their "second life" in a meaningful way.



### 4. Programs of JICA Volunteer in Nepal

Volunteers dispatch to Nepal started in 1970, has totaled 1,203 (female 495, male 708, as of January 31, 2012.) They consist of a variety of areas including rural community developers, nurses, teachers, automobile mechanics etc. in response to requests from the Nepal Government and the fields.

#### 3.1 Agricultural/Rural Development

- To improve the administrative system.
- To achieve the poverty reduction in rural areas focuses to improve the administrative system and fosters organizations of the citizen to raise the living standard through stable food production, tap new markets, assistance for agricultural cooperative association.

#### 3.2 Education

- To "improve quality" through assistances for nursery, math and science education to foster children's aspiration for learning.
- To support for fostering/training/materials development to improve class contents/teaching techniques, and field assistance.



### 3.3 Health Care/Medical Care

- To enhance medical and nursing care services.
- To train personnel and strengthen primary healthcare system in local.
- To improve Maternal and Child Health Care in Regions and Districts.

### 3.4 Local Governments and Communities Empowerment (Gender Mainstreaming/Social Inclusion Fields)

- To enhance, empower communities & rural citizens at grassroots level by classifying the program into:
  - Rural development from the perspective of gender and social inclusion.
  - Assistance for the socially vulnerable people (lower cast people, disadvantaged women, displaced people within the state, street children, etc.).
  - Promotion of employment opportunities.

### 3.5 Transport Infrastructure Development

- Improvement Air Control Management and International Airport Passenger Service.
- Development of general traffic morale at KTM valley.

### 3.6 Urban Environment

- Capacity development with a particular focus on waste management.
- Public awareness in disaster prevention (focus on creating earthquake-resistant communities).

### 3.7 Activating the Society by Volunteers

- To achieve fulfillment and activation of the social environment.

## 5. List of some key activities carried out this year by JOCVs and SVs

Activities	Date	Description about the activities	Relevant Photographs
1 Campaign of making Organic Manure	May, 2011	JOCV, Ms. Keiko SHIMIZU working at Lalitpur Sub-metropolitan City Office with Women's group, teaching the process of making organic manure (fertilizer). 14 JOCVs in the field of agriculture and environment jointly participate in this event at VDC of Lalitpur and the women's group of 20 member actively engaged in this organic manure making process.	
2 Health Awareness Training at Women's Skills Development Organization, Pokhara (WSDO)	May, 13 2011	7 Health related volunteers (Nurse, Public Health Nurse, Midwife, and Nutritionist) conducted body measurement and Health Awareness Training for the workers of Women's Skills Development Organization, Pokhara (WSDO). Ms. Mizuho FUJIHARA explaining the balance diet and Nutrition in our daily food.	
3 Special Education Workshop	Jul7 18, 2011	JICA and KOICA volunteers are working together in Special Needs Education, ECD training and Environment Awareness and Education Program. The photo shows a glimpse of Special Education training by the JICA and KOICA volunteers jointly.	
4 Study Tour (Observation of Volunteer Activities) by Government Officials Joint Secretary, MOF, Mr. Lal Shanker Ghimire, Under secretary, MOFA, Mr. Kati Prasad Pokharel and other senior official from MOH, MOTCA, HOWCSW	Aug, 23, 2011	4.1 JOCV, Ms. Megumi KUROKAWA is working as a Physiotherapist for the disable children from 22 June 2010. She is explaining her activities done in one year and her future action plans for remaining tenure. She that if they have disable child in their home the person who takes care of him/her should also learn the methods of caring at home. It will be easier for both of them.	

Activities	Date	Description about the activities	Relevant Photographs
		4.2 Ms. KUROKAWA explaining about the need and condition of the differently able child to the Senior Government Officials	
5 Study Tour to Tribhuvan International Airport (TIA) Kathmandu.	Aug. 23, 2011	JICA SV, Ms. Kumiko KODAMA working in the field of "Airport Passenger Service" showing her activities to the Government Officials at TIA.	
6 Joint Volunteer Caravan for IYV+10 in Kathmandu	Dec.5, 2011	JICA Volunteers and Volunteer coordinators participated in Volunteer Caravan for IYV+10 in Kathmandu. Coinciding with the 10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of International Year of Volunteers, the Volunteer Service Agencies organized a series of events in Nepal with an aim to promote volunteerism, social responsibility and emotional bonds between the providers and recipients of volunteers' services.	
7 Training on Health in Bange Phadke, Syangja	Dec.12, 2011	Training on Health for the community people was conducted by 4 health related volunteers (Public Health Nurse, 2 Midwives, and Nutritionist) in Bange Phadke, Syangja.	
8 JICA Internal Volunteer Caravan and related events on the occasion of IYV+10	Dec.15, 2011	8.1 JICA dispatched groups of volunteer (JOCV and SVs) as Volunteer Caravan visited various place in Nepal, where JICA volunteers have worked in the past and currently working. Volunteer Caravan visited Dhading, Tanahun, Kaski and Syangja districts and organized several events. Some of the major events are listed as follows:	
		8.1.1 Inter school Quiz contest program organized by JICA Volunteers in Kaski	
		8.1.2 Awareness raising program by Volunteers to school students about Environment Education in Kaski. A Team of 8 JICA Volunteers named: Team Timro Sahar (Your Town) set off for an 8 days long Volunteer Caravan with an aim to promote environment education.	
		8.1.3 Environmental awareness program organized at a school in Syangja.	
		8.1.4 Capacity building program to CLC staff /members in Tanahun.	
		8.1.5 Educational awareness program in a higher secondary school in Malekhu, Dhading. 5 education related volunteers jointly organized this awareness program.	



# Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA)

## 1. Overview of KOICA

The Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) was established on April 1, 1991. KOICA is mainly responsible for bilateral grant aid and technical cooperation under the slogan "Making a Better World Together". Since then, KOICA has contributed greatly to the advancement of developing countries. The KOICA's major priority with regard to planning and implementation of its cooperation programs are economic development and alleviation of poverty in developing countries. However its major focus is on promoting sustainable development, strengthening partnerships with developing partners, and enhancing the local ownership of beneficiaries. In 2009, Korea became the 24<sup>th</sup> member of the OECD Development Assistance Committee (DAC) and thus, KOICA's role in Official Development Assistance (ODA) is becoming more prominent.

Due to the continuously changing trends in development assistance efforts and practices, KOICA is striving to adapt to these changes by using its limited financial resources effectively in areas where Korea has a comparative advantage. In particular, Korea has the unique experience of developing from one of the poorest countries in the world to one of the most economically advanced, "and know-how gained from this experience" is an invaluable asset that helps KOICA to efficiently support the sustainable socio-economic development of its partner countries.

## 2. Main activities of KOICA

- Projects
- Training Programs
- Korea Overseas Volunteers Programs
- Partnership with NGOs
- Multilateral Cooperation
- Disaster Relief and Reconstruction

KOICA has been providing development assistance to Nepal since its establishment in 1991; however KOICA Nepal Office was established in 1995. KOICA Nepal Office has supported US\$35 million through different projects and programs since 1991 to 2010. KOICA Nepal has provided training to more than 800 Government Officials in Korea and more than 281 Korea Overseas Volunteers have provided their skills service in Nepal during this period. More than 43 NGOs (Korean) have carried out different projects in Nepal during last 2 decades. Budget volume and area of development cooperation of KOICA in Nepal has been growing continuously. In Nepal Health, Education, ICT and Rural Development are the prioritized sector of KOICA. For the coming years, KOICA is planning to launch program on health education and public administration. KOICA is planning to improve the general health environment in certain geographical location in far western region. KOICA is also supporting Kathmandu University to establish a technical workshop to train youth for gainful employment. KOICA will support Department of Customs throughout Nepal to upgrade its system for efficient performance. Similarly, KOICA is also supporting to develop master plan of 'Lumbini World Peace City Preservation and Development' project.

## 3. Overview of KOICA Volunteers Program in Nepal

In January 1992, Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) and Government of Nepal through Ministry of Finance created an agreement with a vision to promote mutual awareness among the peoples of the two countries. However KOICA has been sending its volunteers since 1990. Until now, KOICA has dispatched 281 volunteers in Nepal. KOICA is dispatching about 25-35 volunteers annually to Nepal assigning them for two years to the different fields (as per the formal request received from the Ministry of Finance) focusing especially on health and educational sectors, which are the main areas for the social and economic development of Nepal. The objective of this program is to transfer Korea's development experience while living and working together with the local people. Based on the spirit of "Share and Respect," volunteers contribute to economic, social, and cultural development of Nepal.

After their arrival, they undergo 8 weeks of local adaptation training organized by KOICA Nepal Office which focuses mainly on learning the Nepali history, language, cultures, lifestyle, and visiting and staying in denizen homes. Furthermore, KOICA also gives the small project aid to the recipient organizations through its volunteers like construction works, expanding a school buildings, health posts, equipment grants, renovation work etc. As stated above, KOICA Volunteers are assigned with specific responsibility in various governmental organizations within and outside the valley for two years. Besides their regular work, they organize Service Camps which includes medical camps, educational, and recreational activities at least once in a year aiming to serve the community people of rural areas directly.

This kind of program has helped to promote the emotional interaction between the community and KOICA volunteers and simultaneously, it will help in raising the health standards of those people who do not have easy access to health facilities. KOICA's Volunteer program is an important aspect of KOICA's cooperation program in Nepal and has also been very much effective for the cultural and mutual exchange between two countries.

