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THIS QUARTER HIGHLIGHTS

COMMITTED visited Ghorahi Sub-Metropolitan City for the review of their Municipality Revenue Improvement Plan (MRIP) which was first published on April 2018. The review program comprised of discussions on how the municipality has been implementing their four year revenue improvement plan. It included presentation and group discussions on key tasks performed, challenges faced, achieved results, possible risk and risk mitigating plans. Highlights of changes in revenue policy was also shared amongst the participants.

Ghorahi SMC responded positively to the MRIP review program and realized that sustainable services given to the public should be the priority before increasing tax rates.

Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Chief Administrative Officer, Revenue Officer, Ward Chairpersons, representatives of several departmental sectors such as administration, account and planning attended the two day MRIP review program.

MRIP Review in Ghorahi Sub-Metropolitan City



Visioning Workshops Completed in Five Municipalities

'For local governments to achieve sustainable development, SMART visioning is the foremost step,' Team COMMITTED.

Setting out a vision is even more instrumental as, after the restructuring and decentralization, local governments of Nepal are still navigating their ways to fully comprehend their roles and responsibilities.

During the process of developing the Comprehensive Plan of Damak, Bhimeshwor, Tansen, Waling & Tikapur municipalities, COMMITTED conducted a visioning workshop in these municipalities, among municipal officials – both elected representatives and departmental administrative staffs. The workshop reflected on the importance of having SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic and Time Bound) visions and included various group activities to assist municipalities in creating their own vision and mission statements.



At the end of the workshop, all five municipalities came up with phenomenal ideas and mission statements and each municipal representatives seemed to be committed towards bringing those visions to life.

We are hopeful that the visions which each municipality has envisioned, will surely yield greater impact through their robust execution and also be role models among others across the country.

Priority & Policy Validation



The needs and demands of citizens collected during the Focus Group Discussions (FGD) held at each ward of all five municipalities were shortlisted. The citizens were asked to prioritize their needs and service delivery demands, followed by SWOT analysis where each municipality's strength, weakness, opportunities and threats were vigilantly analyzed.

All municipal officials, rigorously discussed and shared views in these consultation meetings. Municipality current sectoral policies of sectors such as Land Use and Settlement, Heritage Conservation, Parks and Recreation, Health, Disaster and Emergency Response, Transportation, Education, Local Economy Development, Public Works, Environment and Natural Resources, were also documented.

COMMITTED also paid visit to all five municipalities to verify their policies and priorities. The visit included prioritization of municipalities' future programs that were planned in alignment to the citizens needs and demands collected from FGDs. The programs were prioritized based on their nature such as: short, medium and long term.

Similarly, sectoral policies, were verified among the municipal representatives and missing agendas and feedbacks were assimilated.



Glimpses of Visioning Workshop & Priority Validation Program



Bhimeswor Municipality, Dolakha District



Waling Municipality, Syangja District



Tansen Municipality, Palpa District



Tikapur Municipality, Kailali District



Damak Municipality, Jhapa District