



## Gender Mainstreaming and Social Inclusion Project

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# GeMSIP Update

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### MESSAGE FROM LDO MORANG

It is my pleasure for having the opportunity to put my few words as Local Development Officer, Morang for the 2<sup>nd</sup> issue of Newsletter being published by the GeMSIP, a five-year project under the technical cooperation between the Government of Nepal and JICA. I would like to express my deep gratitude to the publisher for providing me this opportunity. In addition, I wish for the continuity of effective and successful publication of this newsletter intending to disseminate updated information regarding the creative activities concerning gender mainstreaming and social inclusion (GMSI) among the stakeholders.

GeMSIP Project, being implemented in the district Morang which has special identity in terms of social, historical, cultural, political, economic, industrial and geographical settings, will be contributing for sustainable and effective operation of GMSI mechanism in local government and local bodies by supporting in strengthening the emerging issue of GMSI in national policy formulation, program implementation, monitoring and evaluation. Developing Morang as a successful and inclusive model district reflecting gender mainstreaming, social inclusion, social equity, good governance and proper management, I am confident GeMSIP will also be contributing other districts to move ahead in the direction of gender mainstreaming and social inclusion by providing imitable and practical guidance, skills and transfer of technology.

With thanks,

By Mr. Pashupati Pokherel, LDO, Morang

### MESSAGE FROM LDO SYANGJA

I feel very happy to hear that the GeMSIP, a project with the technical cooperation between Nepal Government and JICA is going to publish its 2<sup>nd</sup> issue of Newsletter. First of all, I would like to thank GeMSIP Project for providing me the opportunity to put greetings in this newsletter.

I am glorified for getting the opportunity of implementing the pilot project in this district aiming at improving the existing policy, directives and working areas related to gender equity and social inclusion, an issue of national concern and challenge in Nepal.. Through this project, I believe, Syangja will be developed as a model district in mainstreaming gender, community and caste pushed behind from plan formulation, implementation, evaluation and monitoring of periodic and yearly plan. I expect cooperation from all agencies concerned towards the successful implementation of this project. At the same time I would also like to express the commitment of full support and coordination from me and the agencies under me.

Finally, I wish for the success of this newsletter to be helpful towards the direction of gender equity and social inclusion together with the continuity of this newsletter.

Thank you,

By Mr. Dirga Narayan Pyaudal, LDO, Syangja

### MESSAGE FROM GEMSIP EXPERT TEAM

We are grateful and express our thanks to many people for their great support to the successful completion of 1<sup>st</sup> year activities of GeMSIP from February to October 2009. Now GeMSIP has started 2<sup>nd</sup> year from November 2009.

GeMSIP focuses on implementation of GMSI mechanism at local level. It aims at all levels of local bodies from VDC to DDC and all stages of development process from planning to monitoring/evaluation becoming responsive to gender and social inclusion, so that voices of women and excluded groups can be reached to decision making on the development and the development policy and programs can be formulated to genuinely support their lives and improve their well-beings.

Another important feature of GeMSIP is to strengthen a two-way linkage between local and central levels to share information and experiences on GMSI, which should provide incredible benefits to the both sides.

We would like to continue to do our best and to make closer cooperation with all concerned stakeholders in order to see fruitful outputs.

By Ms. Toshiko Hamano  
Chief Technical Advisor, GeMSIP Expert Team

## JOINT COORDINATION COMMITTEE (JCC)

The 2<sup>nd</sup> year of GeMSIP started from November 1, 2009. On November 16, the 2<sup>nd</sup> JCC was held at the meeting hall of DWD. The JCC was co-chaired by Ms. Bindra Hada, the Secretary of MWCSW and Mr. Shyam Prasad Mainali, the Secretary of MLD. The participants included Joint Secretary from MLD, Under Secretaries from MLD and MWCSW, the Director General and Director from DWD, LDOs and WDOs of Morang and Syangja, Chief Rep. of JICA Nepal Office, members of GeMSIP Team, and others.

During the JCC the outline of GeMSIP and the progress of the 1<sup>st</sup> year activities were presented, the major findings of the Baseline Survey were shared and the operational plan of the 2<sup>nd</sup> year activities were presented and discussed.



2<sup>nd</sup> JCC at DWD meeting hall

## SELECTION OF VDCS FOR PILOT PROJECTS

In the months of November and December GMSI Coordination Committee in Syangja and GeMSIP Working Group in Morang conducted a series of meetings and field visits to select the 1<sup>st</sup> batch of VDCs to implement pilot project following GMSI responsive mechanism. The selection criteria were agreed by the above committee/working group together with GeMSIP team. The criteria included regional and geographical balance, population diversity, willingness of community, etc. After short listing 6 VDCs in each district through objective scoring based on the agreed criteria, a team of people visited each VDC and conducted group interview to assess their willingness to take part in the pilot project.

The following are the 1<sup>st</sup> batch of pilot VDCs:

- Morang District: North – Tandri  
Middle – Tetariya  
South – Pokharia
- Syangja District: Constituency 1 – Phedikhola  
Constituency 2 – Biruwa Archale  
Constituency 3 - Jagatradevi

## VDC ORIENTATION

Half-day VDC Orientation was held in each of the 3 pilot VDCs from 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> December in Morang, and on 26<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> December in Syangja. The main objectives were to introduce GeMSIP and its pilot project and to discuss its preparation with VDC stakeholders. The number of participants varied from 19 to 71 but in most cases a wide range of stakeholders were present including VDC Secretary, political party representatives, members of GESI related committees, teachers, NGO representatives, representatives of wards and user groups, etc. In Tetariya and Pokharia in Morang, students and youth also took part actively. Members from district-level GeMSIP Working Group/Coordination Committee together with GeMSIP team members facilitated the Orientation.



VDC Orientation in Tandri VDC, Morang District

## GeMSIP Completed Activities (September - December, 2009)

Month	Activity	Place
Sept.	GeMSIP Project Design Matrix (PDM) Workshop	Kathmandu
Sept.	Project Management Committee (PMC) meeting	Kathmandu
Nov.	Joint Coordination Committee (JCC) meeting	Kathmandu
Nov - Dec	District-level GeMSIP Coordination Committee meeting and Baseline Survey Results Sharing	Morang and Syangja
Nov- Dec	Selection of pilot VDCs	Morang and Syangja
Dec.	VDC Pilot Project Orientation	Morang and Syangja

## GeMSIP Upcoming Activities (January –March, 2010)

Month	Activity	Place
Jan.	Project Management Committee (PMC) meeting	Kathmandu
Jan.	District-level GM/SI Appraisal and Audit Workshop	Morang and Syangja
Jan - Feb	Selection and Training of Facilitators	Morang and Syangja
Feb.	District-level GM/SI Planning and Monitoring Workshop	Morang and Syangja
Mar.	VDC-level GM/SI Appraisal and Audit (Baseline Survey)	Morang and Syangja
Mar.	GM/SI Policy Seminar	Kathmandu