Nepal: Building Climate Resilience of Watersheds in Mountain Eco-Regions

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Strategic Agendas

- Environmentally sustainable growth
- Inclusive economic growth

Drivers of Change

Sector / Subsector

- Agriculture, natural resources and rural development - Land-based natural resources management - Water-based natural resources management

Gender Equity and Mainstreaming

- Effective gender mainstreaming

Description

The project preparatory technical assistance is necessary to support analysis and preparation of the Project in accordance with the Government’s and Asian Development Bank’s standards and expectations. Nepal’s river sub-basins should be assessed for vulnerability to climate change, and economic and technical feasibility in sample sub-basins conducted in order to determine the scope, baselines, and targets for the ensuring Project.

The project preparatory technical assistance key outputs are prioritization of sub-basins, development of a methodology for participatory watershed planning, preparation of feasibility studies including, technical, economic and safeguard due diligence for two watershed subprojects, and preparation of the Project appraisal documents including a capacity building program for watershed management.

Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy

Impact

Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects

Environmental Aspects

Indigenous Peoples

Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation

During Project Design

Several multi-stakeholder events were held starting in September 2009 to develop Nepal’s Strategic Program for Climate Resilience (SPCR) financed under the Pilot Program for Climate Resilience (PPCR) of the Climate Investment Funds. In March 2010, a small-scale TA was approved to conduct an assessment of key risks for Nepal communities in light of climate change, and their adaptive capacity. Consultations at the national (primarily through the NAPA thematic working groups), district (6 sample districts, involving 150 people), and local level (12 places, involving 450 people, 40% of which were women) were held during the 6-month implementation period of the small-scale TA. A second joint programming mission involving Government, NGOs, local governments, and civil society was fielded in November 2010 to review the findings of the SPCR preparatory team and agree on priority SPCR projects. The final joint programming mission was fielded in February 2011 and a full multi-stakeholder workshop was dedicated to the design of the project and associated PPTA. Finally, a consultation workshop was convened in August 2011 to review the project concept paper and provide suggestions for improvement.

During Project Implementation

Several stakeholder consultations have been convened in the proposed project area during PPTA implementation. A national-level consultation on the proposed project design was held on 15 February 2013.

Business Opportunities
Consulting Services

Consultants were recruited in two packages. For the main package, a firm was recruited by ADB using the quality-and cost-based selection method. In addition, river basin and watershed hydrologic modeling and simulations using the results of downscaled climate change (CC) models and data will be undertaken by the International Water Management Institute (IWMI) using the single-source selection method.

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