## 4. Activities

### 4.1 Dispatch of Volunteers from January to December 2011

In 2011, KOICA dispatched total 42 volunteers to work in Nepal for two years. Some of the KOV receiving organization in 2011 were:

- Birendra Vidya Mandir Higher Secondary School Tikapur,
- Tikapur Hospital,
- Santa Nirankari School, Tikapur,
- Tikapur Municipality,
- District Development Committee, Kapilvastu,
- Pokhara Tourism and Training Center, Pokhara,
- Lamjung District Hospital, Lamjung,
- Pragati higher Secondary School, Hetauda,
- School of Health Science, Bharatpur,
- Western Region Campus, Pokhara,
- Banganga higher Secondary School, Kapilvastu,
- Shanti Model School, Rupandehi,
- Shree Balmandir School, Lumle,
- Thapathali Engineering Campus, Kathmandu,
- Association of Mentally Retarded, Dharan,
- District Education Office, Makwanpur,
- District Education Office, Nuwakot,
- Purwanchal Campus, Dharan,
- NRCS Blood Transfusion Center, Pokhara,
- District Education Office, Chitwan,
- Trishuli Hospital, Nuwakot,
- Vocational and Skill Development Center, Lalitpur,
- Nepal Children's Organization, Siphel,
- Bhiswo Bhasha Campus, Kathmandu,
- Korean Nepal Friendship Hospital, Thimi,
- Association for the Welfare of Mentally Retarded, Bhaktapur,
- Nepal Police School, Sanga,
- Panauti Technical School, Panauti,

KOICA Nepal Office has designed a special training program for these volunteers, which starts immediately after their arrival. This training lasts for 8 weeks and focuses mainly on learning and understanding the Nepali history, language, and culture. Volunteers attend series of lectures on Nepalese economy and social structure as well. During this period, they visit cultural sites, which will help them to understand the local environment and localities. This training also includes on the job training in their respective organizations to familiarize them with their new working environment. This 8 weeks time is an intensive study time and field work for the volunteer where they receive knowledge about Nepal and its people through interaction, visits, home stay program etc. This type of training was organized four times in 2011.



The last group of volunteer for 2011 in educational and cultural visit

#### 4.2 Saemaedul Undong Project in Kapilvastu (March, 2011)



KOICA Volunteer teaching locals about vegetable growing

One of the Senior KOV, Mr. Shin Chan Su has carried out community development project in Kapilvastu area.

He has given orientations about Seamaeul Undong in the local community. He has conducted several programs like construction of community center, where community people could conduct many discussion programs and meetings, built 16 garbage disposers, implemented income generating activities, and provided 11 computers for Banganga High School.

#### 4.3 Collaborative Program with JICA Volunteers (April, 2011)



Training program for Nepali teachers working for the special education field



Conducting a training program which is under the cooperation between KOICA and JICA for Special education teachers

KOICA and JICA volunteers who are working in the sector of special education organized a joint teachers training program for the teachers and parents of the mentally retarded children. The training program included sessions in physiotherapy, behavioral techniques, various teaching methods, etc. Volunteers also managed to give orientations to the parents on taking care of mentally retarded children at home. These volunteers conducted this training in four places: Baglung, Birendranagar, Dharan and Kathmandu.

#### 4.4 Dictionary Publication in Korean - Nepali - English Language (May, 2011)

The volunteers who are working in the Biswo Bhasha Campus of Nepal (Campus of International Language) published a dictionary for the Korean Language Students studying in the campus. This dictionary is based on the language books of Kyung Hee University, Korea (Basic-level 1-2, Mid-level 1-2, High Level 1-2) and has total 5,489 words. Viewing the growing craze of Korean language and culture in Nepal, KOICA has been providing language instructor to this campus for a very long time.



Korean Language Class in Biswo Bhasha Campus, Kathmandu



Korean- Nepali- English Dictionary

#### 4.5 Equipments for the Automobile Department of Panauti Technical School (June, 2011)



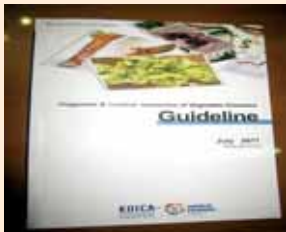
Welcoming KOICA representatives in the new equipment handover program

KOICA Volunteer Mr. Kim Sun Gue explaining about new equipments

The Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) provided Automobile equipment to Automobile Department of the Panauti Technical School. This project worth US\$ 28,000.00 and was implemented by KOICA Volunteer, Mr. Kim Sun Gue under the KOICA Volunteer Project Aid Program. Through this project, KOICA provided MODTECH engine set up, ANEST IWATA rec. Air Compressor, HP electric motor, Air receiver, Computer and other equipments.

#### 4.6 Activities of July, 2011

##### 4.6.1 Book published by KOICA expert



With the objective of sharing the "know-how" and the experience of development of Korea, the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) through its program World Friend Advisor, dispatch to Nepal, Professionals with ample experience to provide consultation to Nepal's Government, for a period of six months to one year. Under this program, Mr. Hong Do Chung, a Crop Production expert worked at Seed Quality Control Center, Lalitpur. During his tenure in this office, KOICA has supported to the publication "Diagnosis and Control measures of Vegetable Diseases". This book is especially for the agricultural officers and farmers of Nepal. It is based on diagnosis of major diseases of selected vegetables and control methods. It is hoped that this book will serve as a guide to increase vegetable crop production in Nepal.

##### 4.6.2 Taekwondo Competition in Nepal Police School



KOICA Volunteer, Mr. Jeong Haeyoung carried out the Taekwondo Competition

KOICA Volunteer, who worked in Nepal Police School, Sanga, Mr. Jung Hae Young organized a Taekwondo Championship. This project cost was US\$18,600.00. All the Taekwondo related equipment and materials (Medals, Trophy, Certificate of merit, accessory of referee etc.) for the completion was supported by KOICA.

#### 4.7 KOICA Volunteers Annual Evaluation Meeting (September, 2011)



KOICA volunteers in the meeting

The Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) organized two-day conference on KOICA Volunteers Program from September 15-16, 2011. The program was chaired by the Resident Representative of KOICA Nepal Office, Ms. Young-Ah Doh, and other official from KOICA Nepal Office. All KOICA Volunteers who are working in Nepal participated in this program. Its prime objective was to review and evaluate KOICA volunteer's activity in Nepal.

During the program, our volunteers shared the best practice, experience, exchange knowledge and learning in Nepal. The program gave a platform for the volunteers to talk about the challenges they faced while performing their duties and the effective measures taken to overcome them. Similarly, this discussion promoted friendship and encouraged the spirit of volunteerism among one another.

#### 4.8 Income Generating and Environment Program in Nuwakot (October, 2011)

KOICA has supported an income generating program in Bidur Municipality, Nuwakot through KOICA volunteer, Ms. Kim Joo Yeong. The cost of the project was a total of US\$ 15,000.00. Under this project, Ms. Kim supported 50 families with goats and pigs.

The concept of this project is to encourage the families to breed goats and pigs and then handover the new born to another family. She encouraged the families to keep this cycle of distributing the new born in the coming days. Similarly, under this project, 100 toilets and a biogas system were built for the community. She was actively involved in the environment awareness campaign in the area throughout the year.



KOICA volunteer explaining about the project concept



KOICA Volunteers inspecting the Biogas System

## 4.9 Activities of November, 2011

### 4.9.1 Workshop for KOICA Volunteers Partner Organizations

The Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) organized a conference on KOICA Volunteers Program for its KOICA Volunteer Partner organizations on November 25, 2011 in the Radisson Hotel. Its prime objective was to review and evaluate KOICA's volunteer program and share the best practices and learning of the representative of the recipient organization. The meeting gave the opportunity to discuss ways to promote a better policy and effective implementation of Volunteer program in the future. By the end of the program, all the participants gave suggestions to KOICA Office to improve its Volunteer program in future. The program included presentation on overall KOICA's program and volunteer activities. The theme of the IYV+10 was also highlighted in the program. A total 75 participants attended this workshop from related Ministry and Organizations. South Korean Ambassador, H.E. Kim Il Doo, Chief Secretary of Government of Nepal, Mr. Madhav Prasad Ghimire, Secretary from Ministry of Finance, Mr. Krishan Hari Baskota, Secretary from Ministry of Education, Mr. Kishore Thapa gave the congratulatory remarks in the opening session of the program.



From left: Resident Representative of KOICA, Ms Young-Ah Doh, H. E Kim Il Doo, Chief Secretary, Mr. Madhav Prasad Ghimire, Finance Secretary, Mr. Krishan Hari Baskota, Education Secretary, Mr. Kishore Thapa in KOICA Workshop.

### Medical Camp

In the spirit of IYV+10, KOICA Volunteers, organized a two days Medical Camp from November 9-10, 2011 in Rowa village in Mugu District. Eleven KOICA volunteers who are from health background along with five other KOICA volunteers (total 16) from different background participated in the Camp.

They provided health checkups, medications, health education for the community residing in Rowa village and other villages in Mugu. The team also conducted blood tests and physical examination for the village children. More than 1500 people were facilitated in two days program. The team also distributed four boxes of medicine to the Mugu District Hospital.



From top left: Photo 1-Medical camp team, Photo 2 & 3-KOICA volunteers checking the patients, photo 4- KOICA volunteers conducting surgical operation in the medical camp.

#### 4.9.3 School Environment Improvement Project



Students of Navadurga Primary School welcoming KOICA Deputy, Mr. Sang Baek Park



KOICA Volunteer Lee Kyung Mee showing new library

With an objective to improve the educational environment of the student KOICA volunteer, Ms. Lee Kyung Mee implemented a project in Navadurga Primary School, Dhading. The total expense of this project was US\$ 8,350.00. Under this project, school renovation work was carried out. Similarly, KOICA through Ms. Lee supported the school to build a library for the students. She also conducted in-house training on library management for the staffs of the school.

#### 4.9.4 Happy Kindergarten Project

KOICA volunteer, working in Department of Education (DoE), Ms. Jin Seonju has successfully carried out this project. The cost of this project was US\$ 9,200.00. She conducted a teachers' training on Early Childhood Development (ECD) for the teachers of more than 20 schools. During the training, she also oriented about the model ECD classrooms and encouraged teachers to do the same in their schools. Various educational materials were also handed-out to the DoE for the distribution to different schools.

