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About ECCA

Environmental Camps for Conservation Awareness (ECCA) has been a leading organization in the sector of social mobilization and community development. It implements various programs so as to raise the quality of life through wise-use of available local resources and application of alternate and renewable technologies.

Mission

- ☞ ECCA will be a Model Professional Volunteer Organization (PVO) dedicated towards natural resources management,
- ☞ ECCA will organize programs so as to secure children's sound ecological future,
- ☞ ECCA will support the development of conservation related entrepreneurship.

Briefs

- ☞ ECCA was established in 1987 as a non profit, non political, non government organization,
- ☞ ECCA is registered with CDO office, Kathmandu and affiliated with Social Welfare Council,
- ☞ ECCA established an Environmental Resource Centre (ERC) in Bhaktapur in 1992,
- ☞ ECCA pioneered the concept of children nature club (in Nepal) in 1992,
- ☞ ECCA first established paper-recycling unit (named Pap Again) in 1994 with the objective of producing recycled paper from waste paper,
- ☞ ECCA Head Office was shifted to its newly constructed building in Kopundol, Lalitpur on March 14, 2004 (Chaitra 1, 2060).

Methodology

The ECCA methodology involves the following five interfaces:

- ☞ The expert-youth interface
- ☞ The youth-to-youth interface
- ☞ The youth-children interface
- ☞ The child-to-child interface
- ☞ The children - community interface



Field of Work

- ☞ Environment & Natural Resource Management
- ☞ Culture & Heritage
- ☞ Education for Sustainable Development
- ☞ Appropriate & Renewable Technology

- ☞ Poverty Alleviation
- ☞ Advocacy

Wise Use House



With the objective of operating different organizations independently for mutual benefit, it is envisaged to house several like-minded NGOs in the ECCA building – named as “Wise-use House” - and in adjacent buildings and develop a new concept in networking. This had been launched not only to make optimum and efficient use of available resources but also to bring together like minded individuals and groups of people to a common platform from where we can launch our best ideas and efforts to secure a sound ecological, prosperous and just future for Nepal and our planet.

Besides ECCA, other offices in the wise-use house complex are: Kathmandu 20/20, Nepal National Committee of IUCN, Center for Renewable Energy (CRE), Versatile Research and Training Academy (VRATA), National Conservation & Development Center (NCDC), Group for Rural Infrastructure Development – Nepal (GRID), Group of Engineers for Appropriate Technology (GREAT Nepal), Society of Mechanical Engineers Nepal (SOMEN) and Future Now Pvt. Ltd. (FN).

Environment friendly practices at the Wise-use House

- ☞ **Solar photovoltaic system**
- ☞ **Rain water harvesting**
- ☞ **Grey water treatment:** Grey water and Black water are separated. Grey water (i.e. water from kitchen and urinals) are passed through the constructed wetland (reed bed) to treat and collected in 500L underground tank, which is then pumped to overhead 500L tank to re-use for flushing of toilet urinals and cubicles. This practice has also saved fresh water.
- ☞ **Black water management:** Black water (i.e. sewage from toilets) is collected in two chambered septic tank. The overflow enters into the soak pit.

Programs

ECCA Nepal understands that economic development initiatives and facilitations are effective and sustainable only if these initiatives are aligned with business principles. ECCA Nepal believes in global compact's three bottom lines of sustainable development viz: - planet, people and profit. Since its establishment, ECCA Nepal has been working for the conservation and advancement of planet and people.

For the diversity and sustainability of projects and programs, ECCA has conceived the concept of unit and activities are run accordingly. Under the approach three units namely Environmental Resource Centre, Program and Enterprise Initiatives are in existence currently.

Program Units

The program unit mainly deals with the development of new programs and projects according to the need of local target area and beneficiaries. Different donor organizations are approached for the funding of the project and programs. Development of new proposal, its smooth execution and follow up activities are the tasks done by the units.

Enterprise Initiatives (EI)

Enterprise Initiatives (EI) is an endeavor of ECCA Nepal (initiated from January 2008) walking-the-talk towards ‘think-like-business’ and adopt business principles in development activities. EI unit has formulated a new professional team to carry out EI activities effectively. Corporate Social Responsibility

(CSR) is another approach for EI to explore private sector world for partnership. The CSR approach focuses on the triple bottom line approach which is economy, environment and society.

