



# IMPACT

## CECI Nepal's Newsletter

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## Message from the country representative

Dear Friends,

We are pleased to present you this latest edition of IMPACT, the CECI Nepal newsletter. In this issue you will get a glimpse of our major activities between August and December, 2014.

As always, the end of the year brought forth many opportunities, challenges and achievements. We began our consulting work on the Skills Development Project, continued our efforts with the Multi-Stakeholder Forestry Program and completed our commitment to Initial Phase of the Program for Accountability in Nepal. We also welcomed some new faces from the Uniterria and AVID volunteer programs and bid farewell to outgoing volunteers and staff member.

We are looking forward to the year ahead as we build on our commitment to capacity building, good governance and gender equality and social inclusion. I would like to thank all our partners in government, donors, civil society and other organizations for your continued support and invaluable work in 2014.

Finally, I would like to thank Mrs. Mallika Bhattarai and Mr. Karl Brown for their efforts to bring this newsletter.

We hope you will enjoy reading this newsletter and also look forward to getting your feedback to improve this newsletter.

Keshava Koirala  
Country Representative  
CECI Nepal



## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS AND UPDATES

### MSFP



Bee-hive making training

Tremendous achievements have been made in creating local level job opportunities through the forest based enterprise development under Multi Stakeholder Forestry Program (MSFP Lot VI) in the

Mid and Far Western Development Regions of Nepal. Since the project start in March 2013, over 1,100 households have been supported in enterprise development for various products such as allo fiber, honey, paper making, bamboo products and others. Allo processing and marketing has been especially noteworthy in Dailekh and the beneficiaries are selling their fiber at Rs 700-1200 per kilogram. Similarly, honey production in Jajarkot has been a great success. Chiuri ghee processing has gained momentum and marketing channels have been established with the Himalayan Bio Trade Limited. All these enterprises have also helped improve their income.



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MSFP provided revolving funds to 341 local forestry groups (LFGs) for pro-poor income generation activities (IGA) with a total grant of Rs 34 million. The recipient households contributed Rs. 2.1 million. Skill development trainings were provided to 855 individuals, in the areas of bee keeping, Allo processing and charcoal production. Women from poor and DAG households represented 48 percent of the total participants. MSFP is funded by DFID, SDC and Embassy of Finland and managed by a consortium involving ID JS (lead), CECI, Himawanti and ASMITA. The main objective of the MSFP Lot VI is to improve forest based benefits for 2,500 community members and local entrepreneurs.

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### SDP

The Asian Development Bank and Nepal government funded Skills Development Project (SDP) has been implementing by CTEVT and executing by Ministry of Education throughout Nepal providing educational and vocational trainings to number of students. Our consulting team has been active in providing technical assistance to the Council for Technical Education and Vocational Training and the Ministry of Education for the project implementation. Over the last few months, the consultants have been engaged throughout Nepal in a number of SDP activities and events. The support provided ranges from quality improvement workshops to pre-proposal conferences for Private Training and Employment Service Providers, and Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) sensitization workshops and GESI Training of Trainers (TOT). The consultants have participated in Monitoring and Evaluation Training, Database Workshops and Change Management Strategy Meetings focused on CTEVT restructuring.

Through the work of the consortium lead by World University of Canada, including CECI Nepal, Industrial Enterprise Development Institute and Colleges and Institutes Canada, the SDP initiative is well on the way to achieving its goal of expanding market-driven and inclusive training, improving TVET sector management, performance, and the quality and relevance of public training.



