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ABSTRACT

Utilization of Local Development Fund in Mohottari Rural Municipality is representative vision of the reality. Main thrust of the present study is to examine the accessibilities of the budget allocated for the Mohottari Rural Municipality-3.To assess the utilization system of local development grant available in the study areas.To analyze the distribution pattern of the budget for the study area.

The study was made an attempt to describe the thing related to youth such as history of local development; potentiality and constraint of this farming and awareness among the farmer and consumer about this farming was described. Thus, this study was categorized as both descriptive and exploratory.

The collected data was both qualitative and quantitative. Both primary and secondary data sources were used to describe and analyze the study area. The primary data was collected through structured questionnaire. Interview and direct apparition also was applied to collect primary data, whereas secondary data was collected from different published and no published written documents from individuals, experts and organization related to the development sector. The study is mainly based on Mohottari Rural Municipality of Mohottari District. The Rural Municipality includes 3 wards. It is located in Province -2 of Nepal. The study is mainly focused in the budget allocation system of the Rural Municipality, so the study area is Mohottari Rural Municipality and the people living in that Rural Municipality.

Mohottari Rural Municipality is the universe of this study. Purposive sampling is performed while collecting the data from Mohottari Rural Municipality-3. The total population is 4057, 36 respondents were chosen as sample of the study on the basis of simple random sampling method.

Budget allocation is the most sensitive part of the development of the area. At first, central government gives budget to the District Coordination Committee, DCC, distributes budget to every Rural Municipality of district. In the present context, Rural Municipality secretary receives the budget because at this point of time local bodies are defunct con not be active. Secretary calls out village council meeting at the presence of political leader from the neighboring Rural Municipality also use to come to participate in Rural Municipality Council meeting. Teachers, technicians etc also take part in the meeting.

Budget disbursement pattern is most important for Rural Municipality because voice of the people and the ideas from the different group can be heart. Involving people in the meeting could help to know the proper need of the people of the village. Thus such involvement has helped in development of education, drinking water, roads, health, reproductive health, and this development also helps marginalized people to come in front and develop them. Participation of female are very less in this meeting which is a negative part, But female

participation would promote hiding problem of female. This pattern shows that there is a gender bias in the budget distribution system. Looking in the budget of four years, there is a repetition of budget in the same subject not in others which doesn't help in the overall development of the village.

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ABBREVATION /ACRONYMS

R.M.	Rural Municipality
NGO	Non Government Organization
INGO	International Non Government Organization
LGCDP	Local Government and community
DP	Development Programme
LDO	Local Development Officer
CDO	Chef Executive Officer
DDC	District Development Committee
ADC	Agriculture Development Committee
SLC	School Leaving Certificate
LDF	Local Development Fund
VDP	Village Development programe/Project
CAC	Community Awareness Centre
WCF	Word Citizen Fund