

CLEAN ENERGY NEPAL

Report on National Popular Mobilization Activities 2013

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1. Background

Nepal's economic growth and development is very dependent on the climate, as a large proportion of GDP is associated with climate-sensitive activities, such as agriculture. Most people are in one way or another dependent on agricultural systems that are sensitive to climatic variation, and have little opportunity for livelihood diversification on less ecosystem-service based industries. Climate change impacts and social vulnerability are not distributed evenly across Nepal and current climate variability and climate-induced events, already lead to major economic losses and costs (including social). Nepal is not adequately adapted to the current climate and therefore has an existing adaptation deficit which requires urgent action. At this moment, when we just elected our constituent assembly members and the whole country is heading for a new constituent assembly, which will spell the country's future; Climate Change issues needs to be discussed and addressed.

Unfortunately, most of the political parties seem unaware about the climate change and its impact on our resources and they have drafted plans and action points for prosperous and developed Nepal on their manifesto based on Agriculture, Water resources and tourism without addressing the issue of Climate Change.

Clean Energy Nepal, in collaboration with Nepalese Youth for Climate Action (NYCA), understanding the need of addressing the Climate Change issues and bringing it to the forefront, organized ground event or Popular Mobilization events in several districts of Nepal this year aiming the second election of the Constituent Assembly, to pressurize our CA candidates, who will be our future leaders to ensure that the issue of Climate Change will be addressed in the upcoming constitution.

2. Objectives

- To aware people on climate change
- To inform public on current global dialogue on climate change
- To encourage individuals and organizations for the commitment on climate change
- To sensitize the CA Election candidates to prioritize and address Climate Change Issues into National Agenda

3. Activities

"Jalawayu Shava" was organized by Clean Energy Nepal in collaboration with Nepalese Youth for Climate Action (NYCA) with support from European Union and Oxfam as a National Ground Action Activity of COP 19. The "Jalawayu Shava" was organized in 10 districts of Nepal at various dates, prior and post the CA elections.

The various events and the outcomes are summarized below. Kathmandu Jalawayu Shava is the national event of the campaign, which was organized by CEN/ NYCA in Basantapur while other district events were organized in partnerships with different partners.

Table 1: Activity Details

| S.N | District | Activities | Date | In collaboration with | Direct Beneficiaries | | | Activity Details | Key Outputs |
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| | | | | | Total | Male | Female | | |
| 1. | Dadeldhura | Jalwayu Shava with Street Drama | 11 th and 12 th November 2013 | NYCA Dadeldhura | 248 | 168 | 80 | Jalwayu Shava was conducted in Public Library, Dadeldhura and a street drama as also performed in Dadeldhura Bus Park. Wall painting was also done in the occasion and pamphlets the need of addressing Climate Change as a election issue was published and distributed to the audience. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Participants know about the issue of climate change. - Participants know about current status of climate change in Nepal and its effect. - National daily, Radio Sudur Awaj, Amargadhi FM broadcasted about the event and the key message in newspapers and FM radio. |
| 2. | Chitwan | Jalwayu | 11 th Nov | NYCA Chitwan, | 100 | 55 | 45 | Jalabayu Shava was organized in Fulbari, | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Informed people about Climate |