Electrician training



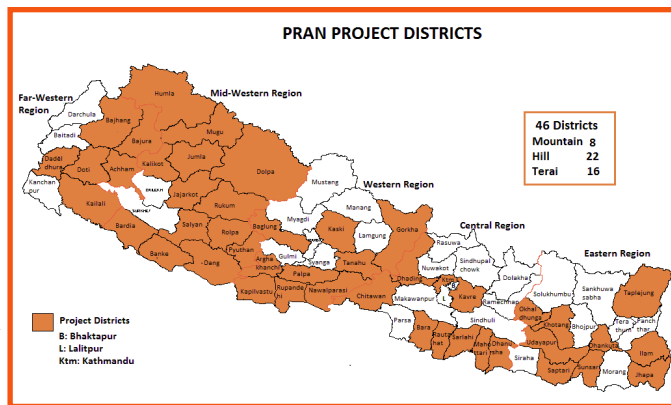


*VDC level budget tracking advocacy workshop*

In September 2014, CECI successfully completed the initial phase of the Program for Accountability in Nepal. PRAN is a World Bank program which began in September 2010 to improve demand for good governance in Nepal through the promotion of accountable, honest, transparent and responsive delivery of government services through its agencies. CECI was the executing partner of the World Bank and was assigned the role of managing competitive grants for Nepali Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) to practice and pilot various social accountability (SAc) tools and initiatives focused in three thematic areas: **a) Public Financial Management; b) Municipal Governance and c) Public Service Delivery.** In total, 104 CSOs successfully implemented projects covering 46 districts of Nepal. The SAc tools

practiced were: Community Score Card, Citizen Report Card, Public Expenditure Tracking Survey, Participatory Budget Analysis, Public Hearing, Participatory Budgeting, Citizen Charter, Citizen Watch Group, Public Audits, Zero Corruption Campaign, Right to Information, Civic Education, Citizen Complaint Structure, Tracking of Public Services, Budget Demystification and Awareness Raising, Gender and Pro-poor Budget Analysis, Public Procurement monitoring, Revenue Monitoring, Media Outreach and Citizen Jury.

Through PRAN, the social accountability mechanisms have been established as means of enhancing transparency, accountability, inclusion and democratic governance. Given the complex social structure, geographical diversity and varying levels of literacy in project districts, the results achieved by PRAN grantee CSOs have been substantial in terms of reaching greater number of citizen beneficiaries and in creating a common platform for service users and providers to work together for better service delivery. A total of 114,668 individuals directly benefitted from the project.



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*Dilip Chinnakonda at the knowledge fair workshop*

CECI Asia Coordinator **Dilip Chinnakonda** and Nepal Country Representative **Keshava Koirala** participated in the Multi-stakeholder Knowledge Forum organized by World Bank from September 10th -11th, 2014 at the Yak and Yeti Hotel, Kathmandu. The forum stressed the role of civic engagement for social accountability. Keshava Koirala took active participation in a panel discussion along with other panelist from the partner organizations: Dr. Bal Gopal Baidya from New Era, Mr. Adarsha Tuladhar from TMS, Mentor Gopal Sunar, and Ms. Luiza Nora, PRAN Task Team Leader from World Bank, where PRAN activities, learnings and results were highlighted and discussed. The World Bank has been supporting PRAN for the last four years to promote and implement social accountability (SAc) initiatives.

This forum brought together government officials, civil society organizations, development partners and relevant stakeholders and built common understanding on developing capacity of local CSOs and promoting accountability of local government. The event also included a social accountability "Knowledge Fair", highlighting results and stories from existing social accountability initiatives in Nepal.



*Keshava Koirala with other panelists*

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*Uniterra Global meeting team*

## Uniterra Global Meeting, Peru

From October 21st to 26th, Mr. Keshava Koirala, Uniterra Country Coordinator and Ms. Sagun Bista, Program Officer along with Uniterra Partner Organization NACCFL's Program Manager Ms. Meena Pokhrel, participated in the UNITERRA Global Meeting held in Lima, Peru.

The meeting was organized to review the past five years of the Uniterra program. Its achievements, challenges and lessons learnt as well as discuss the proposed programming approach for Uniterra's next phase (2015- 2020).

Altogether, more than 60 Uniterra staff members and partners from 14 countries throughout Asia, Africa and Latin America assembled to share their experiences as well as their ideas, thoughts and programming strategies for the next phase.

