LIVELIHOOD STRATEGIES OF STREET VENDORS IN KATHMANDU VALLEY



A Thesis

Submitted to the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Central Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Tribhuvan University in Partial Fulfillment of the Requirements for Degree of Master of Arts in Sociology

Submitted By Nabin Adhikari Roll No 684/065

CENTRAL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY/ANTHROPOLOGY
TRIBHUVAN UNIVERSTIY
KIRTIPUR, KATHAMNDU
2013

TRIBHUVAN UNIVERSITY FACULTY OF HUMANIIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES CENTRAL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY/ANTHROPOLOGY KIRTIPUR, KATHMANDU

RECOMMENDATION LETTER

This is to certify that **Nabin Adhikari** has completed the dissertation on "Livelihood strategies of street vendors in Kathmandu valley" under my guidance and supervision.

I, therefore, recommend this dissertation for final approval and acceptance.

Kapil Babu Dahal

Central Department of Sociology/Anthropology TU, Kirtipur, Kathmandu

Date:

TRIBHUVAN UNIVERSITY FACULTY OF HUMANIIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES CENTRAL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY/ANTHROPOLOGY KIRTIPUR, KATHMANDU

APPROVAL LETTER

This dissertation entitled "Livelihood strategies of street vendors in Kathmandu valley" by Nabin Adhikari has been submitted to the Central Department of Sociology/Anthropology. The undersigned members of the thesis committee have approved it.

Approved by
Dr. Om Gurung
Head of the Department
Madhu Sudhan Subedi
External Examiner
Kapil Babu Dahal
Supervisor
•
Date:

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

All successful research works are the result of contribution made by a wide range of co-operative hands. This study is no exception either. During the entire period of the study, I received innovative advice and encouragement from my respected guide Mr. Kapil Babu Dahal. His invaluable guidance, feedback and suggestion were instrumental in shaping this study and have greatly helped to me to improve the quality of this thesis. I am grateful to Mr. Madhu Sudhan Subedi for his guidance as external guide. First of all, I would like to express my sincere and heartfelt gratitude to him.

My sincere gratitude goes to Dr. Om Gurung, Head of the Central Department of Sociology/Anthropology, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu for his suggestion and encouragement to be carried out this research work. Also I wish to acknowledge my gratefulness all the respected teachers and staff of the Central Department of Sociology/anthropology for their sympathy and cooperation during my association with the department. I also express my sincere thank to all my friends especially Nabin Acharya and Santosh Pandey, for their unforgettable help throughout the study. There are many others, who have helped me undertake this study; I express my sincere thanks to all of them. I am proud and delighted to thank my mother and my brother for their continuous support and guidance and for always being there when things had gone wrong for me.

Finally, I am grateful to all the respondents who have helped me to come out with this dissertation, without whom this study would have been impossible.

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Letter of Recommendation

Letter of Approval

Acknowledgments

		Page
CHA	PTER - ONE: INTRODUCTION	1-5
1.1	Introduction	1
1.2	Statement of the problem	3
1.3	Objectives of the study	4
1.4	Significance of the study	5
CHA	PTER – TWO: LITERATURE REVIEW	6-12
2.1	Theoretical concept	6
2.1.1	Sustainable livelihood approach	6
2.2	Livelihood strategies related studies in Nepal	9
2.2.1	Livelihood strategies related studies	9
2.2.2	Street vendors related studies in Nepal	11
CHA	PTER- THREE: RESEARCH METHODS	13-18
3.1	Rational for the selection of the study area	13
3.2	Research design	13
3.3	Nature and sources of data	13
3.4	Sampling procedure and sample size	14
3.5	Data collection techniques	15
3.6 I	Data analysis and Processing	17
3.7	limitation of the study	18
CHA	PTER-FOUR: INTRODUCTIONS OF STUDY AREA	
	AND PEOPLE	19-38
4.1	General information of the study area	19
4.2	Socio-economic setting of the study area	19
4.3	Occupational composition	21
4.4	Introduction of the street vendor	21

