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Abstract

The aim of the study is to give a short description about the importance of NGOs in Nepal and A Case Study of Kumari Club (a local NGO) in Balkhu located in Tekusi 14 of Kathmandu district. Non governmental organizations are working in national development activities as a part of Governmental efforts and networks. NGOs have been initially incepted for offering relief works to the victims of war, epidemic or religious purpose. Now, they are not confined on those purposes only. After the effectiveness of the functions of NGOs, people with same interest started to formulate organizations for developmental work in non-governmental sector. NGOs should be registered with the authorities as desired by law.

NGOs are known as voluntary, non-profit making, service-oriented, democratic in nature and result oriented non-beaurocratic and autonomous organizations. They have certain advantage in delivery of services to uneducated and poor rural people. The problems of developing countries could not be fulfilled by the state alone. Furthermore, in developing countries, planned programmes launched by the government have not been successfully implemented. So they are found as crucial alternative to ineffectiveness of state development activities. Thereafter NGOs have come as alternative development agents. Income generations, non formal education, group formation, primary health care, capacity building, poverty reduction etc. are thus perceived as the main concern areas of most developing countries.

NGOs began their movement as welfare based organizations being largely motivated by Philanthropic and charity rendering services to the community. Although the indigenous structural outlets of Guthi, Parma, Dhikur, Bheja, Rodhi etc. functioned as the modern days NGOs, since a long period, it was not until the interception made by Tulasi Mehar as early as in 1926 initiated the Gandhi Charkha Pracharak Mahaguthi which was followed by Dayabir Singh Kansakar's Paropakar. The NGOs play vital role in poverty reduction through social mobilization, institutional development, establishment of micro enterprises, saving and credit facility, transfer of technology, agricultural transformation etc. Thus the research attempts to focus on various impacts of Kumari Club as a local NGO in Balkhu.

The general objectives of the study is to findout the importance of NGOs in Nepal and the impact of Kumari Club in Balkhu of Kathmandu District while the specific objectives are:

- To findout the importance of NGOs in Nepal,
- To examine the impact of Kumari Club,
- To assess the programmes carried out by Kumari Club at local level.

In this study, NGOs importance in lighten is various themes clears that it is more necessary to expand the NGOs as a expedition for the whole development of Nepal. This thesis proves that the further research/study, on many points of view, is more necessary in this title for 26,081 legally registered NGOs and their irregular working sytem in Nepal.

The Centre of this study, Kumari Club, is established in 1984 A.D. And since its establishment period, it has been serving to the people of this area in many sectors including social, economical, educational, health and sports very nicely. Especially, the social aspect is more affected by this club's activities.

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ABBREVIATIONS

AD : Anno Domini

ADB : Asian Development Bank

ANFA : Akhil Nepal Football Association

BS : Bikram Sambat

CBOS : Community Based Organization

CBS : Central Bureau of statistics

CEDA : Centre for Economic Development and Administration

FGDS : Focus Group Discussions

GDP : Gross Domestic Product

GOS : Governmental Organizations

HMG : His Majesty's Government

INGO : International Non-Governmental Organizations

KC : Kumari Club

NEFAS : Nepal Foundation of Advanced Study

NPC : National Planning commission

PHD : Doctorate In Philosophy

Rs : Rupees

SAARC : South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation

SHGS : Self -Help Groups

S.L.C : School-Leaving Certificate

SWC : Social Welfare Council

US \$: United State Dollar

VDC : Village Development Committee

VOS : Voluntary Organizational

WB : World Bank

WDR : World Development Report