## Asia Regional Meeting, Vietnam

With Uniterra 2 fast approaching its completion, a regional meeting was held in Hanoi, Vietnam to focus on reporting results and the strategic planning for U3.

The objectives of the regional meeting were:

- i) An up-to-date review of the Asia U2 Program.
- ii) Coach field staff on preparation for 2015 AWP's to ensure inclusion of the current strategy with the private sector, the market systems approach and the proposals from L4C and SWB
- iii) Presentation and exercises on some of the Lima workshops themes to field staff
- iv) Planning volunteers and the delivery structure including partners for U3.

The Uniterra teams of Nepal and Vietnam and a representative from Head Office participated in the meeting. The existing issues and challenges were discussed and recommendations formulated for U3. Overall, it was felt that this meeting improved the overall understanding for the field staff on U3's approaches, processes and results.



*Regional meeting with head office representative in Vietnam*



*Uniterra Nepal and Vietnam team*



## PROPOSAL WRITING

In December, CECI Nepal coordinated a series of workshops on proposal writing and development. The training included a discussion on highlighting key contents of a proposal, as well as, a sharing and learning of past proposals through reviewing their successes and failures. Followed by a tutorial on preparation tips, good practices, post-submission follow up, and the importance of lessons learned in proposal development.



*Proposal writing workshop at CE CI Nepal Office*

Organized by Mrs. Christi Cooper (Leave for Change Volunteer from the University of Guelph), Ms. Amal Mohamed (Long term Volunteer working as a Programme Development Advisor at CECI) and Mr. Gele Rapke Bhote (Volunteer Management Support Advisor at CECI), the workshop was offered to CECI staff and local partners as a shared learning experience opportunity and a revisit to the proposal writing and development process.

In attendance were representatives from the Dalit Welfare Organization (DWO), the Fair Trade Group Nepal (FTG-N), the Professional Development and Research Center (PDRC), Prerana, CDCAN, DEUC, and NEHHPA.

## Google Drive

With the goal of improving on knowledge sharing, and in alignment with CECI Head Office, CECI Nepal has moved to Google Drive as it's main repository for documentation and data. Google Drive allows us to have quick and easy access to all our information, even when we are offline. To ensure quality control of our information we have put together a file structure that allows for items to be saved or viewed based on an individuals authority level, this also ensures privacy of confidential material. In October a series of trainings were provided by Mr. Antoine Mercier and Mr. Karl Brown on the navigation of the drive and the various functionalities it encompasses.



*Google Drive workshop at PDRC*

In December, after hearing of our move to a cloud based drive, we received a request from our partner PDRC for a training session to be held for their staff on the benefits and the functionality of Google Drive. We are looking forward to providing the same workshop to other partners, in the hopes of sharing a common tool for communication.

# Volunteer Corner

CECI Nepal manages the Canadian (Uniterra) and Australian Volunteers for International Development (AVID) volunteer programs. Over the past 26 years, more than 400 volunteers have served in Nepal. The main focus of the volunteer program is to build the capacity of partner organizations through the transfer of technical skills and knowledge. The working areas cover Sustainable Forest Management (SFM), Agro food, Private Sector Development, Education, Water, Health and Sanitation.

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**Ms. Maude Jolicoeur**, is an agronomist from Quebec, Canada. Since August she has been volunteering as an Animal Health Advisor with the LDMP-CU. She has been active in providing details on healthy milk production and is preparing training sessions for local farmers on prevention of communal diseases and a physiology and anatomy of buffalo presentation for animal health technicians.

**Mrs. Jennifer Sills**, holds a Masters in Adult Education, and a Bachelor's degree in Anthropology. She has worked in both international development and international education over the past ten years, and is based in Prince George, British Columbia. She is passionate about education as a powerful tool for social change and engaging young people as global citizens.



