

MEGH RANJANI RAI: Curriculum Vitae

Personal Details

Status	Single
Nationality	Indian (of Nepali origin)
Ethnicity	RAI (an Indigeneous Peoples from Eastern Nepal)
Languages	Proficient in English, Hindi, Nepali and Rai
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BRIEF

Megh has widely traveled in most of the district of Nepal and India, Maldives, Srilanka and southern China-Yunnan Province that gives her an added advantage of being able to practically assess implementation strategies and their viability in the present context. Her work has given her wide orientation to the physical, socio-economical and cultural conditions that exist in the diversity within Nepal, India and other countries visited in SE Asia She is conversant with local situations, with local organizations and government bodies and communities. She has worked with multidisciplinary and multi-lingual terms and is able to coordinate work under extreme physical conditions.

She is a member of advocacy networks and has helped to facilitate linkages between various groups. She is an Indigenous Peoples network and advocacy member and has represented her people at the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous issues. She also works with programme design and monitoring facilities with a special focus on Caste and Ethnicity. She has also participated, co-facilitated and helped organize national and international seminars and conferences and has had both national as well as international exposure to gender, women and mountain issues. Megh has been involved in gender based research studies that have covered areas in Nepal and India, Bangladesh and has been a presenter on development programs and indigenous issues at Denmark, Philippines, Laos, Tanzania and the UN head quarters in New York.

WORK EXPERIENCE

<p>Year 2006/2007 April 10th,2006 – June 30,2007</p>	<p>Act/DCA Project Coordinator: DIPECHO_ CPDRR is a project funded by the European Commission through its Humanitarian Aid Department and Co financed by Dan Church Aid</p> <p>DIPECHO- CPDRR (Community Preparedness for Disaster Risk Reduction in Central and Eastern Nepal)</p> <p>The Local implementing partner is Lutheran World Federation. I am the Expatriate Project Coordinator under the FPA agreement. The Project intends to prepare Communities in Central and Eastern Nepal, those who are vulnerable to natural disasters (earthquake preparedness in Kathmandu valley and Flood preparedness in the Teri), through the formation of community based Disaster Management Teams. The present job requires to oversee both the management of the field offices, the financial implications (budget Euro - 400,000), preparation of Interim Reports, final reports.according to Echo formats .An understanding of the Framework of Partnership Agreement, modalities and monitor their implementation is requisite</p> <p>Coordination with ECHO Technical Adviser Office based in Delhi. DCA Regional Office in Delhi and the Global Funding Unit in Srilanka.</p>
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	<p>Coordinate with Lutheran World Federation , seconded Team (one Project Manager, one Procurement Assistant, Financial and Administrative head, and Project planning and Monitoring Officer)</p> <p>As a DIPECHO partner attend and share and network with the other DIPECHO Project Coordinators / partners in Nepal (UNICEF, NEPAL RED CROSS, Practical Action , Oxfam GB, ICIMOD, Care Nepal, ICIMOD, Action Aid Nepal)</p> <p>Liase and network with government structures at the National and local level and provide backstopping support to the District Programs, in planning, budgeting and monitoring.</p>
January 23 rd 2007- April 10th ,2007	<p>Technical Adviser: Child Welfare scheme UK for Nepal programme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Development of Programme strategy guidelines - Review of Organizational Constitution and Roles and Responsibilities of the Charity Foundation and Local Board
January 4-12	<p>Resource Person , National Institute for Disaster Management, Government of India, Ministry of Home affairs: Gender and Disaster Management training</p>
YEAR 2005 December	<p>Participant : TOT Rapid Environmental Assessment for disaster Preparedness conducted by RedR International</p>
October – December	<p>Regional Consultant: South Asia Enterprise Development Forum , The World Bank, Dhaka, Bangladesh</p> <p>Enterprise Development in rural communities in Nepal , Paper presented at the SEDP Regional Forum</p>
April 6 to September 15th	<p>Tsunami Task Team: UNICEF ROSA for documenting the UNICEF response to tsunami in India, Maldives and Srilanka and providing recommendations for UNICEF response to Emergencies in the future. In addition to that she is required to write a report on the response to emergencies for the Education sector as one of the four sector specialists in the Team.</p>
January to April 4 th	<p>Consultant Evaluator for UNDP, Nepal</p> <p>Carried out a rapid assessment and reported on six programmes under UNDP namely RUPP(Rural Urban Partnership Programme), COPE(Community Owned Primary Education, REDP(Rural Energy Development Programmes).This Study was called Targeting Disadvantaged Communities” and was to provide feedback to UNDP on the recommendation of the BCPR Mission , which recommended UNDP Programme focus to strategize the inclusion of communities socially excluded and marginalized , historically and by the present conflict in Nepal. UNDP was to take proactive steps in including and incorporating people from ethnic communities.</p>
YEAR 2003- 2004 April/ May 2004:	<p>Participant, Presenter at the UN HQ New York for the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues: Indigenous Women in armed conflict, and part of the Asia caucus and Member patron of Kirat Rai Yayokha. Funded by Minority Rights Group International, UK.</p> <p>Participant: 2004 Gender and Indigenous women: IWGIA – Copenhagen ,Denmarkas prep com to the PFII</p> <p>Policy Advisory Board , Chair 2003/2004 MS Nepal at the PAB meeting and General Assembly: Mellemfolke light Samvirke, Copenhagen Nepal, Danish International Cooperation. She also headed the Policy Working Group on Pluralism.</p> <p>National Planner: BP Koirala Cancer Memorial Hospital , Nepal Co-author: Long Term Strategy PLan for BPKMCH, NEPAL</p>
YEAR 2002	<p>Participant: MS TCDC, Tanzania as a representative of the MS Policy Advisory Board – Nepal. To develop “Inspirational Guidelines for Country Offices to work with HIV Aids). This has been published as a policy</p>

