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Vision: Strengthening knowledge and capacity for climate actions in Nepal.

Mission: Empowering stakeholders through research and capacity building to enhance climate finance and building climate resilience.

1. Knowledge Building

Build in-house expertise and research on climate finance.

Establish a climate change resource center.

2. Building leadership

Collaborate with experts across government, academia, and private sectors.

Shape national climate policies.

3. Knowledge accessibility

Create open-source platforms for knowledge sharing.

Develop policy briefs, resource books & publications.

4. Capacity building

Design training at all levels (national and sub-national levels).

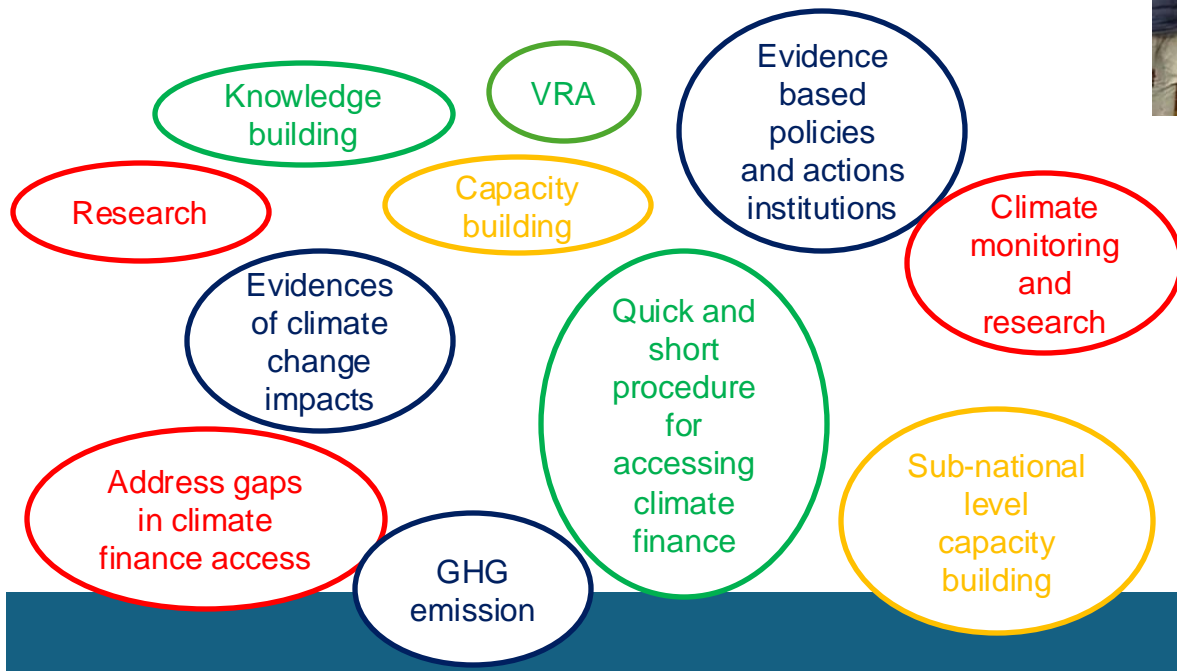
Integrate climate change into academic curricula.

Undertake consulting services and researches



Demarcating the Priorities for NCI

A stakeholder Engagement Workshop was organized on 9 Feb 2024 for demarcating the priorities:



Immediate priorities were to

- (1) strengthening access to climate finance by preparing resources books on (a) Climate Rationale, and (b) GESI integration.
- (2) Sharing the finding of the resources by organizing capacity building workshops at national and subnational levels.

Engagement with the Government

National level

- Climate Change Management Division (CCMD), Ministry of Forests and Environment (MoFE).

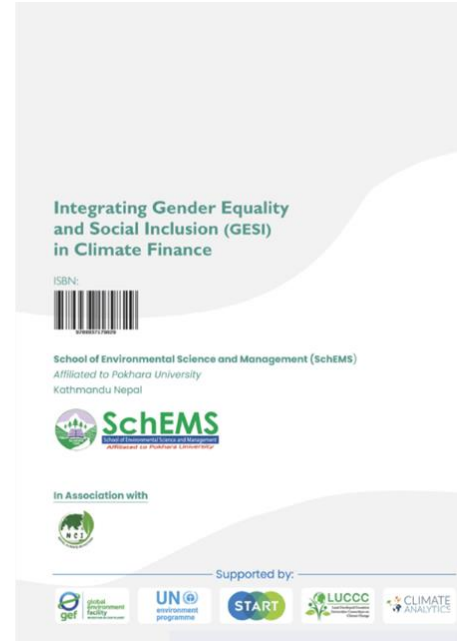
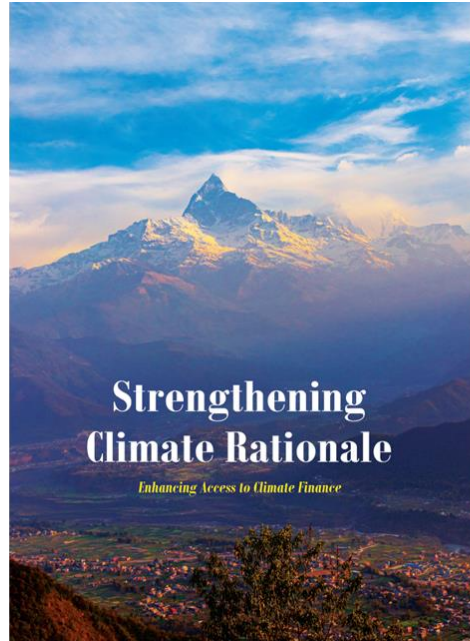
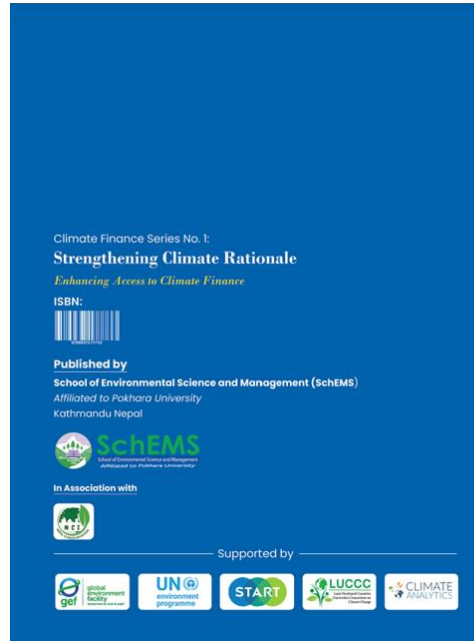