**Ms. Juliana Coughlin**, is a graduate of a Joint Honours Political Science and Communication degree from the University of Ottawa. She was an Uniterra Intern in 2013 working in Nepal for Aadharbhat Prasuti Sewa (APS), as an Organizational Development Intern. She returned in September as a volunteer with Nepal Herbs and Herbal Products Association as an Organizational Development Advisor.



**Mr. Jase Wilson** lives in Squamish, British Columbia. He has travelled extensively through Africa, Asia and Europe working in Commercial Tourism. He has a bachelors in Tourism Management from the Capilano University. While in Nepal he will be volunteering with the Fair Trade Group Nepal (FTG-N) as a Business Development Advisor.

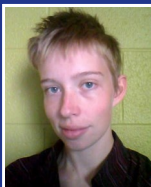


**Dr. Tirtha Bajgai** is a senior food scientist specializing in the area of product and process development for food companies. He arrived in Nepal in November 2014 and is volunteering with Nepal Agriculture Cooperative Central Federation, Ltd. (NACCFL) as a Meat Production/Processing Advisor until February of 2015.

**Mr. Jesse Heckrodt** is from Ederby, British Columbia. He arrived in Nepal in September and has been volunteering at the Jiri Technical school (JTS) as an IT Advisor. Supporting them in developing and improving their information technology infrastructure as well as assisting in identifying tools and applications to benefit their faculty and staff.



**Mr. Karl Brown**, is from Calgary, Alberta, where he was a Team Lead for a unit of Business System Analysts. In his career, he has worked as an accounting Supervisor, Underwriter, Business Systems Analyst and a brief stint as a mascot. He arrived in Nepal in August volunteering as a Communication Advisor with Prerana and CECI Nepal, reviewing and assisting with social media and tools.

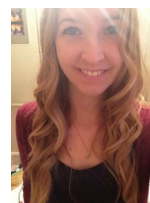


**Ms. Erin McLaren**, is living in Waterloo, Ontario and is volunteering with the Dalit Welfare Organization in Nepal, from September to April as a Documentation Intern. She is an undergraduate student of International Development at the University of Waterloo.

She has experience working with activist communities and organizations and has a strong interest on the topics of gender and sexuality within the field of development.



**Ms. Tashlyn Teskey** currently lives in Windsor, Ontario. She is volunteering as a Communications Intern for Prerana in Nepal. She has been working on report writing for many of the projects that Prerana supports.



**Ms. Katelynn Neufeld** currently lives in Waterloo, Ontario. For the past three years she has been a student at the University of Waterloo studying International Development. She is volunteering as a Research Intern at the Natural Resource Development Center (NRDC) in Lalitpur, Nepal. She is very interested in local economic development and environmental sustainability.

**Ms. Moira Hennebury**, an undergraduate at the University of Waterloo majoring in International Development with a specialization in Sustainable Local Economic Development. She is also the Associate Editor of The Undercurrent, a Canadian development journal. She came in Nepal on September 2014 for six months volunteering at Centre for Microfinance as Documentation Intern.

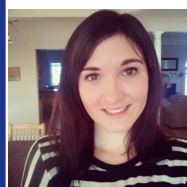


# INDEV

**SEPTEMBER 2014 TO  
APRIL 2015**



**Ms. Olena Bednar-chuk**, is from Guelph, Ontario. She has a passion for sustainable agriculture as an undergraduate in International development. Since September she has been volunteering at ANSAB as a Communication and Documentation intern.



**Ms. Jasmin Lapalme**, is an International Development Undergraduate at the University of Waterloo in the Faculty of Environmental Studies and also minoring in Peace and Conflict Studies. She has been working at the Jiri Technical School as a Communication and Database Intern, updating promotional materials, database preparation and management.



**Ms. Meagan Shantz** lives in Oakville, Ontario. She is an undergraduate at the University of Waterloo studying International Development. She has been volunteering at the Fair Trade Group - Nepal as an Intern for Documentation of Producer Stories. She is passionate about grassroots community development that empowers people to improve their livelihoods.