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| | | | | | | | <p>change and the international initiatives. Mr. Rudra P. Bhattarai, then shared ideas on the impacts of climate change and how youths can help the society accept and adapt to climate change. Mr. Sanjay Sharma then talked about the local causes of Climate Change and various climate induced disasters, and also shared his views on how the political agenda was incomplete without addressing Climate Change. The discussions were then followed by sharing from the youths who discussed on the importance of integrating Climate Change in the Political agenda and the role of youth for better and safer Nepal.</p> | |
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| 5. | Kaski | Jalwayu Shava with rally , cultural performanc es and candle lighting program | 15 th Nov 2013 | Team for Change(in partnership with Baba Foundation) | 100 | 48 | 52 | <p>First of all, a rally was organized with the slogan “ Swaccha JalaBayu- Dirgha Aayu” from Pokhara Manav-Adhikar Chowk to Sabhagriha Chowk. Then, Jalabayu Shava was organized in Sabhagriha Chowk. Then, Tshirts were distributed to the chief guests and participants of the Shava. Ms. Kunjani Pyasi then gave the welcome speech while Mr. Rabiraj Basaula highlighted the objectives of the event. The speakers from different institutions then spoke on the importance of awareness on Climate Change and the need to make our life style environment friendly to reverse the effects of climate Change. At the end of the program,</p> | <p>- People were informed about impact of Climate Change. - People committed to conserve environment.</p> |
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| 6. | Lamjung | Jalwayu Shava with street drama | 10 th Nov 2013 | NYCA Lamjung | 150 | 75 | 75 | <p>there was a candle lighting ceremony on the shape of "SAVE EARTH". The Shava was accompanied by Cultural and dance events.</p> <p>The program was organized in Besisahar in collaboration with the local F.M. Radio i.e., Radio Chautari Lamjung and the Local NGO named Integrated Community Development Centre, Nepal (ICDC, Nepal). The program was started with a short speech from the member of ICDC, Nepal, Mr. Purnanjan Sapkota who spoke about the importance and motto of the JALAWAYU SABHA throughout the country. The speech was followed by the Street drama which</p> | <p>- People were informed about environment and Climate Change and why should it include in coming constitution.</p> <p>- Introduction of NYCA and its activities at Lamjung.</p> <p>- Covered by radio Chautari lamjung</p> |
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| 8: | Tanahun | Jalwayu Shava | 11 th Nov 2013 | NYCA Tanahun | 150 | 82 | 68 | <p>Gaire of NYCA Palpa highlighted the objectives of the event. Then, Mr. Krishna Karki of Youth action Palpa presented on Climate Change and its impacts. It was followed by discussion.</p> <p>The program started with welcome speech by a representative of Akala Yuwa Club. Then, Mr. Dipendra Kunwor from NYCA Tanahun elaborated the objectives of the Jalawayu Shava and then Mr. Devendra Hamal from Akala Yuwa Club explained that youths are the Change-Agents and youths they</p> | <p>- Create an environment to work in collaboration with district level political parties, Government bodies and public in the issue of Climate Change and got commitment from stakeholders.</p> <p>- Got media coverage.</p> <p>- Many stakeholders were made aware on the issues of Climate Change and the necessity of including Climate Change in CA Elections.</p> <p>- Youths were motivated to act as “Change Agents” in their</p> |
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| 9. | Mahottari | Jalwayu Shava | 28 Nov 2013 | Young Developed Club | 113 | 58 | 55 | <p>should take initiative to bring about changes in their society and country. Then, Mr. Pratap Singh Gurung, chairman of NGO Network elaborated the basic science of Climate Change and also presented on the national policies on Climate Change. Various representatives from the school, youth clubs, community forest user's group and media were also present and spoke on the occasion.</p> <p>The "Jalwayu Shava" was organized in Gauribas, Mahottari. The program started with speech delivered by Mr. Anismit Timilsina of NYCA. Then, various teachers' representatives from different schools gave their insights on climate change and its impacts</p> | <p>society.</p> <p>- People were informed about environmental problem and Climate Change.</p> <p>- Prepare a paper to conserve the natural environment of Mahottari and submitted to CA member from</p> |
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| | | | | | | | | on global and local level. The representatives from Community Forest Users' Group also shared about the importance of conservation of community forests and its environmental and livelihood benefits. Various representatives from the political parties also committed to include Climate Change issues in their priorities. It was followed by discussion which was facilitated by Mr. Lalmani Wagle of NYCA. | that region. Representatives from various political parties also committed to include Climate Change issues in their priorities. |
| 10 | Sunsari | Jalwayu Shava | Nava Yuwa Youth Club | 70 | 38 | 32 | | The "Jalwayu Shava" was organized in Baklauri, Sunsari. The program started with a different pattern that is discussion on the inclusion of Climate Change agenda in the CA election. The opinions, thoughts and insights were collected | - Local people were aware about the Impact of Climate Change in Agriculture |