#### 4.10 Activities of December, 2011

##### 4.10.1 Educational Camp

A total 18 volunteers actively participated in the Educational Camp which was conducted in both Kirtipur and Baglung. Volunteers conducted many activities with an aim to raise awareness in school children about environment and health issues. These camps also included recreational activities for the school children. Similarly, they managed to organize a medical camp for the community where more than 100 people were facilitated with acupuncture treatment.



KOICA Volunteers participation in Education Camp



Volunteers teaching about tooth brushing method in Kirtipur



#### 4.10.2 Volunteer Caravan

With a spirit of celebrating IYV+10, KOICA actively participated in the Volunteer Caravan organized by National Steering Committee for Volunteerism Nepal (NSCVN). Many volunteers participated in Kathmandu, Pokhara, Hetauda, and Nepalgunj Volunteer Caravan. As the member of NSCVN, KOICA financially as well as technically supported the Volunteer Caravan. KOICA volunteers actively took part in Kathmandu Volunteer Caravan and other 3 regional Volunteer Caravans.



Volunteer Caravan in Kathmandu



Inauguration of Pokhara Volunteer Caravan



Volunteer Caravan in Nepalgunj



Volunteer Caravan in Hetauda





# National Development Volunteer Service (NDVS)

## 1. Introduction

The National Development Volunteer Service (NDVS) was launched under the auspices of the National Planning Commission (NPC) in 1999 to support the poverty alleviation program of the 9th Plan (1997-2002) fundamentally to meet the human resources need in the remote districts of Nepal. It was initially inspired by the success of the experiences of the National Development Services (NDS) program implemented as a part of the Tribhuvan University curriculum for Master level program (1973-1979).

The rationale behind the establishment was generalizing and reviving the spirit of volunteerism among the public in general and youth, identifying and utilizing the skills and experience of professionals and citizens available as dormant or potential surplus in the country's developmental works, supplementing the needs in the human resources requirements of the Districts Development Committees (DDCs) and Village Development Committees (VDCs). And also encouraging the youth to reach out to the remote parts of the country for service, and obtain field experience in the living conditions of rural Nepal and exposure to the realities of the country.

NDVS started its volunteer mobilization program in FY 1998/1999 selecting 20 districts. In FY 1998/1999, 220 volunteers were recruited in those 20 districts of different working sectors such as Engineer, Overseer, Agriculturist, Geographer, Demographer, Health Worker, Social Mobilizer, Teacher, Herbal Plant Specialist and Solar Energy Specialist etc. Now, NDVSs activities are expanded in 72 districts of Nepal and altogether 7,211 volunteers have been mobilized so far.

## 2. Objectives of NDVS

### 2.1 Main objective:

The main objective of establishing NDVS is to support Government of Nepal's goal of poverty alleviation and employment generation. Moreover, NDVS supports the local level offices in fulfilling the gap of human resources, specifically of technical nature.

### 2.2 Other objectives:

- Provide opportunities to the people, particularly to the youth to work under government organizations at local level.
- Mobilize the volunteers in local level developmental works.
- Raise awareness and inspiration of volunteerism in Nepal.
- Harmonize amongst existing national and international volunteers and volunteering organizations in enhancing the spirit of volunteerism.
- Conduct the activities that promotes the volunteerism.

### 2.3 Functions of NDVS:

Being a government institution, NDVS has the following functions to conduct:

- Awareness raising on volunteerism in the country.
- Collect the demand of volunteers from different government offices at local level and also from social organizations.
- Conduct different activities to promote volunteerism.
- Regular monitoring and evaluation of volunteering activities throughout the country.
- NDVS encourages skilled youths to work as volunteers in remote parts of Nepal.
- Encourage and attract the skilled people both from abroad and domicile to work as volunteers in Nepal.
- Influence and coordinate with the international volunteers and volunteering organizations to work in remote villages of Nepal.

## 2.4 Structure

In order to attain the above mentioned objectives and functions, NDVS has got the following structure:

### a) Direction Committee:

Vice-Chairman, National Planning Commission	Chairman
All Members, National Planning Commission	Member
Secretary, Ministry of Finance	Member
Secretary, Ministry of Local Development	Member
Secretary, Ministry of Education	Member
Secretary, Ministry of Women, Children and Social Welfare	Member
Member-Secretary, National Planning Commission	Member
Joint-Secretary, National Planning Commission Secretariat	Member-Secretary

### b) Steering Committee:

Member, (who deals with NDVS), National Planning Commission	Chairman
Member-Secretary, National Planning Commission	Member
Joint-Secretary, National Planning Commission	Member
Director (NDVS)	Member-Secretary

### c) Functional Structure:

Director (Second Class Gazetted Officer, Under-Secretary)	1
Section Officer (Third Class, Gazetted Officer)	1
Planning Officer (Third Class, Gazetted Officer)	1
Nayab Subba (First Class, Non-Gazetted)	1
Accountant (First Class Non-Gazetted)	1
Computer Operator (First Class Non-Gazetted)	1
Driver	1
Office Assistant	1

## 3. Programs Conducted by NDVS:

### 3.1 Mobilization of Volunteers

NDVS mobilizes the following types of volunteers in Nepal:

#### a) Central Volunteers

Central volunteers are selected through NDVS, Kathmandu. Normally, NDVS announces vacancies for volunteers each year, and deploys according to the demand that comes from the local level government institutions, and or, social organizations. These kinds of volunteers comprise Engineers, Doctors, Women Development Coordinator, Assistant Planner, Community Educators/Facilitators, Assistant Municipality Facilitator, Assistant District Facilitator, Health Professionals and Community Mobilizers etc.

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In the F/Y 2067/068 (until second quarter), some 741 Central Volunteers of different categories were mobilized throughout the country. Likewise, around 100 Volunteers have been mobilizing by the NDVS in collaboration with the United Nations Volunteers (UNV) to support the Government of Nepal's Local Governance and Community Development Program (LGCDP).

#### **b) Local Volunteers**

Local Volunteers are mobilized by the local level government institutions. These volunteers are nominated by the Local Level Volunteers Selection Committee formed under the coordination of Local Development Officer to approve by the NDVS. Afterwards, NDVS selects the required number of volunteers amongst the nominated candidates. Local Volunteers are comprised of Social Mobilizer, Sub-Engineer, J.T.A (Agriculture, Horticulture), Lab Assistant, CMA, ANM and Business Development Facilitator.

#### **c) Rural Volunteers**

Until the third quarter of F/Y 2067/068, NDVS used to mobilize the Rural Volunteers. The Rural Volunteers are those who are deployed to conduct the literacy classes for the Dalit/Janajati and Indigenous communities.

Similarly, the Rural Volunteers were mobilized to support the targeted programs such as Development Programs of Dalit Community and Indigenous Community. The program was implemented in 19 low HDI districts. The program terminated due to the duplication from Ministry of Education and other organizations.

#### **d) On-the-Job-Training (OJT) Volunteers**

Under the program "On the Job Training" in fiscal year 2066/2067, OJT/Intern volunteers were mobilized in different districts in the recommendation of different social and educational institutions. They were social mobilizers and educated and trained on different issues. The contract of volunteering service was for 3 to 6 months.

### **Volunteer Mobilization Process**

#### **a) Selection Process of Volunteers**

Under the allocated budget and approved program of the relevant F/Y, NDVS announces the vacancy to put into the roster from qualified people who want to work as volunteers. In order for selecting the appropriate candidate as volunteer, NDVS has adopted different types of selection methods including written test and interviews.

Starting from the ongoing F/Y, the NDVS has prepared the roster on the basis of the highest percentage the applicants have. Under the National Development Volunteers Steering Committee, there is a Volunteer Screening Committee (VSC) chaired by the Joint-Secretary of National Planning Commission Secretariat. This committee has the right to select any appropriate candidate as volunteer from the roster. The NDVS recruits the volunteers as per the decision carried out by the VSC.

#### **b) Volunteer Living Allowance (VLA)**

The Steering Committee has approved Volunteers Working Procedure-2068 in order to help the NDVS in managing the financial affairs of the volunteers. According to this procedure, Volunteer Living Allowance is provided to all the volunteers.

#### **c) Contract of Volunteers:**

Initially, the volunteers are recruited only for 6 months. However, NDVS can extend the volunteer's contract according to the need of work. The NDVS extends the tenure of the volunteers on the satisfactory performance recommended by the concerned local officer. But volunteers are not mobilized for more than 2 years.

#### **d) Termination:**

NDVS terminates to those volunteers who have:

- Political prejudice
- Bad behavior/involved in unnecessary dispute with stakeholders, colleagues and supervisors
- Irregular performance and not performing given task well
- Recommendation of concerned institutions regarding bad performance of volunteers

### **3.2 Targeted Programs**

#### **a) Dalit Community Development Program:**

The Dalit communities have developed very slowly in terms of their living standard. The Human Development Report ranking also puts them in low HDI. Furthermore, they are deprived from education, health and sanitation, and nutrition. Targeting these Dalit communities, in the F/Y 2058/2059, Development Program on Dalit Communities was implemented as a model program.

This program was implemented in 10 districts of Dalit community namely Saptari, Siraha, Udaypur, Dhanusha, Mahottari, Banke, Bardiya, Surkhet, Dailekh and Kailali. District Development Committee used to have the overall responsibility to select the VDC to implement the program. In general, 3 to 10 VDC used to be selected from each district. In each VDC, Women Health Worker, Women Social Mobilizer, and Rural Women volunteers used to be mobilized.

Objectives of Dalit Society Development program:

- Informal education for Dalit women
- Clean drinking water and sanitation
- Seed cash mobilization
- Awareness raising on health issues in the community
- Awareness raising on clean environment by constructing model toilets
- Provide training on a need basis for the community
- Improve basic health service to targeted Dalit women.
- Livelihood programs to Dalit women by mobilizing social mobilize.

