



Solid waste management

Local people will be trained to recycle their household waste to produce compost and other products and community based solid waste management system will also be demonstrated.

Improved water supply

Traditional water sources will be improved and point of use water treatment options such as chlorination, solar water disinfection (SODIS) and filtration will be promoted. The programme will also demonstrate rainwater harvesting.



Capacity Building

Training, workshops and educational visits will be organized to build the capacity of local community groups as well as municipal officials.

School sanitation

As children can be important change agents school students will be mobilized to form eco-clubs and initiate environmental programmes in schools and communities.



Public Awareness

The programme includes a public awareness campaign designed to facilitate communication and behavioural changes in the communities.

Poverty Reduction & Environmental Sanitation in Hetauda Municipality



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PROGRAMMES



Background

Hetauda is a mid-sized municipality in central Nepal with a population of about 80,000. As the municipality is located at the cross roads of two major highways in an industrial area, it is growing rapidly. Recently the Municipality has initiated an urban poverty reduction programme that also focuses on environmental sanitation and capacity building in poor communities. The Municipality has formed a Poverty Reduction Coordination Committee with representatives from political parties, civil society, private sector, journalists, poor communities and other stakeholders to steer this process. The Committee has identified 24 poor clusters and selected four of these clusters, which have a total of about 3500 people living in 850 households, to initiate community based programmes aimed at improving the health and livelihoods of about within these communities. The programme is being implemented in partnership with Urban Development through Local Efforts (UDLE)/GTZ; UNHABITAT Water for Asian Cities Programme, and Environment and Public Health Organization (ENPHO).

Approach

Community participation & empowerment – In order to maximize community ownership and participation, community led working committees have been formed in each of the four communities. They will design and implement all activities in coordination with the municipality and monitor the progress. The programme will build the capacity of these local groups.

Coordination among stakeholders – To ensure transparency and coordination among all key stakeholders, the programme is being implemented by the Poverty Reduction Coordination Committee, which is headed by a member of the civil society and involves different stakeholders. The programme also aims to supplement the efforts of the Asian Development Bank supported Urban and Environment Improvement Project (UEIP) that is being implemented in Hetauda.

Institutionalization within Municipality – The Municipality, which has demonstrated its full commitment towards the programme by investing human and financial resources for its implementation, is an integral part of the programme. The municipality will institutionalize poverty reduction and community based sanitation through good governance.

Pro-poor & gender sensitive – The programme is designed to be particularly sensitive to issues related to gender and poverty and it strives to empower women and the poor by involving them in all activities and responding to their needs.

Revolving Fund

In order to invest in income generation and necessary infrastructure such as toilets and low cost housing, a revolving fund will be established in each community. The municipality and partners will provide initial seed money for the fund that will be utilized by the community to provide low interest loans in areas shown in Table 1. The interest collected will be used by the community for subsidizing the ultra poor or for community infrastructure.

AREA	MAXIMUM AMOUNT (RS)	INTEREST RATE (%)	DURATION (MONTHS)
Private toilets	5000	3	18
Biogas or ecosan toilets	8750	3	21
Low-cost housing	40,000	6	48
Improved Agriculture	25000	6	18
Livestock farming	25000	8	24
Small business	20000	10	18 to 24
Cottage industries	25000	10	18



Community Infrastructure

The programme will support the construction of some urgently required community infrastructure facilities such as drains, pavement, community toilets and community building, to improve the local environment and assist in the process of community empowerment.

Community Based Environmental Sanitation

As unsafe water, poor hygiene and inadequate sanitation are the main cause of ill health and loss of productivity in most poor communities, the programme will focus on improving water and sanitation in the communities through active community participation. In this process, the following activities will be implemented:

Total Sanitation Campaign

In order to make the communities free from open defecation and improve hygiene, the programme will launch a community led total sanitation campaign using the tools of Ignition PRA. The campaign will motivate all people to have toilets and where household toilets are not feasible (eg. in China Town), community toilets will be promoted. Emphasis will be put on promoting environmentally friendly options such as biogas attached toilets and Ecological Sanitation.