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| 6 | Kailali | Kailali JalaBayu Shava | Navabuddha Youth Club, Malika Higher Secondary School | 17,550 | 17,550 | AFAI |
| 7 | Kaski | Kaski Jalabayu Shava | Team for Change | 23160 | 23900 | AFAI |
| 8 | Tanahun | Tanahun Jalabayu Shava | NYCA Tanahun | 26,731 | 25,000 | EUNSA |
| 9 | Mahottari | Mahottari Jalabayu Shava | Young Developed Club, Bardibas | 36,235 (including NYCA observers' travel expenses) | 26,700 | AFAI |
| 10 | Palpa | Palpa JalaBayu Shava | NYCA Palpa, Youth Action Nepal Palpa, Youth for Peace and Development | 19, 545 | 19, 570 | EUNSA |
| Total | | | | 2,41,716 | | |

5. Conclusion

The “Jalawayu Shava” Pop Mob event was organized targeting the second CA election in 10 districts of the country, prior and post the elections. The events were organized in spite of the threats of political strikes. More than 1407 (618 female) were the direct beneficiaries of the campaign which included general public, students, youths, farmers, academicians and representatives of various institutions and media houses. The events were highlighted in various local dailies and local FM stations. The pamphlets which were distributed in two districts viz. Sunsari and Palpa and also during the national event held in Basantapur. The Kathmandu Jalabayu Shava was broadcasted by Mountain TV, which is a national NEWS network. Hence, the indirect beneficiaries of the whole campaign are much larger.

The campaign has also widened people’s perceptions as they have strongly demanded for environmental considerations in the political manifestos prior to the CA elections. Many OP-ed articles started to circulate in the daily newspapers after the Jalawayu Shava event (Link: http://www.myrepublica.com/portal/index.php/ads/ads/post_photo_comment.php?action=news_details&news_id=64293) .

Further, the campaign was also successful in bringing the experts, youths and communities in one platform to discuss on Climate Change, its local impacts and the way ahead. This campaign has also fostered the relationship between NYCA and the local youth partner organization.

This campaign also included many creative demonstrations such as Wall painting, Drama presentation and cultural presentations in many districts, which was successful in creating awareness on Climate Change in a more creative way and also helped to upgrade the youths’ knowledge and skills on the issues.

NYCA was unable to conduct one regional activity, due to the election atmosphere, which it plans to do soon and is under discussion.

Overall, the campaign was successful and effective in achieving the objectives and in adding a new dimension in National Youth Climate Momentum.