#### **b) Indigenous and Janajati Development Program:**

This program was implemented in fiscal year 2062/2063 with the support from DFID. Initially this program was implemented in 4 districts. But in fiscal year 2065/2066, this program was implemented in 9 districts namely; Taplejung, Rautahat, Baglung, Dadeldhura, Magdi, Kapilbastu, Sarlahi, Jhapa and Kanchanpur. To implement the program activities, Assistant Planner, Social Mobilizers, Health Workers, and for informal education rural volunteers were mobilized.

Objectives of the Indigenous and Janajati Development Program:

- Informal education
- Seed cash mobilization
- Primary health service
- Livelihood programs
- Construction of small scale infrastructure



### c) Model Programs

#### (1) Model Village Programs:

On the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of development of planning chain, National Planning Commission had selected 3 remote and less developed VDC from Hill, Mountain and Terai from five Development Regions. Model Village Program was implemented into selected VDCs in the fiscal year 2064/2065 and 2067/2068 till the month of Poush (December/January)

Activities of the Model Village Programs:

- Construction of community home
- Construction of drinking water tap/tube well
- Construction of model toilet
- Health and sanitation
- Awareness raising activities in clean environment

#### (2) Following the Village Development Program of Seamaeul Undong's concept:

In the year 1970 in Korea, Seamaeul Undong concept was implemented to change rural lifestyle to modernization, which was very successful to bring change new era results. Cambodia, Laos and Nepal were selected to follow the Korean Seamaeul Undong concept as a best practice to implement for the village development.

In fiscal year 2061/2062 to implement this concept as a model program, National Planning Commission had selected Jhusiya Community (Hariharpur VDC) and the Madawa Community (Chanai VDC) from Kapilvastu district. In fiscal year 2064/2065, this program was terminated. 19 issues were taken as a community action plan to implement the program.

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| ● Irrigation              | ● Health                     |
| ● Electricity             | ● Drinking Water             |
| ● Road and Bridge         | ● Sanitation                 |
| ● Community Home          | ● Improved Stove/Biogas      |
| ● Communication           | ● Shelter                    |
| ● Community Forest        | ● Education                  |
| ● Women Development       | ● Culture/Religion and Sport |
| ● Agriculture Development | ● Construction of Dam        |
| ● Cattle Raising          | ● Skill Development          |
| ● Agriculture Loan        |                              |

### 3.3 Mobilization of other Volunteers:

#### a) Mobilization of Technical Volunteers:

Technical volunteers have been mobilized in the less technical human resource districts since the fiscal year 2055/2056. Technical volunteers (Assistant planner/Engineer/Sub-Engineer) were mobilizing in 9 districts: Ramechhap, Manag, Tanahu, Lamjung, Sayngja, Rukum, Jajarkot, Parbat and Doti. From fiscal year 2067/2068, NDVS has been mobilizing technical volunteers in most of the districts of Nepal upon the demand from the district offices.

### b) Mobilization of Volunteers in less Human Development Indication District:

Math, Science, and English community educators, facilitators, and health worker have been mobilized in 8 less HDI districts (Rashuwa, Kalikot, Jumla, Mugu, Dolpa, Humla, Darchula and Bajura) since fiscal year 2062/2063 till fiscal year 2067/2068 month of Poush (December/January). NDVS has been mobilizing volunteer teachers to teach Math, Science and English in higher secondary and high school in Himalayan and Mountain area from the fiscal year 2067/2068 month of Falgun.

### c) Youth Volunteer Mobilization Program:

A total 889 youth volunteers (604 from general youth volunteers program and 285 youth volunteers from need based program) were mobilized in 30 districts for 9 month in the fiscal year 2066/2067. They were Development Facilitator, Technician/non-Technician, male and female teachers and social mobilizers.

### 3.4 Promoting Volunteerism through Elderly People Support Campaign

As part of the yearlong IYV+10 campaigns and to promote volunteerism, NDVS initiated Elderly People Support Campaign. As the first event of this campaign, NDVS organized an elderly people felicitation program in Prashanti Old Age Home, Surkhet district of western region on December 1, 2011. Chief Guest of the programme, Hon'ble Member of NPC, Prof. Dr. Shiba Kumar Rai distributed blankets and sweaters to the 120 elderly people of Prashanti Old Age Home.

Surkhet district, Hon'ble Mangal B.K., Director of NDVS, Mr. Jagannath Adhikari, Chief District Officer and Local Development Officer of Surkhet, and UNV Programme Officer, Mr. Christian Simmelkiaer were also present in the programme as the guests.

As the second event of the program, similar event was organized in Bishranti Old Age Home, Dhankuta district of eastern region on December 8, 2011. Chief Guest of the event, Hon'ble Member of NPC, Prof. Dr. Shiba Kumar Rai distributed blankets and sweaters to the 34 elderly people of Bishranti Old Age Home. Director of NDVS, Mr. Jagannath Adhikari and UNV Programme Officer, Mr. Christian Simmelkiaer were also present in the programme as the special guests.



Chief Guest of the Programme, Hon'ble Member of NPC, Prof. Dr. Shiba Kumar Rai distributing Blankets and Sweaters to the Elderly People.



# Returned United Nations Volunteers Association Nepal (RUNVAN)

## 1. Overview of RUNVAN

### 1.1 Introduction of RUNVAN

The United Nations Volunteers (UNV) program provides experts and specialists as volunteers to requesting countries all over the world. The UN General Assembly initiated UNV program in 1970. United Nations Development Program (UNDP) has been administering this program since 1970. The first Nepali UNV was recruited in 1973 and served in Iran. Since then, more than 1000 Nepalese have served as UNVs in various parts of the world. Returned United Nations Volunteers Association of Nepal (RUNVAN), established in 1993, is an association of professionals who have excelled in their respective fields. Nepalese professionals have served in many countries as UNV in various socio-economic and technical fields. After completing their assignments, the returnees felt the need of a platform, which could unite them together, provide forum to share their experiences, and channel their energies and initiate joint endeavors in the development process of Nepal.

#### Vision

RUNVAN intends to establish itself as a center for promoting volunteerism.

#### Mission

RUNVAN carries out its activities related to volunteerism promotion and localization of MDGs through research, training, and advocacy services aiming at serving mankind without discriminating color, race, religion, gender, and ideology.

#### Values

RUNVAN values free will, commitment, engagement and solidarity by reflecting them in its attitude and actions under the core values of the United Nations: integrity, professionalism and respect for diversity.

#### Objectives

- Promoting volunteerism for peace and democratic practices in the development process of Nepal.
- Enhancing relations among/between UN Volunteers and volunteer organizations including civil society organizations and I/NGOs, and encourage and increase their participation in the peace building process.
- Establishing RUNVAN as a leading agency among voluntary organizations of Nepal and maintain a reputed image.
- Helping build the capacity and devoting for the protection, welfare and rights of its members.

### 1.2 Working Strategies

- Collaborative activities with NDVS and UNV on volunteer selection and mobilization
- Conduct research studies, training, and workshops/seminars on the current issues of volunteerism and development.
- Initiate and facilitate constructive dialogues between the Government and Voluntary Organizations involved in various development activities in Nepal and support for the Government service delivery mechanism for the community outreach
- Provide advisory services for various governmental and non-governmental organizations on thematic issues and policy design providing RUNVAN expertise
- Coordinate and help develop relations and networks between governmental and non-governmental organizations.
- Publish documents in the field of volunteerism and development.
- Assist in using and applying expertise of UN Volunteers by providing their information and expertise to the concerned organizations.
- Create environment to exchange and share resources among individuals and organizations.

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### 1.3 Major Areas of Services

#### 1.3.1 Training and Volunteerism Promotion

- Orientation training
- Promotion of volunteerism
- Capacity building for volunteers and youths
- Managerial skills development training

#### 1.3.2 Election, Peacekeeping, and Humanitarian Relief

- Awareness programs
- Advocacy programs
- Campaigning
- Seminars, workshops and training
- Programs for parliamentarians, political parties, local authorities/leaders, and officials in order to promote volunteerism and localize MDGs.
- Training and orientation for local and international observers
- Monitoring and observation of election process

#### 1.3.3 Research and Development

- Advisory services
- Research studies (various fields)
- Consulting services
- Change management and organizational development
- Strategic planning
- Organization analysis and design
- Project monitoring and evaluation
- Information communication technology and so on.

#### 1.4 Where RUNVAN is standing in action:

RUNVAN is active in the following thematic areas for the last 18 years.

##### 1.4.1 Institutional Capacity Building

- It is maintaining functional office with secretariat and conference hall which is used for the board meeting, trainings, and other indoor events for the promotion and capacity building of volunteerism. It is also helping with the activities of Friends of RUNVAN (FOR). RUNVAN is contributing for the development of new Volunteer cadres through regular training and orientation programs to the youth. It is also organizing social and voluntary programs for the students of higher/secondary school as social work campaign. ACE institution and RUNVAN has annual agreement for such volunteerism promotional social work program in the field.
- Maintaining the website and updates with news and other information and activities of RUNVAN.
- Workshop on several thematic issues and also the training like Proposal Writing, Report Writing, and Consultancy Skill Development programs organized regularly based on the tailor made model and besides RUNVAN members many other outsiders also benefited.
- RUNVAN has appointed outgoing UNVs as RUNVAN representative to the country of their assignment who is active in disseminating information about RUNVAN in Nepal and exchanging information about the volunteerism.
- RUNVAN Renewal with District Administration, Affiliation with SWC and PAN number for potential consultancy services that RUNVAN members work as experts in several areas of expertise.



1.4.2 Promotional Activities of Volunteerism and introduction of RUNVAN as the organization of professionals and helping hands for any social cases and emergencies to save humanities.

- Networking with other international and national voluntary organizations. Support and sharing with VSO, JICA, DED, SNV, CECI, GAN, Samuhik Abhiyan, KVS, Kathmandu Training Center, AYON (14 Voluntary organizations) SPW, Nepal Red-Cross Society in different time points and involved for the rescue and developmental and advocacy work.
- Celebration of IVD in collaboration and coordination with UNV and NDVS and other Volunteering sending agencies. Yearly, several events organized such as orientation programs, speech contest on volunteers' role in peace process, advocacy for localizing MDGs, and outreach programs in other institutions with youths for the spirit of volunteerism development.
- Many competitions among school students and communities and prize distributions, scholarship distributions for the poorest of the poor and victims of conflict.