SRBDN Forums

Socially Responsible Business Development Network (www.srbdn.org) was formed in October 2004 to create awareness on Corporate Social Responsibility in Nepal through discussion focus on different responsible issues. The main objective of SRBDN is to create awareness on responsible business/CSR to businesses in Nepal. ECCA, through EI unit, has been backstopping the SRBDN secretariat and its activities since January 2008.

With the theme “CSR and Social Work”, 28th forum was held at Thames International College (January 27, 2013). The program was attended by 42 students and faculty members. 29th forum “CSR and Environment” was held in coordination with Nepalese Youth for Climate Action (July 5, 2013). The program was participated by 40 environment activists and practitioners. Every Wednesday, postings focussing on CSR activities at local, national and international level are being sent to SRBDN subscribers@yahoo.com.

United Nations Global Compact local Network

The United Nations Global Compact is a strategic policy initiative for businesses that are committed to aligning their operations and strategies with ten universally accepted principles in the areas of human rights, labor, environment and anti-corruption. ECCA is a Local Member of Global Compact Nepal (since 2008-09). ECCA is actively participating in the meetings and programs conducted by UNGCLN Nepal and providing its support for the growth of the network. ECCA is an executive committee member of GCLN Nepal.

<http://www.unglobalcompact.org/participant/3074-ECCA-Nepal>



Business Counseling Training

Enterprise Scale up has been identified as Business Counseling. EI has developed a three-day business scale up and counseling training package. The trainings provided:

- for 47 officials from their different working districts of Department of Cottage and Small Industries and Cottage and Small Industry Development Boards (November 2012).
- for 28 staffs (Enterprise Development Officer, Business Development Officer and Monitoring and Evaluation officer) from Micro Enterprise Development Program (MEDEP) program running districts (August 2012), Kathmandu.
- update orientation to Micro Enterprise Specialist and National Program Support Office team from all MEDEP Area Program Support Offices (August 2012), Pokhara.

PMCA Related Activities and Formation of Fish Thematic Group

Facilitation was done on the Participatory Market Chain Approach and formation of Thematic Groups in Agriculture Nutrition and Extension Project implemented districts in Rupandehi and Nawalparasi. The activities were conducted under the financial assistance of World Fish Centre, Bangladesh.



Promote Adolescent Girls' Quality Secondary Education in Rural Areas of Nepal

The Assessment of feasibility of proposed intervention to “Promote Adolescent Girls' Quality Secondary Education” in Rural Areas of Nepal was done. This study done for Power to People, examined the relevance of proposed intervention with the current situation of adolescent girls and available government and community support in two of the VDCs (Ghyangphedi & Shikherbesi) of Nuwakot District. The proposed intervention targets the disadvantaged adolescent girls aged between 10-19 years in the secondary schools and includes three of the components i.e. *comprehensive scholarship*, *extra-curricular program* and *post-secondary transitions* to enable them to attend and complete secondary schooling and pursue opportunities beyond high school.



Secretariat Planning and Management workshop

The workshop was held for 25 officials of Central Carpet Industry Association and representatives from Label STEP, Kathmandu (May 16-17, 2013).

SANSAR SC Meet

South Asian Network on Sustainability and Responsibility (SANSAR) <http://sansar-csr.blogspot.com> was formed during the meeting in Dhaka in November, 2011 and was formally launched in Bangalore on March 29, 2012. ECCA is one of the founder member of the forum and is also in the steering committee. The vision of this network is to make stakeholders redefine & commonly understand the concept of CSR and promote it actively to address social, environmental and business related issues across the globe & sectors. SANSAR aims to achieve this through Policy Outreach, Activism, Capacity Building, Research and Networking. SANSAR Steering committee meeting was held in Islamabad, Pakistan (December 13, 2012), which was attended by delegates from Afghanistan, Bangladesh India, Pakistan, and ECCA Nepal.

Internal

- Website and Yahooogroup Manual update
- Development of CSR Resource Centre in Wise-use House
- Updating CSR Country and Sectoral Profile of Nepal

Others

Testing Business Models for Selling Chlorine Solution

In partnership with Antenna Technologies, Switzerland, ECCA is pilot testing various business models for selling chlorine solution “WATASol”, produced by partners operating 31 Mini WATA and 5 Standard WATA. ECCA facilitated effective and sustainable linkage between supply and demand by building capacity of stakeholders at both ends.

