

Nepal & Climate Change

Nepal is a landlocked country in Asia which borders China and India. Nepal has a wide range of ecosystems due to the various elevations created by the Himalayas. Climate change has had a strong effect on Nepal especially since it is between two big economies. The increase in temperature has led to more floods and droughts to do erratic rainfall. The warming temperatures have caused Nepal's glaciers to retreat at an astounding rate.

Nepal is very concerned about the effects of climate change on the health of its people. Climate change will have a serious effect on the Nepalese people. It can affect Nepal's primary industry causing food shortages. Most of Nepal's population relies on agriculture for their livelihood. Nepal's water supply could also be in jeopardy as it is glaciers fed, if the glaciers melt completely then Nepal will probably experience water shortages. The lack of food and water could cause adverse health problems for the population. Air pollution can cause many cardiovascular problems, and water contamination during droughts can spread disease.

If nothing is done to stop climate change some Nepalese people will become climate refugees. With a change in climate parts of Nepal may no longer be suitable for farming. The lack of jobs and food may force many of Nepal's citizens to go elsewhere in hope for work and food. These effects could be prevented or diminished if the proper steps are taken. By reducing greenhouse gas emissions we could reduce the number of future climate refugees.

The Paris Agreement is an important treaty that could potentially reduce the effects of climate change for all people. The agreement brings all countries of the world together to stop climate change. We can reduce climate change in many ways and Nepal believes we should work to reduce the use of fossil fuels. The burden should fall mostly on developed nations in the beginning as developing nations do not have the funds to make any extreme changes to their fossil fuel use. Nepal is working to implement a Nation Action Plan on Adaptation (NAPA) to help it develop along with adapt to the effects of climate change.

Nepal will be hit hard by climate change and especially compared to the amount of emissions it produces. That is why Nepal believes that radical steps need to be taken to reduce the effects of climate change, and its effects on the people of the world.