1.4.3 Research and Development

- Leading and Coordinating MDG Project: RUNVAN with other partners prepared a proposal and was submitted to UNV Nepal office and hoping its execution in days to come. There is possibility of update and addition of other relevant topics suitable for the context.
- RUNVAN prepared a MDG execution support project proposal and submitted to UNV HQ through UNV Nepal a while ago but funding status is not known.
- "Peace Initiative" concept paper developed and searching funding agency
- A research study conducted on "Volunteers' Role in the Peace-Building Process", was released, disseminated, and implemented in 2006.
- RUNVAN with NDVS conducted three-day training to NDVS Volunteers in December 2006 in Bhairahawa.
- Orientation package to New UNVs and Mission Staffs to Nepal has been provided. Revised one is ready and exchanging with UNV office that each new comer UNV specialist to Nepal will be benefited.

1.4.4 Community based activities: Several events-based and economic benefit-based activities were implemented in different communities under these activities by RUNVAN since its inception.

1.4.5 Days Celebrations: Celebrated several national and international days annually as their recognition as well as solidarity for the sake of mankind, through advocacy for the utilization of those value events and engagement of the volunteers.

## 2. Celebration of IYV+10 (November 22 to December 4, 2011)

### 2.1 Areas and Activities

There were 8 different areas where social work was conducted. The areas were chosen so as to cover major themes of social service. The eight different areas are:

- a) Traffic Management
- b) Support to Orphanage
- c) Child Protection
- d) Differently Abled People
- e) Education
- f) Cultural Protection
- g) Prisoners Children
- h) Old age Home

This is how a week-long support to road traffic completed where students learned, shared, and enjoyed their field work. During field work, it was observed that students were excited, punctual, committed, and alert about their responsibility and duties.

Students with utmost assistance and coordination provided by AIMS and Child Development Society made it possible for youths, who were ready to help others in any possible way, to volunteer for good. And yes, the students gave their excellent creative response that left no stones unturned, with the available five days provided for social work. It has created a wonderful opportunity for the students to learn the joy of serving others and to explore their surroundings and learn the lifestyle of people living under harsh conditions and low living standards. Few students stated that the sense of volunteerism, which was dwelling inside them, strengthened after knowing the perspectives of volunteerism through RUNVAN. The objective of the project as a whole was:

- to promote volunteerism among the students of ACE. The specific objective of Group 7 was to build a differently able children friendly environment.
- to create some special moments for the children.

Volunteerism simply means serving others from heart without expecting anything from others. In these five days of volunteering under Service for Soul (S4S) project, students learned a lot. Those who have never done such kind of manual work were enjoying the activities. Overall, it was a wonderful experience for all of them to learn new language and try to communicate with others. The school, staff members, and students of the school all supported us and made this project easier to complete. Overall, the five day project was a wonderful experience. Everyone experienced an ounce of volunteerism in them and this attempt has encouraged them to deliver a sense of volunteerism in future days, too. The greatest achievement was the satisfaction among the students that they feel that they could contribute a little for the well-being of the society as a true citizen of the country.

Social Work Activity overall has been able to leave major impact among the students. It has changed how they feel and how they think. Being a privileged part of the society, they have observed and work with that section of the society which is living in more miserable condition than them. Students have realized the importance of giving and selfless contribution. Being volunteers, they have brought changes in their areas of work, which they will remember and respect for their entire lives. In addition, the students have learned to work in group, cooperate each other, and how to make impossible possible with team-work.

The students have taken initiatives, shown their leadership, and proven their skills in different areas of work. They have worked without hesitation, whether carrying pebbles, stones, or washing a bundle of clothes. What is important in these five days is the learning among the students. While sharing, they have expressed their satisfaction while working for a social cause and have shown their commitment to volunteer in the coming days. The five days of social activity has been a wonderful experience for all the students, facilitators, and coordinator as well.

## 2.2 Service for Soul (S4S)

Service for Souls (S4S) is a weeklong volunteering program conducted from 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov to 5<sup>th</sup> of December, 2011. S4S literally means providing service to the needy ones with full devotion and passion. The Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) was set in 2000 with the purpose of making Earth a better place to live in. Volunteerism can be used as a tool for the achievement of MDGs. Eight Areas has been identified under it where volunteerism can contribute to MDGs.



Volunteers with Traffic Personnel in Traffic Management Program in Kathmandu



Support to School Children



Students Planting Flowers



Support for Orphanage

# United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme Nepal

## 1. Introduction

The United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme is the UN organization that contributes to peace and development through volunteerism worldwide. UNV is the global advocate of the concept of Volunteerism for Development (V4D). Volunteerism is a powerful means of engaging people in tackling development challenges, and it can transform the peace and nature of development. Volunteerism benefits both society at large and the individual volunteer by strengthening trust, solidarity, and reciprocity among citizens, and by purposefully creating opportunities for participation.



\*Source: UNV Annual Report-2010.



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UNV contributes to peace and development by advocating for recognition of volunteers, working with partners to integrate volunteerism into development programming, and mobilizing an increasing number and diversity of volunteers, including experienced UN Volunteers, throughout the world. UNV embraces volunteerism as universal and inclusive, and recognizes volunteerism in its diversity, as well as the values that sustain it: free will, commitment, engagement, and solidarity. The mandate of UNV has significantly evolved since its establishment in 1970. Initially, UNV's role was to recruit, place, and administer the services of qualified volunteers, who provided professional support to UN agencies, funds, programmes, and governments in various countries. In 1976, UN General Assembly Resolution 31/131 broadened the UNV mandate to promote the advancement of the role of youth in development.

In 2001, the International Year of Volunteers (IYV), the UN General Assembly further expanded UNV's role as the focal point for raising awareness of volunteerism and providing technical cooperation to developing countries to harness the potential of volunteerism as a resource for achieving the MDGs. UNV helps countries to foster and develop volunteerism as a force for sustainable development. It provides strategic advice on the role and contribution of volunteerism in development programmes. UNV helps countries to improve public inclusion and participation in social, economic and political development, and it supports the growth of volunteerism within communities as a form of mutual self-help.

The gradual evolution of UNV mandate has had a catalyzing effect on UNV. As IYV put the spotlight on recognition, facilitation, promotion and networking for volunteerism for development, the organization adopted new and innovative approaches. Recognizing that youth are a powerful resource for national development, we engage them in promoting proactive participation and personal autonomy.

### 1.1 UNV Field Unit Nepal

UN Volunteer statistics worldwide - 2010

Region	Volunteers	Hours	Value
Latin America	22	276	642
Latin America	100	62	50
Eastern Europe	38	140	340
Eastern Europe	22	122	292
Western Europe	127	111	51
Western Europe	127	111	462
North Africa	127	58	1,048
North America	186	186	186
Western	7	67	157
South America	173	25	130
South America	34	186	1,136
South America	144	140	312
South America	25	18	88
Western Europe	127	111	524
Western Europe	127	111	486
Western Europe	22	122	34
World	6,123	6,652	6,624

In 2010, Nepal has received 79 and sent 119 International UN Volunteers around the world.

\*Source: UNV Annual Report-2010.

The UNV began in 1974 in Nepal with the arrival of the first volunteer assigned to UNICEF. The National UNV Programme was developed in the early 1990s. To date, hundreds of international and national UN Volunteers have served in Nepal. The United Nations Mission in Nepal (UNMIN), which was established in 2007, also engaged a large contingent of UN Volunteers with 240 international and national volunteers serving in UNMIN up to the Constituency Elections in 2008, but after the elections, UNMIN gradually reduced the number of UNVs, and after several extensions, the mandate of the mission finally expired by 15 January 2011. Nepal has a very vibrant civic society and social mobilization movement with many NGOs working in the field of development and mobilizing large numbers of national volunteers. There are also several international and national volunteer sending agencies (VSAs) working in the country, such as VSO, KOICA, JICA, and local NGOs. UNV has frequent cooperation with these VSAs. As part of the collaboration with UN-agencies, NGO's, government agencies and other partners, UNV Field Unit Nepal is continuously promoting the concept of volunteerism for peace and development and has achieved good results in establishing networks and agreements on increased placement of volunteers in various contexts.

UNV has been actively participating in the formulation of the Local Governance and Community Development Programme (LGCDP) under the Ministry of Local Development (MLD). LGCDP represents an attempt to embrace a wide range of national and international donor organizations in a mutual effort towards development of effective local bodies of governance. The LGCDP Programme started its inception phase in July 2008. Consultations and discussions took place in 2008 for the establishment of a UN Joint Programme (UNJP) to support the LGCDP Programme.

The UNJP brings together the activities of six UN agencies - UNDP, UNV, UNCDF, UNICEF, UNFPA, and UNWOMEN. The UN Joint Programme shares the same goal, purpose, outcomes and outputs as LGCDP. It contributes towards poverty reduction, community empowerment focusing on the poorest and most marginalized communities and towards improved and more inclusive local governance and service delivery. UNV is contributing to the LGCDP objective by working hand in hand with the government of Nepal's National Development Volunteer Service (NDVS) in the deployment of 100 national NDVS volunteers to participate in the community empowerment activities at district and municipality level. UNV has approved a Special Voluntary Fund (SVF) contribution of USD 510,000 in February 2009 for the UNV component of the UNJP. Alongside the engagement in LGCDP, UNV made an agreement in last part of 2009 to support the UNDP project Public Private Partnership for Urban Development (PPPUE). Starting in January 2010, UNV Nepal recruited 10 female national UNV volunteers to be assigned for with PPPUE and a batch of additional 15 female volunteers was recruited by April 2011. This cooperation has been established through funding from ADB/AusAID and is part of a special component of PPPUE with the purpose of enhancing local governance.