	document for MS to be implemented in Country Program Managing Director, Lasersun Energy Pvt. Ltd
	Presenter: at the International Symposium on mountain Farming, in Missouri, Uttaranchal, India Topic Women in mountain farming systems and their position in the present conflict situation of Nepal ". This conference was supported by CECI, CIDA, The Ford Foundation. The Commonwealth foundation, MICIMOD, UTDASP, NABARD and CSKHPKV. Published report.
	CSO Participant : Conference for Advocacy and Strategy The Millenium Development Goals UNDP: Laos PDR 07-10 th October
	Mountain women participant: CMW (Celebrating Mountain Women)– Bhutan
YEAR 2001	Participant/panelist Indigenous Peoples Global Conference 21 – 24 th February, UN Head quarters NY2002
	Design Team Member : DFID Nepal An Umbrella Program for communities effected by Conflict: DFID as NGO specialist, now called Community Support Program
November 2001 – March 2002	Gender Consultant UNICEF – NEPAL, Child Protection and Education Unit
YEAR 2000/ 2001	Gender Specialist ICIMOD People and resource Dynamics Project: PARDYP Working in the watersheds of Jhikhu Khola, Kabre and Yarsha Khola, Dolkha. With technical input in the watershed at Boashan, Yunnan Province, Peoples Republic of China
YEAR 1998	Research Coordinator : Harvard Institute for International Development (HIID), Boston. Coordination, backstopping support and co-author for an in-dept study of women in Munwa VDC. Kailali and Gauradha VDC, Jhapa Districts under Girl's and Women's Education Component USAID Strategic Objective III. Proposal writer: SNV, Nepal: for Women's Civil Rights Advocacy – A sub project proposal under District Partners Program, implemented in Karnali.
YEAR 1996-1997	Gender Specialist :Cambridge Education Consultants, a Subsidiary of Mott Macdonald Coordinated a Gender and Educational Research Study in Nepal for the Secondary Education Project/ Cambridge Education Consultants/HMG/ADB/ODA. This covered three components:- Schools, Training Centres and SEDUs, Finance, Policy and Planning Review for Gender Bias in instruction materials and Exam Papers in math, English and Science Consultant : Save the Children US: Strategizing the Facets Framework
YEAR 1995- 1996	Associate Consultant: KUSOM (Kathmandu University School of Management) the following work was accomplished. Prepared Case Studies for PLAN International, Nepal on:- Enrollment of the Girl Child Integration with the National Health System to provide primary health care to the disadvantaged women and children of Rautahat District. Consultant : Plan International –Nepal : Monitoring Education Programmes in the Eastern Region Office , Documentation of PRA processes in Far western

	Region field Office Team Member : Action Aid Nepal, Impact Evaluation of Action Aid Programmes in Sindhupalchok (Phase out)
Year 1993: 1995	Secondary school teacher at Budhanilkantha School , kathmandu Nepal Tutor to the Royal Palace , for their late Highnesses, HRH Niranjana Bir Bikram Shah and :HRH Shrutika Rajyalaxmi Rana(Shah) Resource Person: Worked with the Police Department of His Majesty's Government of Nepal On girl trafficking issues

SKILLS

Policy Advisory Input and strategy development for programme development, disaster risk reduction through CBDP approaches

Monitoring and Evaluation with a special focus on caste/ethnicity

Report writing and Proposal development

Gender Research Methodology planning, training and orientation

Networking and Facilitation, Workshop facilitation, coordination

Educational Qualifications: BA (English Honours) Lady Shree Ram College for Women, University of Delhi, India

“O”Levels . University of Cambridge . ISCE – India

List professional societies and activities in civic, public or international affairs
Member RedR India , Emergency Personnel
Resource Person , Government of India , Ministry Of Home Affairs , National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM)
Member patron:kirat RAi Yayokha, association of the Rai
Member: national federation of nationalities: Nepal
Indigenous peoples network member :Asian indigenous women network, Philippines
Participant and network member UNPFII 2002 and 2004
Participant: ms general assembly as chair of the policy advisory board, Copenhagen,Denmark 2003/2004
INDIGENEOUS WOMAN PARTICIPANT AS PREP COM COMMITTEE MEMBER FOR THE UNPFII – IWGIA COPENHAGEN- Women in armed conflict , situation of Nepal
CSO participant/presenter: sub regional conference for advocacy and strategy :MDG Laos 2002
Participant/presenter : International symposium on mountain farming systems: Missouri , India 2002
Participant/facilitator: celebrating mountain women conference: Bhutan 2002
Participant: WCAR sub regional meeting for Asia and se Asia: 2002
Participant and co-worker: police headquarters , HMG/Nepal 1995
Invitee : kathmandu university school of management
Guest lecture: AIT : Gender studies unit , Bangkok

Publications

1. Volunteerism In Nepal: UNV Yearbook 2002
2. Women in mountain farming systems and their position in the present conflict situation of Nepal”. This conference was supported by CECI, CIDA, The Ford Foundation. The Commonwealth foundation, ICIMOD, UTDASP, NABARD and CSKHPKV. Published report.
3. Situation of Migrant Women Workers – UNIFEM Publication jointly with SAMANTHA
4. Inspirational Guidelines to work with HIV AIDS\; Handbook Mellefolke light Samvirke , Copenhagen, Denmark.
5. Enterprise development in rural communities , a Nepalese perspective . The World Bank Engendering SMEs program

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