4.4.1	Socio-economic background of respondent	21
4.4.2	Caste/ethnic affiliation of respondent	22
4.4.3	Religious composition of respondent	23
4.4.4	Nationality	24
4.4.5	Educational status	25
4.4.6	Marital status	25
4.4.7	Migration status	26
4.4.8	Duration of migration	30
4.4.9	Duration involvement street vendor	31
4.4.10	Cause of migration	32
4.4.11	Total family size	34
4.4.12	Living with	35
4.4.13	Type of residence	36
4.4.14	Assess at place of origin	36
4.4.15	Occupation before becoming street vendor	38
CHAP	TER-FIVE: PRESENT LIVELIHOOD, INCOME AND	
	EXPENDITURE	39- 56
5.1	working hour of street vendor	41
5.2	Per day working/selling hour	43
5.3	Average per day income of respondent	46
5.4	Role of other family member in generating income	48
5.5	Trote of other running member in generating mediae	40
	Total family income and expenditure	49
5.6	, ,	
5.65.7	Total family income and expenditure	49
	Total family income and expenditure Total monthly expenditure of respondent's family	49 50
5.7	Total family income and expenditure Total monthly expenditure of respondent's family Alternative sources of income of respondent	49 50 51
5.75.8	Total family income and expenditure Total monthly expenditure of respondent's family Alternative sources of income of respondent Support from place of origin	49 50 51 51
5.75.85.9	Total family income and expenditure Total monthly expenditure of respondent's family Alternative sources of income of respondent Support from place of origin Improvement observed in living standard for becoming s.v.	49 50 51 51 52
5.7 5.8 5.9 5.10	Total family income and expenditure Total monthly expenditure of respondent's family Alternative sources of income of respondent Support from place of origin Improvement observed in living standard for becoming s.v. Income improvement	49 50 51 51 52 53
5.7 5.8 5.9 5.10 5.11	Total family income and expenditure Total monthly expenditure of respondent's family Alternative sources of income of respondent Support from place of origin Improvement observed in living standard for becoming s.v. Income improvement Improvement in school enrollment of children	49 50 51 51 52 53 53
5.7 5.8 5.9 5.10 5.11 5.12	Total family income and expenditure Total monthly expenditure of respondent's family Alternative sources of income of respondent Support from place of origin Improvement observed in living standard for becoming s.v. Income improvement Improvement in school enrollment of children Improved women status	49 50 51 51 52 53 53

CHAPTER-SIX: LIVELIHOOD AND OCCUPATIONAL				
	VULNERABILITY	57-71		
6.1	Problem faced by street vendor	58		
6.2	Awareness toward their problem	62		
6.3	Occupational sustainability	63		
6.4	Organizational involvement	65		
6.5	Vending place sustainability	66		
6.6	Relation with neighbors and community	67		
6.7	Impact of street vendor	68		
6.7.1	Negative impact of street vendor	69		
6.7.2	Positive impact of street vendor	70		
CHAI	PTER- SEVEN: SUMMARIES, CONCLUSION &			
	RECOMMENDATION	72-76		
7.1	Summary	72		
7.2	Conclusions	75		
REFE	RENCES			

RESEARCH QUESTIONNAIRE

Abbreviation

CBS : Central Bureau of Statistics

DFID : Department for International Development

HMG/N : His Majesty's Government of Nepal

IFAD : International Fund for Agriculture Development

INGOs : International Non – Governmental Organizations

KM : Kathmandu Metropolis

KMC : Kathmandu Metropolis City

NCCR : National Centre of Competence in Research

NGOs : Non – Governmental Organizations

NSVU : Nepal Street Vendors Union

S.L.C. : School Leaving Certificate

T.U. : Tribhuvan University

UNDP : United Nations Development Programme

VDC : Village Development Committee