## 2. Activities to mark the IYV+10

### 2.1 Tribhuvan International Airport Cleaning Campaign (coinciding with GYSD)

As part of the celebration of IYV +10, coinciding with the Global Youth Service Day (GYSD), more than 1450 youth volunteers gathered at the Tribhuvan International Airport in Kathmandu to organize a Cleaning Campaign with the slogan 'Change through Volunteerism'. The participants cleaned the international airport premises and demonstrated their volunteerism. As part of the same campaign, two cleaning events were organized on April 30 and May 17 of 2011 jointly by the Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism, AYON (Association of Youth Organizations in Nepal), YUWA, UNV Nepal, Management Circle of Purbanchal University, Airlines Operators Association of Nepal with the coordination and cooperation of Airport Security Department.



Hon'ble Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism, Mr. Khagendra Biswakarma inaugurating the event.

The Hon'ble Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism, Mr. Khagendra Biswakarma inaugurated the event. Wearing a surgical mask and carrying brooms and dokos, the participants marched from the nearby park, where they had gathered, to the Tribhuvan International Airport. The participants were divided into 15 groups, targeted both Domestic and International wings of the airport for their campaign. Mr. Keshav Sthapit, the ex-mayor of Kathmandu Metropolitan City and Under-Secretary of Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism also participated in the event. The program was concluded with a "Signature Campaign" where all the present participants including Minister Biswakarma, signed a flex saying "Hami Yuwa Jimmewar Chhau" meaning "We Youth are Responsible". This symbolic act reflected the concern of youth regarding ongoing issues and their determination to work on it.

### 2.2 Volunteers for Peace Education Project

To mark IYV+10 in Nepal UNV, UNDP and United Nations Regional Center for Peace and Disarmament (UNRCPD) in collaboration with the Department of Conflict, Peace and Development Studies of Tribhuvan University (DCPDS-TU) and the Nepali NGO Didi Bahini has implemented "Volunteers for Peace Education" project aiming to train and empower youth volunteers as facilitators for peace education, and to conduct informal peace education among public school of Nepal. The project took place from June to October 2011 and the direct beneficiaries include 14 youth volunteers and 200 public school students. Training of the volunteers and the workshops at schools supported the need for conducting peace education and mediation training among youth in the post-conflict context of Nepal.



Student participating in the event

Each of the six trainings at the schools encountered high interest, as well as active and enthusiastic participation on behalf of the students. The feedback from the schools and all the other actors involved was thoroughly positive. While for the public school students, these workshops were an important occasion to better understand peace and conflict resolution at the national and at the personal level, the most important and fruitful part of the project was the capacity-building of youth volunteers. Through their role as committed trainees and as skillful trainers, they acted as peace-builders, mediators and facilitators, and will hopefully continue to do so beyond the frame of the project. Particularly in the context of IYV+10, this project showcased the large potential of mobilizing youth volunteers for conducting peace education on a broad scale.

### 2.3 Orientation on Human Rights and Peace for Volunteers



Participants posing after certificate distribution

An orientation programme on Human Rights and Peace was organized for youth volunteers on the occasion of the IYV+10. The program was organized by Common Platform for Common Goal (COCON) Nepal and UNV Nepal jointly on 2 July 2011 at Banepa, Kavre. Altogether 28 Youth volunteers from local community, schools, and colleges took part in the orientation programme. Chief Trainer, Mr. Raju Sarkar from Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) Nepal oriented them on human rights and peace. Mr. Kumar Khadka, National Coordinator for IYV+10 from UNV Nepal gave a presentation on IYV+10 celebrations in Nepal.

### 2.4 IYV+10 Friendly Football Match



Volunteers shaking their hands before match

UNV Nepal, as the part of the celebration of IYV+10 coinciding with 2011 Global Peace Games for Children and Youth organized a IYV+10 Friendly Football Match on September 3 at Beldangi Refugee Camp, Damak, Nepal. Together with UN Volunteers serving at United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) Nepal, Sub Office Damak and about 100 children and youth of refugee camp took part in the game. Special messages from the president of Federation of International Football Association (FIFA), Mr. Joseph S. Blatter, Special Adviser to the United Nations Secretary General on Sports for Development and Peace, Mr. Wilfred Lemke, President and Founder of Peace and Sport, Mr. Joël Bouzou and UNESCO Manifesto for 2011 Global Peace Games for Children and Youth was read on the event. Participants of the game also exchanged the Handshake of Peace.

### 2.5 High Level Policy Workshop on Volunteerism in Nepal 2011



Mr. Kumar Khadka, UNV National Coordinator for IYV+10 presenting in the workshop

To mark the IYV+10, UNV Nepal, CCS Italy (Centro Cooperazione Sviluppo ONLUS) Nepal, Nepal School of Social Work, Global Action Nepal and Restless Development jointly organized a "High Level Policy Workshop on Volunteerism in Nepal 2011" in Global Platform Nepal, Gyaneshwor, Kathmandu on 27th June 2011. Chief Guest Ms. Amanda Jacobsen, Cultural Officer of American Embassy/USAID, also shared volunteering status of USA. Special Guest Mr. Jagannath Adhikari, Director of National Development Volunteer Service, presented the overall status of volunteer mobilization and highlighted the volunteer contribution in achieving MDGs in Nepal. Programme Officer of UNV Field Unit Nepal, Mr. Christian Simmelkier also gave a presentation on

National Steering Committee for Volunteerism Nepal (NSCVN) which was established under National Planning Commission to take the lead on marking IYV+10. Mr. Kumar Khadka from UNV Nepal also oriented the participants on IYV+10 celebrations in Nepal. This workshop was also organized to explore the possibility to establish a National Alliance on Volunteerism to promote IYV+10 and volunteerism in Nepal. This workshop provided an opportunity to share the steps so far taken to mark IYV+10 and explore the possible initiatives to promote volunteerism in Nepal in a more effective and efficient way.

## 2.6 Story making from Nepal for Children's Book

To celebrate IYV+10 this year, a new project was initiated to make a children's book about volunteerism. The main idea of the project was to explain and share the importance of volunteerism and what volunteers do around them in their real lives. Total 52 children participated, 30 from Damak on Saturday, 16th July and 22 from Kathmandu on 23rd July. Two UN Volunteers, Ms. Luana De Souza and Ms. Judith Chan who work for UNHCR started with the initiative of doing more volunteer related activity to engage children from the camp and center where they work. Especially in Kathmandu, they worked together with the support from volunteer and social worker in the Kathmandu Community Centre (KCC) for urban Refugees.

After a brief presentation about volunteerism and examples that children can easily find around them in daily lives, the participating children played a game of passing a table tennis ball in groups. This game was to pass a small ball by using a spoon not using hands. As the ball is small and can move, all the children should be careful not to lose the ball when passing the ball to next child. When the neighbor child is smaller, then the child should kneel down to pass and receive the ball properly and quickly. All the children who participated enjoyed the game, and they understood immediately how to make the group work succeed and how important it is to see their neighbors around to have a harmony in working and living together within a group and a community. All the paintings from Damak and Kathmandu were sent to UNV HQ. Through this project, more children could think again about volunteerism and volunteers and express their knowledge and experiences by painting them. All the paintings of the children around the world were exhibited on September in the UNV HQ in Bonn.



Children painting in KCC



Children painting in Damak Refugee Camp

## 2.7 World Environment Day 2011 Celebration

UNV Field Unit Nepal and Global Peace Youth Corps Nepal jointly organized an educational awareness program about World Environment Day on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2011 which was held in Kathmandu. This programme was organized as part of the efforts to showcase the contributions of volunteers for environment conservation on the occasion IYV+10. Dr. Er. Sumitra Amatya (*General Manager, Solid Waste Management and Resource Mobilization Centre-SWMRMC, Ministry of Local Development, Government of Nepal*) and Mr. Kumar Khadka jointly inaugurated the programme by planting the trees in Nepal Scout premises. Different scholars of Environment Department of Tribhuvan University presented the papers focusing on environment conservation and solid waste management. Mr. Kumar Khadka also presented a paper on IYV+10 celebrations in Nepal linking the contribution of volunteers in environment conservation. As a result of this programme, 23 different educational institutions carried out their follow-up projects in their own institutions.



Inaugurating the event planting the trees

## 2.8 UN Day Celebration in Nepal 2011

In Kathmandu on 24<sup>th</sup> October, Nepal had a marvelous UN Day celebration with a lot of focus on UNV and IYV+10. Mr. Robert Piper, United Nations Resident & Humanitarian Coordinator for Nepal made a specific reference to UNV in his speech and highlighted the marking of IYV+10 in particular. As part of the official program, Ms. Suman Homagain (one of young female PPPJE National UNV Fieldworkers) shared her success story on stage in front of a very large audience including the Hon'ble Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Nepal, Mr. Narayan Kaji Shrestha. UN System in Nepal organized an exhibition in the UN Premises on the day and UNV had a booth in highlighting UNV's work and got the IYV+10 messages widely spread.



Ms. Suman Homagain sharing her success story

# Volunteer Service Overseas (VSO) Nepal

## 1. Overview of VSO Nepal

### 1.1 Introduction

VSO is an international development organization that fights global poverty through volunteerism. VSO has been working in Nepal for the past 45 years with overall aim to eradicate poverty. Prior to the end of 2011, VSON worked in three areas, namely Education, Participation, Good Governance and Disability, and HIV & AIDS in order to achieve its aim. VSON is driven by five fundamental principles. These are rights based approach, collaboration with all stakeholders, government partnerships and NGO partnerships, an integrated gender perspective and promoting sharing and learning practices. VSON has recently completed development of its new country strategy for the period 2012-15 and has re-worked its three sectors into Education, Secure Livelihoods and Health in the sector of Education, Livelihood and Health. With our new programme strategy, we envision that the results of our work will see a significant improvement among the lives of impoverished people, especially women and other marginalized people.

#### Goal:

To contribute towards the reduction of poverty by addressing the root causes of multi-dimensional poverty and marginalization, especially of women and girls, ethnic and caste groups and supporting the achievement of MDGs 1,2,3,5.

