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Co-operative Movement's Work with Youth, Women and Disaster Response in Nepal



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Geographical Background



- ❖ Nepal is a landlocked Country, bordered by India in East, West and South and by China in North.
- ❖ Total area– 147,181 sq. km
- ❖ Total population– 26.62 millions with 51.44 percent women
- ❖ It has hill areas with number of Himalayan ranges, highly vulnerable to earthquake due to Euro –Indo Plate.



Nepal : Facts



- **Country of Mount Everest (8848 m), Highest Peak in the world including 8 tallest peaks out of 10 in the world are in Nepal.**
- **Birth place of Lord Buddha, profounder of Buddhism. Also known as the Light of Asia and Symbol of Peace.**



Nepal : Facts

- One of the deepest gorges on earth- Kali Gandaki gorges is in Nepal.
- And Many more... breathtaking places like Rara biggest lake in Himalayan region.





Cooperative Movement Work with Youth



- ❖ The age group of 16-40 is considered as a youth in Nepal (National Youth Policy, 2015)
- ❖ 43.3 PC of the total population are youth and 50 PC youth are members of cooperatives.
- ❖ The cooperative model of enterprise contributes to youth employment not by only providing salary employment, but also facilitating job creation through self-employment.
- ❖ National Cooperative Federation of Nepal has a separate youth sub-committee and circulated all cooperatives to form the youth committee.



Cooperative Movements Work with Youth

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- ❖ Some educational institute has initiated formal cooperative education in the secondary school level.
- ❖ Cooperatives are providing soft loan focused to youth entrepreneurship.
- ❖ Cooperatives are providing skill enhancement training to youth for their self employment.
- ❖ Youth are being involved in the cooperative internship program.
- ❖ Youth are being gradually involved in the numerous program of cooperatives and federation is edeveloping them as a future leader.



Snaps of Youth Empowerment through Coop..





Current Situation of Women in Nepal



- **Head of the Nation (President) is woman, Bidya Devi Bhandari , who was elected as the second President of Nepal in the 2015. She is the first woman to hold the office.**
- **Susila Karki is the residing female chief justice in supreme court in the history of Nepal.**



☞ **Speaker of Parliament Onsari Gharti Magar is also first woman to hold the post of speaker.**



☞ **There are 33 PC women legislator in the legislative parliament of Nepal.**





Current Situation of Women in Nepal



In spite of some successful scenario.....

- ❧ A large number of women have no access to socio-economic activities.
- ❧ Women ownership of land and house in urban areas is 26.77 PC and rural areas is 18.02 PC.
- ❧ Female Literacy rate is 57.4 PC comparatively low than male 75.1 PC.
- ❧ Women participation in civil service is almost 18 PC.
- ❧ The participation of women in cooperative sector is encouraging
- ❧ There are more than 51 PC women members in the cooperatives.
- ❧ Already 38 PC women are working in the decision making position of cooperatives.



Movements' Work For Women



- ❖ **Movement is continuously working for women empowerment by giving them access in cooperative business, finance, collective bargaining, leadership development etc.**
- ❖ **National Cooperative Federations has a provision of woman vice chairperson and two board members.**
- ❖ **NCF has continuously carrying out a number of activities targeting women.**
- ❖ **Central level Cooperative Federations and District Cooperative Unions also focusing the women empowerment program.**
- ❖ **All level cooperatives have mandatory provision for the representation of women in the board.**



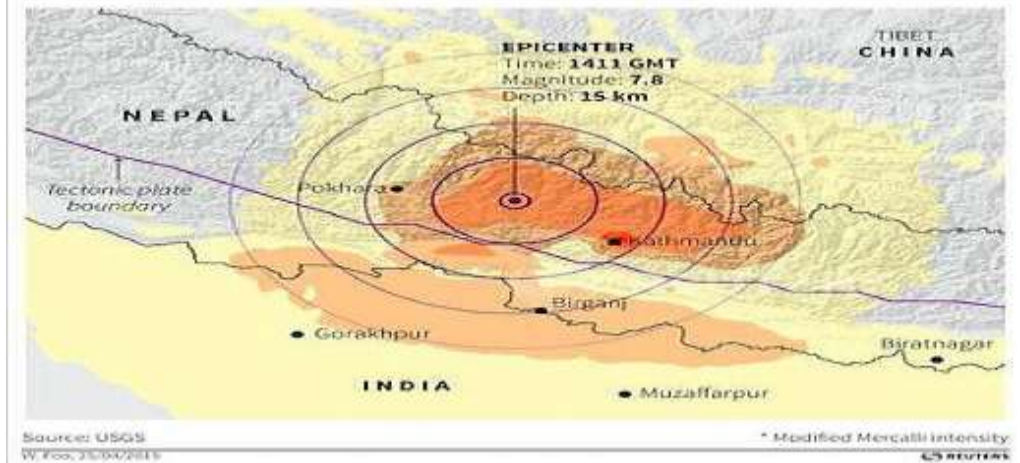
Some snaps of women empowerment program through Coop Movement



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Nepal Earthquake 2015

- Worst earthquake in Nepal since 1934.
- On 25th April 2015, a 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck Nepal with the epicenter in Barpak of Gorkha District, almost 76 KM northwest from capital city Kathmandu.
- Many cultural heritages including Dharahara -land mark of Kathmandu had been destroyed.



Nepal Earthquake 2015

- The total 8,969 lost their lives with 22,321 injured and 602,592 homes fully destroyed.
- Thousands of people displaced from their homes and resulted in economic losses of over US \$ 10 Billion,
- The massive earthquake and aftershocks had significant impacts on over 30 districts of Nepal including Kathmandu Valley.





Effect in Cooperative Sector by Earthquake



- As per the data collected from Cooperative Sector, 1,080 Cooperators lost their lives and 2,200 injured.
- 518 cooperative buildings fully collapsed and 105 cooperative business portals were damaged.
- Many cooperatives are economically affected due to:
 - The delay pay back of interest and principle amount from the members.
 - Members are not able to take services of cooperatives.
 - Credit portfolios of cooperatives are the most severely impacted because people from low income groups in rural areas have lost lives and livelihoods.



Immediate Response of Cooperative Sector to the earthquake disaster



- In response to the critical situation, NCF had appealed the whole cooperative sectors to involved in rescue .
- NCF had contributed 2.5 millions to the Prime Minister Disaster Relief Fund.
- All board members including Chairman/ Vice chairperson and other staffs of NCF engaged in the distribution of 10 thousand packs relief materials in 14 mostly affected districts supported by IFFCO, India.
- All China Federation of Supply and Marketing Cooperatives, China contributed US \$ 40,000 for Nepal and Vanuatu through ICA.
- NCF distributed 9,900 seedlings packs through member organizations provided by IFFCO.



Long Term Response of Cooperative Sector



- **NCF established a Cooperative Disaster Relief Fund for rehabilitation program of affected cooperatives**
- **NCF provided the fund as a grants to the various Cooperatives of mostly affected districts for their rehabilitation of cooperatives business.**





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