

Project Evaluation Series

**Terminal evaluation of the project
“Reducing vulnerability and increasing
adaptive capacity to respond to
impacts of climate change and
variability for sustainable livelihoods
in agriculture
sector in Nepal”**

**Project code: GCP/NEP/070/LDF
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Management response

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Recommendation 1: Maintain, up-grade and strengthen the technical, technological and institutional capacity of the division responsible for crop modelling, crop assessment and yield forecasting in MoALD.	Accepted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Apply yield forecasting models for rice and wheat during their harvesting season in November and April. b) Organize the meeting of the Yield Forecasting Committee during the harvesting season of the major crops. c) Organize training of government staff to apply yield forecasting models. d) Continue calibrating DSSAT models (Decision-Support System for Agro-technology Transfer) for yield forecasting of major crops. e) Train extension workers on crop cutting survey f) Link the crop cut survey data to the Yield Forecasting Committee in MOALD. 	Planning and Development Assistance Cooperation Division (MoALD) and Nepal Agriculture Research Council	Continuous	Y
Recommendation 2: Institutionalize a cross-sectoral coordination mechanism in MoALD and strengthen partnership between NARC, DHM and interested provincial governments to give continuity to production	Partially Accepted	<p>Continuation of development and dissemination of weather based agro-advisory needs coordination mechanisms with MOALD, DHM, NARC, seven provincial governments and 753 Municipalities/Gaunpalikas, not only with the interested provinces.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Continue weather-based agro-advisory bulletin production and disseminate them in coordination with provincial and local level governments. b) Develop agro-advisory committees at provincial level in coordination with regional offices of DHM and NARC. 	MoALD, DHM, NARC, Provinces and Municipalities/Gaunpalikas	Continuous	Y

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and dissemination of farmer friendly agro-advisory.		c) Train government staff involved in development of provincial agro-advisory bulletins. d) Train local government level staff for understanding, using, and disseminating of agro-advisory bulletins and providing their feedbacks.			
Recommendation 3: Provide policy, institutional and technical support to provincial governments to institutionalize well-resourced training and extension wing in newly established AKCs and VHLSCs to promote climate adaptive agriculture practices.	Accepted	a) Support provincial government to develop and implement climate change adaptation policies. b) Capacity development of AKCs and VHLSCs for technical support services to Municipalities/Gaunpalikas. c) Training of agriculture and livestock staffs working in Municipalities and Gaunpalikas for vulnerability and risk assessment, adaptation/risk reduction planning and implementation in their respective government units. d) Develop linkages of Municipalities and Gaunpalikas to NARC research stations to access for crop-livestock and fisheries technologies for climate change adaptation. e) Demonstrate and make available climate adaptive knowledge, skills, seeds, breeds, fertilizers and water for irrigation to maintain and enhance their agriculture and livestock production.	MoALD. Provincial Governments	3 years	Y
Recommendation 4: Institutionalize FFS Approach in AKCs and undertake phase wise	Accepted	a) Agriculture training centers of the governments at federal and provincial level are to include FFS approach training curricula for FFS Facilitators and agriculture and livestock staff in Municipalities/Gaunpalikas.	Training centers in Federal and	5 years	Y

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implementation in districts or pocket areas in close coordination with and support from local governments to support intensive promotion and replication of climate adaptive agriculture practices.		b) Local level government to use the trained facilitators to run FFS for promoting climate adaptive agriculture practices within their municipalities/Gaunpalikas. c) AKCs and VHLECs are to support local level governments to run seasonal FFS in on demand of the farmers.	Provincial Governments. Municipalities/Gaunpalikas		
Recommendation 5: Allocate resources and undertake phase-wise implementation of RR/CCA Plan with technical assistance from AKCs and VHLSCs.	Accepted	a) Municipalities/Gaunpalikas with Climate Change Adaptation/Risk Reduction Plans are to continue incorporating the proposed activities in their annual programmes. b) The Municipalities/Gaunpalikas can get technical assistance from AKC and VHLECs in their region. c) Knowledge, skills and capacity of farming communities to be enhanced through FFS and other supports to reduce vulnerability and increase adaptive capacity to protect and improve agriculture practices and sustain livelihoods. d) The 8 Municipality/Gaunpalika are already experienced FFS groups and FFS facilitators can quickly start new FFS.	Municipality and Gaunpalika Governments having their RR/CCA Plans	10	Y

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Recommendation 6: Continue to work with NARC, MoALD and develop partnership with Provincial Governments to give continuity to agro-meteorological forecasts production and dissemination.	Accepted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Continue the weekly agro-advisory bulletin in collaboration of DHM and NARC. b) Disseminate the bulletins to farmers through Agriculture Communication and Training Centre of MOALD, AKC/VHLEC of provincial overnments, and Municipalities/Gaunpalikas. c) Increase coverage of theh Agro-advisory bulletin to entire country through development of agro-advisory at provincial level. d) Existing agroadvisory bulletin development committee in NARC can provide technical expertise in training of provincial level agro-advisory committees which is to be formed. e) Municipalities/Gaunpalikas are to gather feedbacks on agro-advisory bulletins and send to the bulletin development committees at provincial and federal levels. 	MOALD, DHM, NARC, Provincial governments	Continuous	Y
Recommendation 7: Assist the Federal Government of Nepal and the interested Provincial Governments to develop and implement a longer term project at a wider scale on climate change adaptation in agriculture sector building on the	Accepted/ Partially Accepted Rejected	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Develop project concept note for upscaling of the project leaning in collaboration with the government b) Assist the government to compete for resources c) Assist the government to implement the project. 	FAO	8	Y

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achievements of the FFS approach in this project.					
Recommendation 8: Simplify the procurement policies and procedures for expendable and non-expandable commodities procurements in case of projects.	Partially Accepted	FAO already has an established procurement system. a) Procurement planning for major goods and services at the time of inception. b) Training of procurement team about the nature of the project and its technicalities. c) Use UNGM for procurement of large quantities of goods or highly technical goods. d) Involve service providers for small scale and local level supplies of expendable materials.	FAO	Continuous	N
Recommendation 9: Ensure the project design is simple and the result framework has a logically justifiable cause and effect relationship to the best possible manner.	Partially Accepted	Design of the project depends on the nature of the project. Some learning or technically advance project can naturally be complex. a) Develop of project concept notes with clarity and focus.	GEF Project formulators	Continuous	N