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Scientific evidence for warming of the climate system is unequivocal-IPCC

lce reserve between 1977 and 2010 decreased by 29% (129 km³) X010 Glacier retreating at the rate of 10 meter

per year (Source: GEN/DHM)

Vital Signs of Climate Change in Nepal

Nepal, a mountainous country (147,181Km² & 26.6 million people, HDI:0.558, 144th)

- 1. 0.04°C rise in mean temperature/year (1975 to 2005), Projected to increase between 1.3-3.8°C by 2060s and 1.8-5.8°C by the 2090s
- 2. Mean rainfall decreased by 3.7 mm per month per decade, annual precipitation projected to reduce by 10 to 20%
- 3. Number of days with rainfall of more than 100mm is increasing

Climate Change Impacts



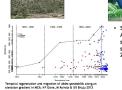
Drought







Treeline Shifting



Treeline shifting may affect rangeland productivity year (approx. USD 270-360) effecting the peoples livelihood living in Himalaya million/year)

Direct cost of current climat variability & extreme events

in Ramechhap District, Nepal

~1.5 to 2% of current GDP/

Key Challenges

- 1. Financial Constraints and Lack of Technology
- 2. Separate Frameworks for Disaster Risk Management and Adaptation Planning
- 3. Lack of meaningful inter sectoral coordination
- 4. Research and Data Gaps
- 5. Political Interference during development planning process
- 6. Perplexity of local level policy makers in implementing policies and plans

Some Adaptation Practices



Adaptation Strategies

Policies and Plan

- Climate Change Policy 2011
- National Adaptation Plan of Action (NAPA) 2010
- Local Adaptation Plan of Action (LAPA) 2012
- Climate Change Budget Code- 2012
- Climate-resilient planning tools 2011
- Sectoral Guidelines, Acts, Strategy on CCA and DRM
- Framework for Environmental Friendly Local Governance
- Low carbon economy strategy
- National Adaptation Plan
- 10. 375 Local Adaptation Plans & 2200 Community Adaptation Plans

Institutional Arrangements

- Climate Change Council (CCC)
- Climate Change Management Division within the Ministry, 2010
- Climate Change Knowledge Management Centre -2011
- Climate Change Network Nepal
- Red Implementation Center 5.

Programs

- Nepal Climate Change Support Program
- Community-based Flood Risk & GLOF Risk Reduction Program
- Ecosystem-based Adaptation Program