Felicitation of Professor Masahiko

ECCA partnered with Bird Conservation Nepal, Central Department of Environmental Science Tribhuvan University, Environmental Graduates of Himalaya, National College Kathmandu University Affiliate, Nepal Botanical Society, Nepal Forum of Environmental Journalists, Nepal National Committee of IUCN Members, Resources Himalaya Foundation, Tree Ring Society of Nepal, and Wildlife Watch Group to felicitate Professor Masahiko Ohsawa on March 15, 2013 (Chaitra 2, 2069) in Kathmandu for his

pioneering work in the ecological study of the Himalaya and bringing valued knowledge on mountain ecosystems.

Program with District Child Welfare Committee

ECCA has been partnering with Lalitpur District Child Welfare Committee in various programs. Mr. Bipin Kumar Shrestha, Program Administrator in ECCA is a member in the sub-committee for the Reformation of Child Network. Child Club Network Executive Committee was reformed in the VDC and Municipal level, based upon which, Lalitpur District level Child Club Network Executive Committee was also reformed. Activities held were: Lalitpur District Children Conference (September 7-8, 2012), essay and art competition, proposal and report writing trainings, etc.

Conservation Education in Southern Lalitpur

Since 1994, with the support from Wilkins Memorial Trust (WMT) UK, ECCA has been working with school children and the nature clubs of 10 VDC's in Southern Lalitpur to make aware / educate the local communities on environmental issues as well as child rights. This year as well, the program was divided into two categories. The first category was the regular program designed by the local counselors and conducted by ECCA whereas the second category was the award winner projects developed by the nature club members during the nature club interaction program.

Study on Climate Change and Livestock in Humla

In collaboration with ECCA, Colorado State University Livestock Climate Change Collaborative Research Support Program has helped in funding TIRI Scholar Renu Shakya and Sidhi Bajracharya in a research titled "Climate Change and its Impact on Livestock's Health and Farmer's Well-being in Humla". This study aims to assess impact of climate change on Health of transhumant herders' livestock and its impact on herders' well-being, as a consequence.

Specific objectives of this study includes measuring overall health status of animal taken for transhumance using 'Health scores' with specific focus on different climate variables which impact animal's health, quantify any new symptoms reported by transhumant herders in Humla and describe the health pathway chosen by farmers to treat their diseased animals and measure the impact of animal's poor health on farmer's well-being.

Seminar on Sustainable Livelihood

ECCA partnered with IUCN Nepal, Kathmandu Environmental Education Project, Kaushila Foundation for Peace and Innovative Initiatives, National Trust for Nature Conservation, South Asia Foundation – Nepal, and Tribhuvan University-Central Department of Rural Development to conduct a seminar on sustainable livelihood organized by National College - Center for Development Studies on March 1, 2013 (Falgun 18, 2069).

Information Center Established in East Nepal

Letang is a village situated at low hills, and is an entry route to the villages situated in high hills (towards the north). The local community provided land to be developed as the climate change information center and children park. Various environment friendly appropriate technologies that contributes towards mitigating global warming (through the reduction of greenhouse gases emission) shall be exhibited in this center, such that the people of Letang as well as adjoining villages will benefit from this center. At a later date, once the information center is established, local entrepreneurs will be identified and trained, such that these technologies shall be applied in that region. The construction of a children park next to the Information Center will help in attracting the local people to the Center and will thus help in its visibility and sustainability.

ECCA constructed one storey building a year ago. In partnership with Nourish UNC, a student-run nonprofit from the University of North Carolina USA, six international volunteers (Grace Farson, Immy Schofield, Nikita Jathan, Helen Petty, Danny Sale, Andrew Treske) helped to construct the park and in the local schools (teaching, sharing with teachers and students).

No Rain in Drain

In partnership with Rotary Club of YALA and with technical support of Sustainable Eco Engineering Pvt. Ltd., ECCA supported drinking water treatment facility and ground water recharging facility in Jagat Sundar Bonakuti Secondary School, Kathmandu, CBR-Patan and Shree Suryodaya Bal Prathamik School, Lalitpur. The main objective was to provide safe drinking water and support the concept of “no rain in drain” by recharging ground water by constructing recharge pits in possible places in schools and available open spaces.

Campaigns

Light-For-All

Objective

- To displace kerosene lamps by solar based household lighting (known as Solar Tuki) through the integrated approach of community mobilization and technological intervention.

