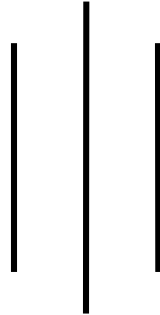
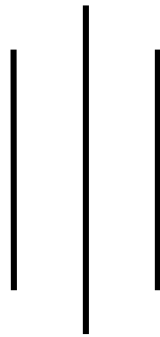


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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The present study entitled “Effectiveness of Trekking Guide Training In Nepal (A Case Study of Tamang Heritage Trail of Rasuwa District)” has been carried out by Mr. Raj Kumar Thapa, student of the Central Department of Rural Development, Tribhuvan University and Kirtipur. In the study, the researcher has tried to touch upon a variety of issues related with trekking guide’s daily life. The study site is characterised by abject poverty, illiteracy and backwardness. With the domination of typical Tibetan and Tamang culture, the area of unparalleled scenic beauty is an unspoiled place. The area is highly potential for tourism development because of good combination of the unique culture and the exceptional natural beauty. Only the efforts of DDC & TRPAP to bring about changes in the area through social mobilisation, entrepreneurship, infrastructure development, cultural preservation and floating of loans at a cheaper rate are very appreciable. With the intervention of this development agency, the area has witnessed some changes. The process of social mobilisation and transformation is time taking as well as difficult.

Despite huge prospects, tourism has not become a major source of income for the locals and this profession is not the main occupation of local inhabitant. One of the major reasons for this is that the inflow of tourists into Nepal has been low due to the decade-long internal conflict coupled with political unrest.

As researcher, I found that the income level of the Trekking guide has not increased as expected. The area still requires necessary focus on education, awareness of tourism and trekking, relating training to the trekking guide and job opportunities.

The study is specialized centered on Effectiveness of Trekking Guide Training in THT. So far as sampling procedures and methods are concerned, random procedure was adopted according to the nature of topics and universe. Mainly the research is based on quantitative approach and partially qualitative. Questionnaire survey, key informant interviews and on-the-spot observations were used as tools for primary data collection.

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ABBREVIATIONS

ADB	Asian Development Bank
ADB	Agricultural Development Bank
BS	Bikram Sambat
CBS	Central Bureau of Statistics
CEDA	Central for Economic Development and Administration
DDC	District Development Committee
HMG/N	His Majesty's The Government of Nepal.
LNP	Langtang National Park
MOCTCA	Ministry Of Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation
MOF	Ministry Of Finance
NARA	Nepal Rafting Association
NATHM	National Academy for Tourism and hotel Management
NATTA	Nepal Association of Travel and Tour Agents
NEFAS	Nepal Foundation for Advanced Studies
NG	Nepal Government
NGO	Non Government Organization
NPC	National Planning Commission
NTB	Nepal Tourism Board
NTMP	National Tourism Master Plan
PATA	Pacific Area Travel Association
RNAC	Royal Nepal Airlines Corporation
STDS	Sustainable Tourism Development

TAAAN	Trekking Agent Association Of Nepal
THT	Tamang Heritage Trail
TRPAP	Tourism for Rural poverty Alleviation Programme
UNO	United Nations Organization
VDC	Village Development Committee
WCED	World Conference on Environment and Development
WTO	World Tourism Organization