# Australian Volunteers

for International Development



WELCOME AVID VOLUNTEERS



Mr. Thomas DeLeon, has worked in construction across a variety of industry sectors, including secure defense, correctional, roads, remote community development and liquefied natural gas (LNG) processing facilities. He will be in

Nepal on a one year assignment, working with the National Society for Earthquake Technology (NSET) in the role of Construction Quality Assurance Officer. He will provide technical input to improve quality control and quality assurance processes, with the overall objective of raising the standards of construction quality to produce



Marian (Louise) **Redman** is at the National Micro Entrepreneurs Federation of Nepal (NMEFEN) as Institutional Development Officer. Through this assignment Louise will support NMEFEN to improve its business operations and services to members. This role will complement the current Marketing and Business Development Officer volunteer, by focusing on building organizational strength and a clear sense of purpose and ways to deliver effective services to member organizations. This will then improve the employment and income opportunities for micro entrepreneurs and build the sustainability of this important organization.



Anthony Lupi is working with the National Micro Entrepreneurs Federation of Nepal (NMEFEN) in the capacity of Marketing and Business Development Officer. His role is to support the marketing of micro-enterprises through activities such as co-operative market-

ing efforts, enhancing the common sales platform for member organizations, improving branding and communication as well as capacity building. With a Master Degrees in Marketing and Social Work his experience encompasses social enterprise and small business development, corporate social responsibility, marketing and fund-



## JICA Inter-Organization Network building Event



On September 5, 2014, the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) hosted a Volunteer networking event in Kupondole, Lalitpur. The UNITERRA and AVID volunteers were invited to represent their organizations along with volunteers from VSO, Peace Corps, Engage, KOICA and UNV. This event was a great opportunity for volunteers to expose their sectors of work, raise awareness of development challenges and discover various solutions being implemented throughout Nepal. The event began with an interactive

market place where each organization could display their banners, promotional material, and answer questions. This was followed by a conference where a spokesperson from each was giving the opportunity to provide a brief presentation on their program and its achievements.

## International Volunteer Day



On December 5th, 2014 the CECI Uniterra and AVID staff celebrated International Volunteer day at the beautiful Hotel Himalaya. Sharing the floor with fellow supporting organizations VSO, JICA, Peace Corp and KOICA. The Event was hosted by UNV Nepal with opening remarks from the Australian Ambassador, Mr. Glenn White. The morning included a short sketch from Youth Initiative on the importance of voting entitled “People’s Participation”, followed by presentations from a representative of each organization on “The volunteer Experience”. It concluded with a dance performance by the lively Dance4Life. With over 200 in attendance, it was a wonderful opportunity to interact with others in the field of development.



In the evening, the CECI Nepal held a volunteer appreciation dinner at the Entrance Café, where they were entertained by Uniterra’s first Jeopardy Nepal competition and the Australian folk styling’s of the AVID troupe



# VOLUNTEER EXPRESSION



## “See the Difference of Fair Trade in Kathmandu”

*Meagan Shantz*

With winter approaching in Kathmandu, I wanted to buy some nice Nepali handicrafts to brave the cold in style: yak wool slippers and scarves, knitted sweaters, and more. I recently got the chance to visit fair trade shops like [Kumbeshwar Technical School \(KTS\)](#) and [Sana Hastakala](#). After seeing firsthand the positive impacts of their work, I was more than willing to pay a little more for good quality products that support hardworking marginalized people. It feels great to buy a product with a story, and to know that my purchase is making a small difference.

Have you ever bought something and wondered where it came from, who made it, how they are treated, and if the profits ever make it to the producers? Fair trade certified organizations ensure that their employees are given opportunities, treated well and given a proper salary for their work. They focus on employing marginalized people, upholding gender equity and non-discrimination, and creating safe and healthy work environments free of child labour. In a country like Nepal which is one of the poorest, fair trade has transformed many lives since the first fair trade organization began here in 1993, [Fair Trade Group Nepal \(FTG-N\)](#).