6. ANNEX 1: Event Photographs

1. Dadeldhura Jalwayu Shava and Street Drama



Presentation during Jalwayu Shava



Interaction in Jalwayu Shava



Drama performance at Dadeldhura



Drama performance at Dadeldhura

2. Jalwayu Shava, Chitwan



3. Jalwayu Shava, Palpa



Deliver speech by Journalist Madav Aryal in Jalwayu Shava



Participants of Jalwayu Shava

4. Jalwayu Shava, Lamjung



Drama before Shava

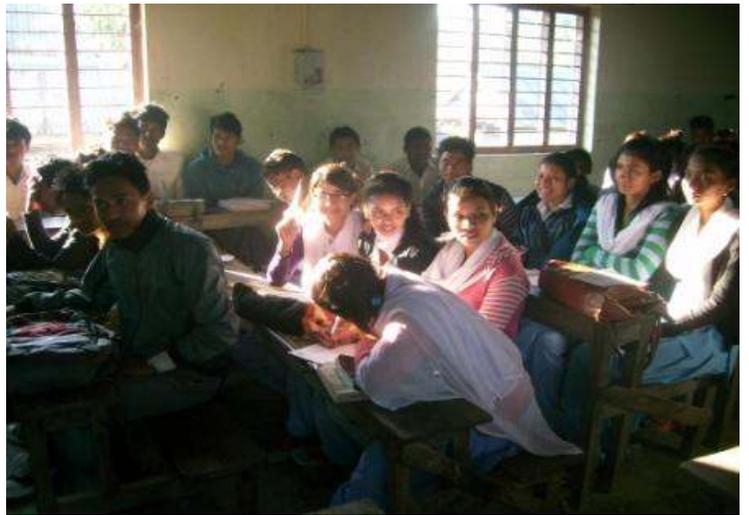


Participants of Shava

5. Jalwayu Shava, Sunsari



Video Screening



Participants during shava

6. Jalwayu Shava, Tanahun



Speech in Shava



Participants of Shava

7. Jalwayu Shava, Kaski



Rally before Shava at Pokhara



Candle lightening at Pokhara

8. Jalwayu Shava, Kathmandu



Climate activist during her speech



NYCA coordinator addressing the shava



Drama performance in Shava



Drama team and participant of Shava

9. Jalwayu Shava, Mahottari



Discussion about the local environmental issues and Climate Change



Talking about Climate Change

10. Jalwayu Shava, Kailali



Speaker talking about program theme



Students attending Jalwayu Shava

7. ANNEX 2: Campaign Promotion Material

1. T- Shirt distributed by NYCA in Kathmandu Jalawayu Shava



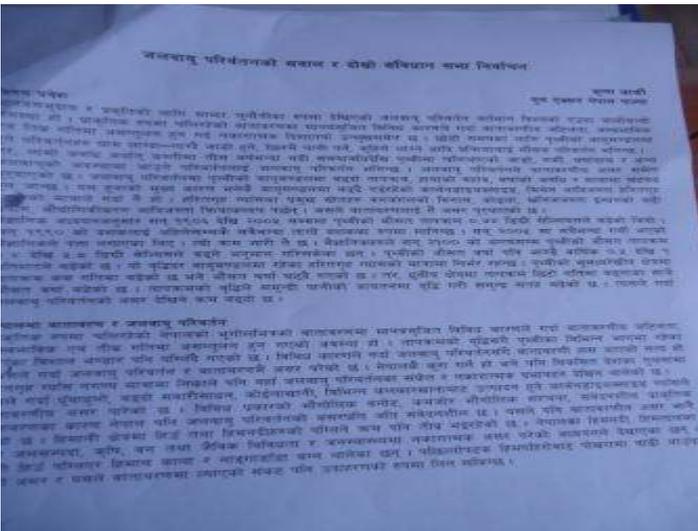
2. T- Shirt distributed by Nawa Yuwa Youth Club, Sunsari



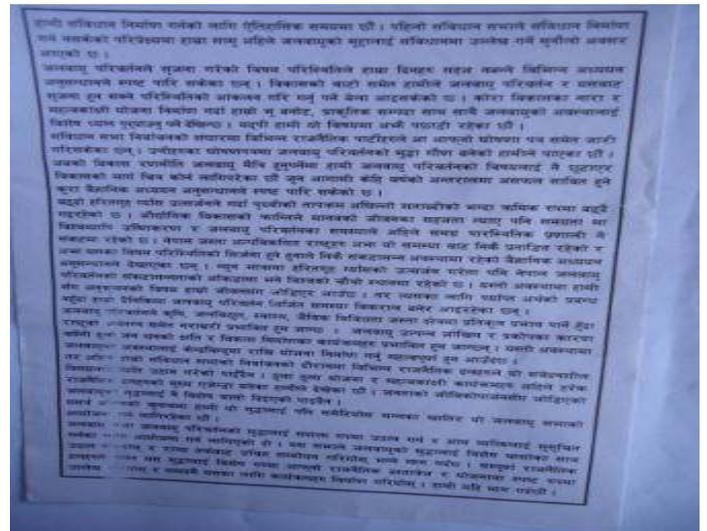
3. Sample of T-Shirt distributed by Team for Change, Pokhara



4. Pamphlets



Pamphlet distributed in Palpa



Pamphlet distributed in Sunsari

8. Annex 3 :Jalawayu Shava in Media



Other coverages

1. Jalawayu Shava covered in local daily in Palpa.
2. Jalawayu Shava covered in National daily, Radio Sudur Awaj, Amargadhi FM.
3. Kathmandu Jalawayu Shava covered in Mountain TV.
4. The Lamjung Jalawayu Shava was covered by radio Chautari Lamjung.