Subnational level

- Ministry of Industry, Tourism, Forests and Environment (MoITFE), Karnali Province.
- Municipality of Melamchi, Sindupalchok



Publication of the Resource Books



Capacity building workshops at the national and sub-national levels



Capacity Building Workshops	Date	Number of Participants	Type of participants
Melamchi	5 Jan 2025	43	Chaired by the Mayor of Melamchi Municipality Local Representatives, Municipality and Ward Officials, Security Personnel involved in disaster management, Civil society
Surkhet, Karnali Province	27 Jan 2025	45	Chaired by Secretary of Ministry, Government Officials, NGOs, University Professors
Kathmandu	14 Feb 2025	61	Chief Guest – Minister of Forests and Environment, Government Officials, Climate Professionals, INGOs, NGOs
Total		149	

Opportunities and Challenges

Building on Resource Books and GESI integration/ Training Workshop

Opportunities

Challenges

Translating Resources into Nepali

- Enhances accessibility for a broader audience, including local government officials, community-based organizations, and grassroots stakeholders.
- Promotes better understanding and engagement in climate-related discussions.

Extending Training Workshops to other Sub-National Bodies

- Strengthens decentralized climate governance by equipping provincial and local authorities with climate finance and GESI.
- Enhances capacity for mainstreaming climate action and gender-responsive policies at the provincial and local levels.

- Tailored approach will be necessary.
- Resource constraint for scaling up training programs.
- Ensure sustainability of engagement and institutionalization of learned concepts.

Supporting Sub-National Institutions in Developing Climate Finance

- Enables local governments to access climate finance, leading to direct accessibility of fund at the grassroot level.
- Localized, community driven climate solution that align with national and international priorities.
- Strengthens project development skills of local bodies.

- Limited technical expertise at the local level.
- Ensuring sustainability of project development efforts are beyond the scope of the initial training and support.

Opportunities and Challenges

Extend the Climate Rationale Resource Book Series into Other areas of Climate Finance:

- (a) Cost Benefit Analysis (CBA) of the Climate Finance Project
 - Assess the economic viability of climate finance projects
 - Supports prioritizations of investments
 - Strengthens the justification for funding proposals
- (b) Loss and Damage.
 - Addresses gaps in financing mechanisms to compensate for climate-induced economic and non-economic losses.
 - Supports policy discussions on integrating L&D into national climate strategies.
 - Strengthens Nepal's position in accessing global funds dedicated to L&D.
- (c) National Sources of Climate Finance & Tracking the Climate Expenditures.
 - Enhances transparency and accountability in climate finance allocation and utilization.
 - Strengthens Nepal's ability to mobilize domestic resources for climate action.
 - Support better coordination between government agencies, private sector, and development partners.

Opportunities and Challenges

Extend the Partnerships

- (a) Melamchi Municipality to support them develop evidence-based projects to recover from recently climate change event.
- (b) Enable Province Level Institutions on climate finance.
- (c) Support the Climate Finance projects on building the Climate Rationale.

Before and After



Baseline imagery from Maxar compared to drone-collected imagery from Geovision Nepal (June 18, 2021)

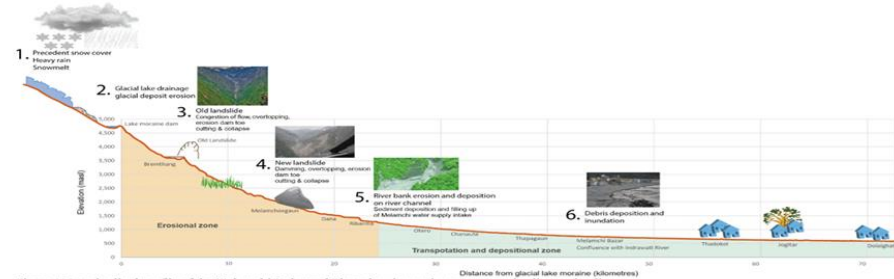


Figure 1: Longitudinal profile of the Melamchi-Indrawati River showing various processes leading to the disaster.

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