#### Outcome 1:

Increased access, retention, and participation to quality education by marginalized children, especially girls through quality, inclusive, and child-centered learning

#### Outcome 2:

Improved quality and access to health services by marginalized populations and increased involvement of trained, motivated health workers

#### Outcome 3:

Off-and-on-farm livelihoods options for food and income security in poor households increased in a way that is compatible with the environment and adapts and develops climate change resilience.

## 1.2 Thematic Programme Areas of VSO Nepal

### 1.2.1 Education

VSON is supporting the implementation of Nepal's School Sector Reform Plan, which is a continuation of Education for All developing multi-level partnerships in three districts (Kaski, Kailiali & Rupandehi) and at central level with Department of Education, Ministry of Education, and two key national and international networks working in Education.

At district level, VSON is strengthening the management capacity of the District Education Offices (DEOs) and Schools to deliver inclusive and quality basic education. It is also mobilizing local NGOs to increase access to education by most marginalized and disadvantaged people. VSO is also strengthening the capacity of identified receptive schools, developing Resource Centers to ensure implementation of policies, curricula, training and management while monitoring their progress.

Currently, through its Education Programme, VSON is working with 5 NGO partners and 3 District Education Offices to increase access to education among most marginalized and disadvantaged people like Dalit girls and disabled children. There are 20 international volunteers with skills and expertise in the area of education who are providing technical support among those partner organizations.

Under the new Programme area strategy (2012-15) VSON's Education programme is expanding its reach to six districts; Kaski, Kailiali, Rupandehi, Baglung, Myagdi & Surkhet.

## 1.2.2 Participation & Good Governance and Disability

In between 2006-2011, VSON's Good Governance Programme worked to enable disadvantaged people to become aware and protect their human rights. This was done through building a movement demanding and promoting good governance in Nepal. For this VSON promoted good governance practices within civil society groups and movements that are of, and which represent, Dalits, women, and people with disabilities. VSON strengthened the capacity of these partners to promote and to practice good policies to increase meaningful participation of the beneficiaries at the grass root level and demonstrate democratic management, transparency, and accountability. Under its governance programme, VSON partnered with 20 organizations and networks of Dalits, women and people with disabilities building their management and advocacy skills. In 2011, 14 international volunteers worked closely with VSON's governance programme partners providing technical input strengthening their management and advocacy skills. With the new country strategy in 2012, VSON is moving forward from Participation, Governance, and Disability ensuring these strategies as a thematic mainstreamed component. Secure Livelihoods is new programme area for VSON under this new strategy.

### 1.2.3 HIV & AIDS

VSON had focused on HIV & AIDS interventions from 2006-11, through this VSON supported the implementation of the National Strategic Plan for HIV & AIDS. For this VSON's HIV & AIDS programme partnered with key organizations in HIV & AIDS sector at central and district levels, strengthening their capacity to deliver effective awareness raising campaigns, prevention, care and support programmes. VSON also worked with networks of people living with HIV & AIDS and other Most at Risk Groups, raising awareness and building their capacity to empower those living with HIV & AIDS. It was through such practices, VSON promoted those living with HIV & AIDS to assert and advocate for their rights to care, support, and treat and be included in decisions on the services, resources, and opportunities that directly affect them. VSON's HIV & AIDS Programme partnered with 24 NGOs, CBOs and Networks to develop their institutional and programmatic capacity for quality service delivery and effective advocacy. In 2011, 13 international volunteers worked closely with these partners providing them close coaching and mentoring support for effective and quality service delivery and strengthening their advocacy initiatives. With its new country Strategy (2012-15), VSON is expanding its HIV & AIDS Programme into wider health areas, concentrating on community focused intervention under which HIV infected and affected people still remain one of the key reach groups.

## 2. Activity Report (Highlights)

### 2.1 Volunteer Placement (For Technical Support to Programme Partners)

In 2011, a total of 47 long term international volunteers provided technical support to VSON's programme partners under Education, Participation, Good Governance and Disability and HIV & AIDS programme in 13 districts of Nepal.

### 2.2 Young Women's Professional Leadership Initiative

In Nepal, (young) women tend to be the ones with the least opportunities to develop themselves. Almost half of adult women are illiterate, which- as part of South Asia is more than in any other region worldwide. Nepal changed its laws to ensure 33% of government positions are reserved for women. However, in reality, the women who are in these positions, have expressed they are not taken seriously or have any real say in decision making. This is the case not only in governmental institutions, but also in other organisations where women receive less speaking time, less training, and lower wages despite doing similar work as their male counterpart. The Time has come for change. The Time has come for women to speak up. The Time has come to give women a voice! With this in mind, the idea for a program on leadership skills and confidence building for young women started. VSON conducted a 2 day program as a starting point for a longer term initiative. The 2 day program was a chance to get to know each other, explore skills, talents, needs, and to learn from each other.





It was also an opportunity to help identify the ways forward together as VSO staff, volunteers and young, talented, professional women. The overall aims of the program were: 1) provide a learning space where women can explore their voice, passion, and leadership skills; 2) explore gender concepts and our experiences as women; and 3) use our collective resources, creativity and wisdom to focus on women's social justice issues in Nepal.

On November 17 and 18 2011, 12 women between the ages 20 and 27 who all work within VSO's partner organizations arrived at the VSO office to work with us around their chosen theme of "voice". The women both come from and serve a diverse array of marginalized groups in Nepal including people with disabilities, Dalits, Muslims, and indigenous groups. We used the creative community model as our basic framework, working with creative arts such as, singing, dance, photography, theatre, and movement (Yoga) to create an environment where we could have meaningful conversations about who we are, what we want, our talents, passions, and the change that we'd like to see in the world.

Within this framework, the focus was on two main topics that had been chosen by the women ahead of time: gender awareness and professional development. Some specific training and gender concepts were conducted in order for the women to link the activities in the workshop with development work in Nepal they were involved in. The experiential learning and training that focused on professional development include: public speaking, program research and design, and conversations around effective community outreach. The women stayed overnight in the VSO office to create a sense of space "away" from everything else and where the women could really connect and bond with each other in safe environment and have lots of fun. Who would have ever suspect that sleeping on mattresses in a sleeping bag would be something so exciting and new! There was continuous laughter for at least a half hour as one young woman looked at a sleeping bag for the first time, wondering just what to do with it. And it worked. The program has resulted in a group who meet on a monthly basis for ongoing support, learning, and social action. Several women took ideas and concepts from the training and are sharing these with their colleagues at the office and applying them in their community work.

One woman is presenting her learning about gender concepts from the workshop at an international convention this month in the U.S. Other women said the workshop made them feel much more confident as individuals and women professionals. One woman applied for, and received, her first full time job directly after the training. She said that the workshop helped her feel confident about this job. All of this costs for less than 10 Euros per participant. With dedication, time and creativity, development work doesn't have to be expensive to be effective and inspired.

### 2.3 Marking World Aids Day in Kaski

Pokhara, Sharwan 2068 (July 2010). Three children were denied admission to a primary school. Not because the school reached its limit or their age but because they are HIV positive. After the District Education Office (DEO) intervened, another school admitted them. However after 1 day the community and the pressure from parents made the head teacher decide to dismiss the kids again. Believing that such events happen out of ignorance, Kaski Education and HIV/AIDS volunteers worked together with our NGO partners Friends of Hope, Community Support Group and Nepali National Dalit Social Welfare Organization to offer an awareness raising programme to VSO's partner schools.





The programme consisted of a staff training session; a lesson for all children; and a parents meeting. The DEO supported the initiative. A total of 800 children, 320 parents and teachers of 14 different schools in Kaski participated in the program. Since VSO is working in primary education, a lesson plan was developed that contained a simple message: 'Everybody is welcome!' Given the primary age group, we decided on the following key messages to be given to staff, children and parents:

- An HIV positive child is not a danger to other children.
- Children can play together; hold hands, share food, use the same toilet without risk.
- HIV positive children and adults can prolong their lives, with free medicine available in Pokhara.
- Everybody is welcome in our school.

The sessions went very well. 16 guest teachers from Friends of Hope and Community Support Group were trained by VSO volunteers to deliver a lesson to children using puppets to tell a story and involve children in creating the message. The Nepali National Dalit Social Welfare Organization organized a parent's conference at each school. Other activities included, singing a specially written song and enjoying snacks and tea together.

This was all a warming up for the big and challenging climax on December 1st: International World Aids Day. On that day, children in all partner schools sang the World AIDS Day song. VSON recorded the song in order to share this important message with the world: everybody is welcome and we can play, sit and eat with all children no matter cast, color or HIV status.

We believe it has raised awareness amongst VSO partner schools and communities and promoted the idea of inclusion. The intention is to continue this programme in the long term. Hopefully in the future, we will hear all children in Nepal (or maybe even worldwide) sing the message: everybody is welcome!

## 2.4 Foreign Shadow Minister Emma Reynolds (UK Parliamentarian) as VSON Volunteer



Ms. Emma Reynolds has returned to the UK and is currently European Minister of Foreign Affairs.

As part of the VSO Nepal program, each year a sort term political volunteer comes to Nepal to provide expertise on how to advocate/influence policy level development based on the needs and lessons learned on the ground in Nepal. This year, Emma Reynolds joined the education team to strengthen advocacy in girl's education, interact with policy makers as well as provide technical support to strengthen advocacy platforms. Emma was the UK foreign shadow minister and is currently EU foreign shadow minister.