As an International Development student at the University of Waterloo, I have learned about fair trade in school and through organizations like Ten Thousand Villages which sell handicrafts from around the world. But here in Kathmandu, it has been incredible to see the other end of the chain and personally meet women producers who benefit from fair trade practices. For example, I met a woman named Soma from KTS who has had many struggles in her life. As a child she dreamed of becoming a lawyer, but her parents did not allow her to go to school. When she grew up, she barely got by selling vegetables on the street, but when she came to KTS, they provided her free education as well as training in carpet weaving. With her new practical skills, she was able to get a job at KTS and has worked there over 20 years. She said with tears that her life is so much better now. It's people like this that are supported when we buy fair trade products!

For tourists, expats, and local Nepalis, I highly recommend visiting local fair trade businesses in Kathmandu.



## “PDRC: Creating Access to Higher Education for Dalit Youth”

*Jennifer Wheeler Sills*

For many students the high cost of attending university means they are not able to pursue higher education, despite high academic achievement and personal motivation. This is especially the case for Dalit youth who face many barriers in completing even secondary level education as a result of marginalization and discrimination, despite national policies against caste-based discrimination. This results in disproportionately low enrollment of Dalit youth in university level education which further marginalizes Dalit youth from employment and professional opportunities. The Professional Research and Development Centre (PDRC) has been working in support of Dalit youth since 2005 and provides personal and academic support, learning resources, and scholarship opportunities to Dalit youth who wish to pursue higher education.

As a CECI Volunteer I have been working in partnership with PDRC to develop guidelines, policies and procedures for scholarship programs to better serve the many Dalit youth who seek support in achieving their academic dreams, and contributing to a stronger, more inclusive Nepal.

These students have recently been selected by PDRC's Scholarship Selection Committee to receive financial scholarships that will support the completion of Plus Two level studies and Bachelor's degree in Business, Engineering, Medical Sciences and Social Sciences.



*PDRC scholarship recipients*



# THANK YOU'S and FAREWELLS



**Ms. Aisha Paquette-Dioury** was born and raised in Quebec City, Canada. She has a masters in Political Science and works as a government relations officer for the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada. She spent December in Kathmandu as a volunteer in the role of Fundraising Advisor for PDRC, designing a sponsorship package that can be use to reach individual and corporate donors support both at home and abroad.

**Ms. Dana Higgins**, lives in Vancouver, British Columbia. She has a Bachelors in Political Science with a focus on International Relations. She volunteered as a Website and Online Marketing Advisor for Women Entrepreneurs Association of Nepal (WEAN) spending December developing a strategic communications plan to promote the organization and the groups they work with.



**Ms. Christi Cooper** lives in Guelph, Ontario and works at the University of Guelph. She spent 4 weeks in Nepal volunteering as a Grant Proposal Writing Advisor with the Central Dairy Cooperative Association (CDCAN). In that time she provided training on the "best practices" for proposal writing as well as provided a presentation to the CDCAN Board on the process for

**Ms. Amanda Lee Ann Hathaway**, lives in Guelph, Ontario and works at the University of Guelph as a Veterinary Technician. In September she volunteered with the Makawanpur District Milk Producers as a Dairy Control Advisor. In her time here, she provided workshops and training on of use of equipment as well as procedures for ways to improve dairy quality control and increase production.



**Ms. Nathalie Brousseau**, is a French Canadian living in beautiful Vancouver, British Columbia. She works as a flight attendant with the airline Air Transat. She has a degree in Fashion Design. She volunteered with Janakpur Women's Development Center (JWDC) as a Textile Design Advisor, supporting, training and assisting in the development and production of textile materials and products.



