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Refer Box 1 for details.

Box 1: Introduction to SOPHEN

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Society of Public Health Engineers, Nepal (SOPHEN) was registered in Nepal in 1990 AD (2047 BS) as an independent professional organization by a group of Nepalese Engineers. At present, it has 374 members.

SOPHEN is governed by an executive committee of eleven members elected by the general members of the society.

Some of the major responsibilities of SOPHEN include the enhancement of technical and professional competencies of its members, work for the protection of the basic professional rights and support the government and other agencies in the formulation of policies and strategies in related fields.

SOPHEN is committed to carry out various professional activities that are intended to bring qualitative results to improve the sanitary and environmental conditions of the country. It aims to work in association with other professional bodies in Nepal and aboard. SOPHEN has been recognized by all the sectors of the society as a leading professional body of Nepal.

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- Establish professional relationship with similar institutions to

national and

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benefits and

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- Coordinate with other national and international professional

emerging technologies.

professional competencies to the implementation of

training and

- Building capacities of its members through various research,

lialling and

workshop in national and international

level.

- Support the government to develop, adopt and implement

policies and strategies

for overall development of sanitary and environmental conditions

of the country.

-Provide technical counseling and awareness to public for

any critical

environmental issues emerged due to natural or

human activities.

Source: SOPHEN (2012)