Ms. Reynolds joined as a counterpart to the VSO advocacy partner, the National Campaign for Education in Nepal (NCEN). Her input raised awareness on the current challenges of access to education for girls across Nepal, as well as on the work VSO Nepal is doing in this area. During her placement, she reviewed the work VSO is currently doing in their education programme, as well as meeting with parliamentarians, ministries and civil society

stakeholders toward discussing the challenges and opportunities of getting and keeping girls in school. The VSO Nepal parliamentarian volunteer scheme has proven to be an effective tool in unlocking doors and reaching the tables of decision makers to present evidence based improvements to the education system, not to mention introducing the work of VSO to the Nepali president. In all the meetings and workshops her message was clear: 'decide what you want to advocate for in terms of girls education and focus on creating a school environment that provides girls a safe space to learn!' The construction of separate girl's toilets as well as coming up with strategies to protect girls from harassment was a strong and appropriate priority in her message. Emma's commitment and presence shows that luckily there are politicians left that are not afraid to go out there and get their hands dirty. In this, she has also been an example to young Nepali parliamentarians she worked with during her time here. Emma has now returned to the UK and is currently European Minister of Foreign Affairs.

## 2.5 Youth Exchange Programme in Surkhet

In order to mark the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the International Year of Volunteers (IYV+10) and to promote the involvement of youth as change agent, a twelve week long young exchange programme on topics around health was conducted in Surkhet from October to December 2011 by VSO Nepal and Social Awareness Centre (SAC) Nepal. This exchange programme provided volunteering opportunities to youth aiming to prepare them as active citizens by increasing their understanding of development issues in order that they take lead in developing their own interventions in the future. In particular, this exchange provided opportunities of cross cultural learning where 10 UK and 10 Nepali Youth Volunteers lived and worked together Surkhet, Nepal for 3 months and are now in UK volunteering in Plymouth till March 2012 While in Surkhet, the volunteers worked with 10 different schools on general themes of health and sanitation and conducted cleaning campaigns, delivered health and sanitation awareness messages in schools and communities, conducted campaigns to promote cleanliness in the community, and demonstrated clean water practices and promote safe storage of drinking water. At the end of Nepal Phase, the Surkhet community shared that promoting safe treatment of garbage and other waste and maintaining clean surrounding has led to better environment and encouraged hygienic practices in the community, which in long run will contribute in improving health status of the people.



# Youth NGO Federation Nepal

## 1. Introduction

Youth NGO Federation Nepal, registered on National Guideline Act. 2018 through the decision of Home Ministry is a non-profit making national level umbrella organization of Youth-led NGOs, CBOs, Clubs, Youth Networks, and Alliances formed by a team of youth activists and youth NGO professionals to promote and protect youth organizations across the country. It is an autonomous and politically non-partisan organization. Youth NGO Federation Nepal is established to coordinating and strengthening the capacity of youth organizations and to increase youth leadership in the shared vision. Since its establishment, Youth NGO Federation Nepal has been uniting youth organizations all over the country and now district committees have been established in all 75 districts of Nepal. More than 35 hundreds youth-led organizations have affiliated with this federation.

## 2. Activities

### 2.1 National Youth Conference and Youth Solidarity Rally

On the occasion of International Youth Day, 12<sup>th</sup> August 2011, Youth NGO Federation Nepal organized National Youth Conference in Kathmandu at City Hall. There were around three hundreds youth and volunteer participated from all over the country. Basically, the conference was focused on youth and migration, youth participation, and climate change policy as well as national youth policy. Ministry of Youth and Sports, Restless Development Nepal, Helvetas Nepal and Foreign Employment Promotion Board were the main partners of the program. Likewise, big youth solidarity rally was organized in the same day. The Hon'ble Minister of Youth and Sports, Mr. Onsari Gharti was invited as the chief guest of the programme. The conference ended formulating a Youth Declaration Paper 2011.



### 2.2 Peace Building and Conflict Transformation Training

Peace Building and Conflict Transformation training was conducted in Terathum and Sunsari districts in February 2011 with more than 50 participants from the different youth and volunteer organizations. The training was focused on role of youth and volunteer on peace building and conflict transformation. The chief guest of the program was Local Development Officer and other guest and participants were from different Political Parties, Journalist Federation, and civil society organizations representative. Whole training was facilitated by Mr. Shankar Shrestha, General Secretary of Youth NGO Federation Nepal.



### 2.3 Establishment of Volunteer Department

According to the demand of youth and students, Youth NGO Federation Nepal has established Youth Volunteer Department under the Youth NGO Federation Nepal Secretariat in November 2011. Mr. Kamal Subedi (secretariat member of Youth NGO Federation Nepal) is given the charge of the youth volunteer department under the secretariat and Mr. Dependra Khanal has appointed as coordinator of the youth volunteers. Previously around 750 youth and students were associated as youth volunteer in the central level. The key objectives of the youth volunteer department is to trigger the youth and students in volunteering work and contribute to the government's national development policy as well as Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) through volunteerism.

### 2.4 Advocacy Strategy and Good Governance Training

With the financial and technical support from ICIMOD and management support from Kathmandu Training Center, Youth NGO Federation Nepal organized four days residential 'Advocacy Strategy and Good Governance Training' at Tukisang, Sindupalchowk district in December, 2011. More than ten youth leaders of Youth NGO Federation Nepal got the opportunity to participate in the program. Trainers from Kathmandu Training Center and Council for Technical Education and Vocational Training (CTEVT) delivered the presentations. Training was very participatory and all the volunteers of Youth NGO Federation Nepal actively took part in it.





## 2.5 Interaction Program

Youth NGO Federation Nepal always has been advocating since its establishment for youth leadership at all level in the nation. Therefore, numbers of interaction program have been organized by Youth NGO Federation Nepal in the year 2011. The focuses of the events were to capacitate youth volunteers and activists on youth related issues and to create pressure on political parties and government for appointing Youth Minister under the age of 40 years. All the events were highly participatory and hundreds of youths directly took part in it.



## 2.6 South Asia Social Youth Forum

Youth NGO Federation Nepal participated in the South Asia Social Forum in November, 2011. The program was held in Dhaka, Bangladesh. The key achievement of the program was to establish South Asia Youth Network (SAYON). Mr. Mani Pokharel (Central President of Youth NGO Federation Nepal) is elected as the President of South Asia Youth Network on behalf of Youth NGO Federation Nepal. Likewise, the steering committee of South Asia Youth Network has decided to establish its central secretariat in Nepal under the Youth NGO Federation Nepal. Now, Youth NGO Federation and South Asia Youth Network are establishing SAYON Secretariat in Nepal. Action Aid Nepal and Restless Development are supporting SAYON and Youth NGO Federation Nepal for its preliminary set-up.



## 2.7 Karnali Youth Conference

The historical Karnali Youth Conference was organized from June 13 to 14 2011 by Youth NGO Federation Nepal with the support from United Nations Volunteers of Nepal, Poverty Alleviation Fund (PAF), Practical Action Nepal, Nepal Tourism Board, District Development Committee's of Mugu, Kalikot and Jumla. Karnali is one of the poorest and most remote regions of Nepal, not accessible by road yet. Being such a difficult region to reach, 250 Youths of Karnali Region participated in the conference. This conference issued a Karnali Youth Declaration Paper 2011 and handed-over to the Hon'ble Chief Speaker of Constituent Assembly of Nepal, Mr. Subash Chandra Nembang.



## 2.8 Youth Leadership Training

Development of youth leadership is an ultimate goal of Youth NGO Federation Nepal. Therefore, federation has been advocating for establishing youth leadership at all level in the nation, an accordingly, to achieve the objectives of this organization, the federation frequently organizes training on visionary youth leadership to product vibrant youth leaders. Likewise, numbers of trainings had been organized in the year 2011 with financial support of UNESCO and other INGOs. 50 participants actively took part in each training event. A total 250 youths directly benefitted from the 5 trainings.



## 2.9 Social Forum Palpa

Social forum is an open platform where everyone can share their experience and knowledge with large number of participants. As continuity of the World Social Forum, Nepal moreover has been organizing such social forum since 2009 in coordination with civil society organizations. Last year, Nepal Social Forum had been organized in the palpa district with more than 2 thousand youths participation from the different districts. The main objectives of the program was to address the social issues and make government accountable as well as responsible towards the citizens of the country. Approximately, 150 organizations had participated in the program. Kapilbastu, Palpa, Syangja and Kathmandu District Committees of Youth NGO Federation Nepal presented their activities during the program period.

## 2.10 Awareness Program on Climate Change and Maternal Health (Street Drama)

Without any financial support of donor community, Youth NGO Federation Nepal District committees of Kathmandu, Lalitpur and Okahdhunga organized Street Drama on Climate Change and Maternal Health to create awareness through entertainment. Thousands of people participated in the program, and they were encouraged to save forest and educated on maternal health. The professional youth artists presented the Street Drama to create awareness on the concerned subject matters.



## 2.11 Blood Donation Program

On the occasion of Republican Day 2011, a Blood Donation Program was launched by Youth NGO Federation Nepal in Kathmandu and other cities. Hundreds of youth volunteers participated in the program and donated blood through Blood Bank and Hospital. In the central level, Mr. Mani Pokharel (Central President of Youth NGO Federation Nepal) delivered his vote of thanks for all the blood donors and in the district level, district's presidents of federation delivered their vote of thanks for the participants.

## 2.12 Road Cleaning Programs

By mobilizing hundreds of volunteer, Youth NGO Federation Nepal organized Road Cleaning Programs time to time in the different districts including Kathmandu. The program had been launched in the Lalitpur, Kapilvastu, Sunsari, Terathum, Biratnagar, and Kathmandu districts.

## 2.13 Managed and Coordinated the events of NSCVN

Youth NGO Federation Nepal is the active member of National Steering Committee of Volunteerism Nepal (NSCVN) under National Planning Commission. On the occasion of 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of International Year of Volunteers (IYV+10) and International Volunteer Day of 2011, Youth NGO Federation Nepal got the opportunity to manage and coordinate the events of National Steering Committee of Volunteerism Nepal (NSCVN) as the member. Youth NGO Federation Nepal managed Volunteer Caravan, National Volunteering Conference and the launch of 'State of the Worlds Volunteerism Report' in Kathmandu.

## Members of National Steering Committee for Volunteerism Nepal (NSCVN)



National Planning Commission



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Ministry of Youth and Sports



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