

Curriculum Vitae



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Nationality Nepalese
Date of birth 11.10.1974
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Work experience **Coordinator-Agriculture and Economic Promotion**

Duration of job 1st November 2001-August 2008 (7 years)

Name and address of employer German Technical Cooperation (GTZ)- Nepal

Main activities and responsibilities

- Develop programme planning and designing of intervention package for agriculture development for food deficit households of GTZ programme districts;
- Develop agriculture and economic promotion project planning matrix and budget plan;
- Run sub-sector analysis and develop promotion packages of potential sub-sector;
- Support partner NGO to implement agriculture and economic promotion activities to establish production and income supportive infrastructures for the beneficiaries;
- Guide team to implement Economic Promotion Strategy and Micro-project promotion guidelines;
- Develop suitable training package for food production and marketing technologies;
- Facilitate to prepare and publish extension aid materials;
- Prepare trimester, semiannual and annual progress reports.

Occupation or position held **Programme Officer**
Dates: June 2000- October 2001 (1 and half year)

Name and address of employer Canadian Centre for International Studies and Cooperation (CECI) and Development Project Service Centre, Thapathali, Kathmandu

Main activities and responsibilities

- Liaise food promotion, rural finance, livelihood forest programme, decentralization, community health initiative programme implemented by the project;
- Implement viable high value crops with significant comparative advantage;
- Identify producers for each of the commodities identified and providing technical and other backstopping support to the producers/Community Based Organizations (CBOs).
- Design production supportive as well as drudgery reduction infrastructures implement with CBOs.
- Facilitate to amalgamate self-help group and organise into the CBOs/ farmers' cooperatives;
- Enhance the capability of SHG/CBO by imparting related training on production and marketing.
- Support CBOs/ self-help group in institutionalisation process.

Education and training

1. International Master of Science in Rural Development of Erasmus Mundus Programme-First Year (ongoing):

First semester: Ghent University (Finished)
Second Semester: Humboldt University, Berlin

2. Postgraduate in Rural Development (2002-2004):

- Thesis
- "Impact of Rural Community Infrastructure Works Programme in Rural Food Security: A Case Study of Dailekh, Nepal". This survey research study was done with the priority one poverty alleviation programme of Government of Nepal.
- Project
- "Status of Utilization of Institutional Loan: A Case Study of Agriculture Development Bank Nepal".

Name and type of organisation

Central Department of Rural Development,
Tribhuvan University
Kathmandu, Nepal

3: Bachelor of Science in Agriculture (1996-1999)

Principal subjects/occupational skills covered

Major Subject:
Agriculture Marketing and Price Policy,
Agriculture Finance,
Survey Research Methodology and
Many Food Science Courses.

- Research
- "Effect of Marketing Distance on Area Allocation and Profitability of Cauliflower Cultivation: A Case Study of Chitwan District Nepal".
 - "Extent of Adoption of Improved Farm Technologies on Rice Cultivation in Chitwan: A Case Study of Mangalpur VDC". The Survey Research, DSAE-IAAS, Nepal.
 - "Performance of Some of the Improved and Local Rice Varieties under Chitwan Condition": An Experimental Research. DAPB-IAAS, Nepal.

Grade

Outstanding

Name and type of organisation providing education and training

Tribhuvan University-Institute and Agriculture and Animal Science Central Campus ,
Rampur Chitwan Nepal

Personal skills and competences

Mother tongue(s)

Nepali

Other language(s)

English and Hindi

- Social skills and competences
- Working knowledge with diverse teams from research to development activities.
 - Life-long member of Red-Cross Society-Nepal

- Organisational skills and competences
- Four year's experience for working on student welfare (in Nepal)
 - Team building cum team mobilization knowledge
 - Organising capacity of different types of travel with relevant stakeholders

- Technical skills and competences
- Project management: programme designing and SWOT analysis, result based management, logical framework approach, Financial and economical analysis
 - Horticultural promotion programme: Plastic house farming technology in vegetable cultivation; Conduction of training On fruit/vegetable farming, Marketing management and leader farmer development.
 - Field based study: survey research, feasibility study, baseline survey and impact study
 - Public auditing
 - Food security and poverty mapping.

