Nepal's Experience in Accessing GCF Funding to Advance their NAP Process

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Background

- Impacts of climate change are in increasing trend particularly affecting the major socio-economic sectors such as Agriculture, Forestry, Water Resources and Energy.
- Climate change adaptation is a priority to address the increasing impacts of climate change in Nepal.
- Government of Nepal has devised policy (climate change policy) and legal instruments (e.g. LAPA framework) to address climate risk and impact.
- There are also several programme and projects implemented across Nepal targeting climate vulnerable sectors and communities.
NAP Process In Nepal

Regional trainings in 2014 and 2015
NAP consultations and Roadmap from NGOs

NAP Launching
18 September 2015

NAP Technical Team in place
May 2016

All 9 Working Groups, coordinated by 9 ministries 200 members in 9 WGs in place by March 2017
MoPE is leading the process
NAP Process In Nepal

May 2016-June 2017
- First phase of the NAP process laid the ground work

31 January 2016
- Nepal formally requested UNEP as a delivery partner

August-September 2016
- Nepal started capitalizing the opportunity within GCF for NAP process having UNEP as an executing partner
- Submission of technical and financial proposal to GCF
  9 September 2016

- Submission of No Objection Letter by NDA (Ministry of Finance)
  28 October 2016

- Nepal awarded with GCF funding decision (along with Liberia) in Marrakech, COP 22
  14 November 2016
ED of GCF Announce Nepal and Liberia as the first country to access funding for NAP

14 Nov 2016  
15 May 2017

Project Approved

15 May 2017

First disbursement received by UNEP

19 July 2018

Launching of the Project

23 November 2018
Introduction: Nepal’s GCF supported NAP Project

- Project Title: Building Capacity to Advance National Adaptation Plan Process in Nepal
- Funding Entity: GREEN CLIMATE FUND (Green Climate Fund approved Nepal’s proposal during Marrakech Climate Conference 2016-confitional and Approved in May 2017)
- Delivery partner (Technical Assistance): United Nations Environment Program (UNEP)
- Total amount: 2.935 million USD
- Project timeline: 3 years
- Project launched: 23 November, 2018
Objectives of the Project

- To strengthen the institutional and technical capacity of government of Nepal at national and local level to advance the NAP process.

- Contribution to reduce climate vulnerability by integrating CCA into existing and new policies, strategies and programmes;
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• Establishment and/strengthening of a system to generate and share knowledge, experience, lessons learned, gaps and needs at international, national and sub-national levels to advance CCA for the benefit of the poor people and restoration of ecosystem restoration; and

• Development of a strategy to implement, monitor and communicate adaptation benefits at different levels.
Project Components

Component 1: **Institutional capacity for the NAP process in Nepal**

Component 2: **Climate Information Systems for Prioritising Adaptation Needs**

Component 3: **Funding Strategy for NAP Process including its Implementation**

Component 4: **Monitoring, Reviewing and Reporting of the NAP Process in Nepal**

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Project Outcomes

**Outcome 1**: National and provincial government institutions are capable of integrating Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) into development policy and plans.

**Outcome 2**: Sustainable climate information system monitoring, modeling, forecasting and dissemination) to inform climate change adaptation, including a long-term plan for operation and maintenance, established.

**Outcome 3**: Government of Nepal endorses resources mobilization strategy for medium and long-term CCA investment including private sector engagement.

**Outcome 4**: National and sectoral planning unit of the key Ministries are capable of reviewing, monitoring and communicating results of the NAP Process.
Major Achievements

• Completed the technical reports on
• Observed climate trend analysis
• Climate change scenario report
• Framework for assessing climate vulnerability and risks (VRA) with pertinent indicators and
• Baseline of climate change impacts on major economic sectors (thematic and cross cutting areas) through stocktaking exercise as part of the laying the ground work
Major Achievements

Develop the implementation framework for the NAP process that includes:

- Formulation of Project Steering Committee
- Technical Committee
- Multi-stakeholder Climate Change Initiatives Co-ordination Committee (MCCICC)
- Sectoral ministry led Thematic and Cross cutting working groups
Experiences in Accessing GCF Funding

- Early action and develop NAP proposal together with delivery partner (UNEP), while GCF was working on operational modalities to support countries for formulation and implementation of NAP
- Engagement of NDA from the very beginning of the development of the project proposal
- Building on ongoing efforts and national ownership which have clearly presented current baseline and support needed to advance medium and long term adaptation planning in Nepal
- Closely work with Green Climate Fund and explained current status of NAP process and necessity of keeping momentum that has already been gained by country
Experiences in Accessing GCF Funding

- Decision were made on **fast track** *(within two months of submission of technical and financial proposal)* but the implementation of the decision took a **long time**

- Time consuming in fund disbursement

- First country to access funding thus everything new for us with this windows of opportunity - **learning now**

- Heavy **Back and forth communication**, good, but time consuming as well

- Shift in Governance structure within the country after the proposal was submitted - revision needed accordingly, **work in the process**

- There is also need to have more advance capacity for vulnerability and risk assessment
Thank you

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