In December, we had to bid a sad farewell to Assistant Program Officer, **Ms. Babina Bajracharya**, who decided to leave CECI to start a new professional career. Babina began her career at

CECI Nepal in July 2011 as a Research Intern and in 2012, accepted a full time position as Assistant Program Officer for the Unitererra program. During her time at CECI Nepal, she displayed dedication, intelligence and passion in every undertaking. She was an invaluable resource to our Canadian volunteers and consistently provided them with guidance and assistance. Her presence and warm smile will be greatly missed. Thank you Babina for all your efforts and contributions over the years. We wish you all the best in your future endeavours, where we have no doubt you will shine with success.



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COMING SOON...

Get to know the people in our office throughout February by joining us on Facebook for our "Faces of CECI Nepal" postings.

### New Publications



## CECI NEPAL BROCHURE

### LOOKING AHEAD

CECI Nepal is committed to remaining a force of change, development and growth in Nepal by:

- Continuing to promote economic development and improve the livelihoods of poor and marginalized communities.
- Utilizing its areas of expertise to be a reference model for democratic governance, economic empowerment, agriculture management, gender equality, social inclusion and disaster risk management.
- Developing a strong institutional knowledge base and centre of documentation.
- Increasing its visibility through a strong and distinctive branding of its services and professional resources.

### WHO WE ARE

The Centre for International Studies and Cooperation (CECI) is a non-profit organization established in 1974 in Montreal, Canada. Its mission is to fight poverty and exclusion by strengthening the development capacity of disadvantaged communities and supporting initiatives for peace, human rights and equity for over 50 years, CECI has made its mark in international development with professionals, a dynamic approach and an unwavering devotion to building a better, more human world. It has worked through its implementing partners, volunteers and national staff on projects in over 40 countries across Africa, Latin America, the Caribbean, Asia and Eastern Europe.

CECI Nepal opened its office in 1987, and since day one it has been implementing projects and programs to support the country in achieving its developmental goals. CECI Nepal's strategy has always been to provide diverse services and to implement projects in partnership with local NGOs and CEOs. Over the years, CECI Nepal has supported more than 100 NGOs and 1,000 CEOs in implementing development programs and strengthening their technical and managerial capacity.

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### FOCUS

To enhance the quality of lives, CECI Nepal concentrates its actions in five areas of expertise:

- Economic development & livelihoods
- Agriculture and food security
- Local governance and accountability
- Natural safety and emergency response
- Gender equality and social inclusion

### KEY PROJECTS

Since its inception in the country, CECI Nepal has implemented over 40 collaborative development projects worth US\$40 million, benefiting over one million individuals, providing support, expertise and resources to a multitude of activities and programs, such as:

- SKILLS DEVELOPMENT PROJECT**  
2003-2012 (continued)
- MULTI-STAKEHOLDER FORESTRY PROGRAM**  
2003-2012 (continued)
- PROGRAM FOR ACCOUNTABILITY IN NEPAL**  
2003-2012 (continued)
- SANAMASTHIA**  
2003-2012 (continued)
- KNOWLEDGE**  
September 2003 to March 2012

### STRENGTHS

Throughout the years, CECI Nepal has built a specific but wide-ranging set of skills and areas of expertise to meet donor and partner needs in:

- Agriculture—high value commodities, value chains, development, extension and training
- Community Profile and Assessment
- Micro Finance and micro-enterprises
- Climate risk and disaster risk management
- Gender equality and social inclusion—economic participation, leadership development
- Project management—Coordination, Monitoring and Evaluation, Quality Assurance, Reporting and Documentation

### VOLUNTEERING

A key component of CECI Nepal is its two volunteer cooperation programs which have brought more than 500 volunteers to Nepal since 1987.

**UNITERRA**—A Canadian volunteer cooperation and development program, designed to build the capacity of partner organizations through the transfer of technical skills, professional knowledge and work experience via national and international volunteers.

**AVID** is an Australian Government funded volunteer program being implemented by Scope Global Pvt Ltd. CECI Nepal has been sub-contracted to manage and support the Australian volunteers in their placements and logistical arrangements while in Nepal.



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