

Activity No. 3.3 Promotion of a common forum for partnership in cultural sector

Activity No. 3.3.1 Create common forum for partnership (CFP)

The project has convened a common forum for partnership (CFP) comprised of 13 members representing private, social and government sectors at hotel Tibet in November 26, 2012, and organized a total of five meeting at different locations during the period of November and December 2012.

Topics/activities covered

This activity aims to create a common forum for collaboration for the promotion of cultural products. The national project steering committee (NPSC) convened a (CFP) of 13 members representing private, social and government sectors at hotel Tibet in November 26, 2012. The CFP consisted of the representatives of artists/creators of cultural products (woolen textile and thanka entrepreneurs), private sector (Confederation of Nepalese industries- CNI) and the government body (Cottage and Small Industries Development Board- CSIDB), cooperatives developed by the project and civil society for the partnership in cultural sector.

List of CFP members

1. Megh Nath Neupane, Director Gen., CNI
2. Rajendra Mishra, Dep. Director, CSIDB
3. Mil Bdr Gurung, Chairman, Cooperative
4. Palmu Tamang, Cooperative
5. Laxmi Ghale, woolen textile entrepreneur
6. Beg Bdr. Chepang, Cooperative
7. Narsing Chepang, Cooperative
8. Kumar Blon Tamang, Gen. Secretary, NTGA
9. Prem Lama, Thangka entrepreneur
10. Binod D Gurung, saving-credit cooperative
11. Asha Tamang, IPO network
12. Mukti Rijal, ED, IGD
13. Gyan B. Yonzon- Tamang, PCTL, IGD

The project has accomplished both the formation and the first meeting of CFP in a single setting. Key agendas of first meeting were rapport building and introduction between the cooperatives developed by the project and the private and government sectors. During the meeting, the project has organized a short briefing session on the project, need and importance of CFP in promoting cultural goods and the information on the cooperatives. The meeting has decided to hold second meeting immediately at IGD.

Similarly, the second meeting of CFP held in December 10, 2012 at IGD. The second meeting was more focussed on the possibility of collaboration with private and government sector in the promotion of cultural goods. Senior officials from the concerned government authority- CSBD and the umbrella organization of private sector- CNI of the meeting suggested that the meeting with district level concerned stakeholders is required to proceed the process of collaboration with private and government sector. Thus, the meeting has planned to organize meeting with concerned government and private stakeholders in the district where the cooperatives are functioning.

A total of three meetings of CFP organized with the concerned government and private stakeholders in Rasuwa, Lamjung and Chitwan where cooperatives are functioning. Executive members of cooperatives, representative of concerned private and government sectors, entrepreneurs/creators of cultural goods, and cooperatives were participated in the meeting. With the support of CSBD and CNI and their district level offices, CFP meetings organized successfully in the district.

Reason for modification or delay

None.

Results

A common forum for partnership (CFP) of 13 members representing private, social and government sectors convened for the promotion of traditional knowledge based enterprises and cultural products.

A total of five meetings of CPF organized for building linkages with cooperatives and exploring possibilities of collaboration for the promotion of traditional knowledge based enterprises and cultural products cultural goods.

CPF has provided forum of future collaboration for traditional knowledge based enterprises and cultural products cultural goods. For instance, cooperatives will have receive further training courses for the reduction of traditional/cultural goods and products from the District Office of Small and Cottage Industries (DOSCI) of the government.

Similarly, offices of CNI, FNCCI and DOSCI have showed their commitments to support the cooperatives in the field of skill enhancement, production, networking with production groups and marketing by providing training packages and grants investment in the future.

Table 33: Brief information on the CFP meeting

| SN | Execution date and place | Participants | | | Key Issues |
|----|---------------------------------------|--------------|------|-------|---|
| | | Female | Male | Total | |
| 1 | Nov. 26, 2012, Hotel Tibet, Kathmandu | 6 | 26 | 32 | Formation and the first meeting. Key issues- purpose and role of CFP and rapport building |
| 2 | Dec. 10, 2012, IGD, Kathmandu | 3 | 17 | 20 | Explore possibility of collaboration and planning for CFP meet with district stakeholders |
| 3 | Dec. 31, 2012, Besisahar, Lamjung | 2 | 11 | 13 | CFP meeting with district stakeholders- cultural, private, social and government sectors |
| 4 | Dec. 31, 2012, Dhunche, Rasuwa | 9 | 25 | 34 | CFP meeting with district stakeholders- cultural, private, social and government sectors |
| 5 | Dec. 31, 2012, Bharatpur, Chitwan | 2 | 19 | 21 | CFP meeting with district stakeholders- cultural, private, social and government sectors |
| | Total | 22 | 98 | 120 | |