Computer skills and competences

Competent with Microsoft office programme (word, excel, power point)

1. Thesis report

Bhandari, T. 2006. "Impact of RCIW Programme in Rural Food Security: A Case Study Dailekh District, Nepal": www.nepaldevelopment.com/ResearchAbstract_TBhandari_0507.htm.

2. Technical book publication and printing: Green House Technology for Commercial Vegetable Farming. GTZ Nepal.**3. Articles published in national newsletter, local newspaper and programme related mouthpiece**

- "Greenhouse Farming Technology and Its Managerial Aspects". Agriculture Bimonthly. AICC/Ministry of Agriculture: Year 43, 15th February-14th April (No 6).
- "Elements of Food and Nutrition Security Status in Nepal, Importance of Public Investment for Long-term Food Security". Agriculture Bimonthly. AICC: Year 44 15th April-14th June (No 1).
- "Kitchen Gardening and Logical Land Allocation". GTZ-IFSP, Nepal.
- "Horticultural Diversification is Boon for Nepalese Farmers". Office of Civil Servants, Nepal.
- "How to Federated Self-help group members into Farmers' Cooperatives" GTZ- Nepal

4. Impact Study of development project: "Mid-Term Assessment in Impact of Core and Micro Projects on Food Security Situation of RCIW Target Beneficiaries" This study was conducted in close collaboration with NARMA Consultancy from 24 February to 30 April 2006.Participation in Various Seminar/
Workshop/ Training**1. Seminar /Paper Presentation:**

- "Impact of green house technology in commercial vegetable production ", German Technical Cooperation's Rural Programme Nepal, 10 March 2007.
- "Impact of RCIW programme in Rural Food Security: A Case Study of Dailekh District". Tribhuvan University and Food Coordination Workshop: World Food Programme: 23 Dec. 2006;
- "Secondary crop potentiality, its role in food and nutrition security" Regional Technical Working Group Seminar, Crop Diversification Project: 28 June 2004.
- "Food security and micro project" GTZ-Integrated Food Security Programme Kathmandu: 22 April 2003
- "Fresh vegetables, vegetable seed production opportunities" DFID-SSSP Nepal: 12 Feb 2002;

2. Participation in Workshop:

- **International Workshop on Value Chain and Sub-Sector Analysis** in Patna India on 9-15 June, 2008.
- **Methodology of Preparing Full Project Proposal (FPP)**. NARDF Kathmandu from 17-18 June 2004.
- **Food Aid Policy Development Workshop**. World Food Programme, Nepal on dated 3-5 Nov, 2004.
- **Poverty Targeting Workshop** GTZ/RDP 12-18 Feb 2003.
- **SWOT Analysis of CBED Project**. Kathmandu, Nepal on 10-18 September 2001.

3. Participation in Training:

- **Advance Risk Management Training**. DFID/GTZ Risk Management Office on 5-6 June, 2007;
- **Integrated Pest Management and Food Safety (IPM) Training**. GTZ/RPN on 15-21 April, 2007;
- **Gender and Food Security training** United Mission to Nepal (UMN), April 24-28 2007, Kathmandu;
- **Livelihood and Social Inclusion Training** RPN-GTZ and HORDEC on dated 3-7 Nov, 2006;
- **Safe and Effective Development in Conflict (SEDC)** RMO in September 2006;
- **First Aid Training: Nepal Red-Cross Society and Risk Management Office** on 3-5 Dec 2005;
- **Sustainable Livelihood Approach (SLA) Training**. NEPAN, 5th -11th May, 2005;
- **Gender, Environment and Sustainable Development**, Crop Diversification Project, on 1-4 Oct 03;
- **Olive Cultivation Technology** GTZ-IFSP and Himalayan Plantation Pvt. Ltd., Feb 22-26, 2003;
- **Logical Framework Planning (ZOPP)** GTZ-Nepal in 2002;
- **Risk Management and First Aid**, RMO (DFID/GTZ), on 1-3 May 2003, Nepal;
- **Personal Leadership Development**, GTZ-IFSP and JCON, Jan 17-19, 2002, Nepal;
- **Social Analysis Training**, GTZ-IFSP on dated February 24-29, 2002, Nepal.