Support a child

Objective

- To reduce school drop out rate
- To enhance the school enrollment and education standard for children through care, support and developing capacity of children
- To support Government’s “Education for All” campaign and achieve MDGs

Plant a Tree

Objective

- To mitigate CO₂ emission
- To increase the aesthetic value of the locality utilizing available open spaces
- To bring concept of green accounting on youth, children and community
- To make polluters responsible for local and global environment

Safe Drinking Water

Objective

- To provide the communities with safe drinking water and improved sanitation of the surrounding
- To promote the safe supply of drinking water in schools to prevent children from water borne diseases, increase their school attendance and enrollment

Partnerships

Shanti Griha

In partnership with Shanti Griha (an NGO), Safe-drinking-water program was launched in their project area in Chitwan. Accordingly, training on the use of chlorinator was conducted in Bhandara, Chitwan on July 19, 2010 and 10 WATA devices (along with the promotion materials posters, flex, flyers, flip charts, etc.) were provided to 10 different communities. Chlorine solution is now locally produced and distributed in the community.

Rotary Club of Patan

In partnership with Rotary Club of Patan, water, sanitation and hygiene program was launched in 9 schools of Lalitpur. The program aimed to bring the participation of all the school stakeholders to build clean and healthy school environment so as to benefit school students.

Humla Development Initiatives

In partnership with Humla Development Initiative (HDI), separate training program for teachers and students (5-days each) was organized in Humla in April - May 2011. The objectives were to develop local manpower, to increase the awareness on environment conservation and to sensitize the local people in various health and sanitation issues.

Climate Change Information Center

In partnership with Local Initiatives for Biodiversity, Research and Development (LIBIRD), the information center located in ECCA Head Office was strengthened by adding publication, audio visual, newsletters, journal etc. related with climate change. The information center is open to all (school and college students, researchers, youth volunteers and others who work in development projects). Besides, every Thursday talk program and documentary show is held to disseminate knowledge on climate change.

Professional volunteerism program

ECCA has initiated life skill and physical education training classes in 5 government schools in Lalitpur City in partnership with Lalitpur Sub-Metropolitan City Office and Dr. Tanya Ferneries, Assistance Professor of Ottawa University Canada. Research proposal on life skill has also been approved by Nepal Health Research Council. This program was continued with the involvement of Canadian Volunteers to develop life skills among students, ECCA Counselors and teachers

Membership

- ☞ UNEP South Asian Youth Environment Network (SAYEN) – Country focal point
- ☞ Global Learning and Observation to Benefit the Environment (GLOBE) – Country coordinator and Member secretary of the National Steering Committee
- ☞ IUCN – The World Conservation Union, Switzerland – NGO member since 1991
- ☞ Nepal National Committee of IUCN – General Secretary
- ☞ NGO Federation – Founding member
- ☞ Nepal Permaculture Group (NPG) – Founding Member
- ☞ Improved Cook Stove (ICS) Network – Member
- ☞ Consortium of organizations working for the child club – Member
- ☞ Coalition for Clean Nepal (CCE) - Member
- ☞ World Toilet Organization – Member
- ☞ Climate Change Network – Member
- ☞ "Wise-use House" Network - 8 organizations working under one single roof
- ☞ Socially Responsible Business Development Network (SRBDN) – Member
- ☞ South Asian Forum on Responsible Business (SAFoRB) - Member
- ☞ Federation of Nepalese Chamber, Commerce & Industries (FNCCI) CSR Forum – Member
- ☞ National UN Global Compact Committee, Nepal – Member
- ☞ Danish Development Research Network – Member
- ☞ UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) - Consultative status
- ☞ Brick Clean Network – Member

Highlights from the Audit Report 2012/13

S. No.	Particular	Amount (NRs.)
1	Assets	
2	Contribution from Funding Agencies	7,858,955.81
3	Contribution from Local Organization	117,000.00
4	Contribution from Other Program	675,481.90
5	Contribution from Local Level	4,764,511.50
6	Contribution in Trust Fund	9,308,736.93
7	Membership Fee	6,740.00
8	Closing Stock	1,372,663.33
9	Program Expenses (excluding regular staff salary)	8,809,168.76
10	Office Expenses (including salary of regular program staffs)	3,365,795.46
11	IUCN Membership Fee	43,077.00