

interaction on prevailing environmental concern have been conducted.

- Special lectures from Professors/ Environmentalists/Experts enrich the mind of the student participants with diverse environmental aspects and motivate them for actions.

II. Special Events

Special events organized to commemorate special days (for e.g. environment day, wetland day etc) have their own significance for environmental conservation. Following eight international days celebrated as the special events help to mobilize the youth in mass awareness programmes.

- World Wetland Day (2nd February)
- World Water Day (22nd March)
- World Heritage Day (18th April)
- World Earth Day (22nd April)
- World Biodiversity Day (22nd May)
- World Environment Day (June 5)
- World Indigenous Peoples Day (9 August)
- World Disaster Day (12 October)

These events will bring about the participation of students, experts, organizations, policy makers, media persons and the community of local people. These events include various rallies, exhibitions, seminars, interactions and site demonstration to provide information regarding various dimensions of environmental management.

III. Capacity Building

Following three environmental trainings conducted for youth and communities from different sectors and various parts of the

country benefited over 60 participants from the training.

1. Youth Leadership Training
2. Report /Proposal writing training
3. Biodiversity conservation and climate change related awareness training.

IV. Publications and Information Dissemination

Various Publications in the form of books, pamphlets, posters, audio-visuals etc. regarding environmental issues serve the public to abreast with current environmental issues and prevailing scenario

Looking Ahead:

- Keeping the hope alive
- Mobilizing youth
- Supporting creative/innovative ideas
- Networking



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ENVIRON VISION II

An Environmental Advocacy Program



SGP The GEF Small Grants Programme



Introduction:

Youth Network for Social and Environmental Development (YONSED) was established in, 2005 with the view to tackle the problem of environmental degradation by effectively mobilizing students/youth groups. The organization has been working persistently in environmental advocacy and awareness activities at local as well as policy level ensuring coordination with different governmental, national and international organizations.

In coordination with GEF Small Grants Programme of the United Nations Development Programme, YONSED started advocacy programme entitled ENVIRON VISION, where experts and researchers work together with youth students, teachers, politicians and social workers through different serial and special events. In these events, environmental issues are critically discussed, and consensus is built to combat with various problems.

After ENVIRON-VISION I, YONSED embarked on the ENVIRON-VISION II with the support from GEF Small Grants Programme (SGP) of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). The second phase project attempts to enhance environmental awareness at public level and advocacy at policy level by carrying out various serial as well as special events, capacity building and communication. These activities are carried on in coordination with different NGO/INGOs, GOs and CBOs. The project has been providing interactive platform to the youth to bring up their hidden talents and share their knowledge and vision for conservation and sustainable management of the environment.

Objectives

- Explore means and ways to deal with the contemporary environmental issues of the country and advocate them at public level.
- Create a common platform for highlighting different environmental researches undertaken by the professors/ experts/ students and link up efforts of research outcomes with concerned organizations.
- Play significant role in motivating youth leaders and policy makers to address environmental issues through national plans and policies.
- To equip the youth with different environmental skill.
- To contribute in protecting and conserving natural and cultural heritage of Nepal.
- Disseminate information through electronic as well as print media and publications.

Working Approach:

The above objectives will be met through organizing various serial as well as special events and trainings, and publications. The project focuses involvement of students from public and private institutions as well



Activities:

YONSED has a good network of environmental youth groups from different environmental institutions. The activities, may be summarised as following:

1. Serial Events
2. Special events
3. Capacity Building Training/Workshops
4. Publications and Information Dissemination
5. Networking



I. Serial Events:

A full day (or half a day) programme of interaction meeting on environment related issues are organized on monthly/ bimonthly basis. Guest lectures from selected prominent professionals and academicians are arranged for the audience as students, currently pursuing their B.Sc. and M.Sc. in environment related areas as well as interested community members and stakeholders.

These events will undertake following activities;

• Paper presentation:

Professors/Environmentalists/researchers present their paper regarding the burning environmental issues. Paper presentations also include case studies and thesis conducted by various B.Sc. and M.Sc. students/researchers. Overall 15 paper presentations along with