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Sub-Grant Application Form

Asia-Pacific Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF) Capacity Building on REDD+ (For Indigenous Peoples)

Section 1: Contact Details

1.a Legally registered name of the organization, official address including telephone number/s, website, skype

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www.nefinclimatechange.org

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Nepal government registrations submitted (English translations):

- 1) District Administration Office, Ministry of Home Affairs;
- 2) Office of District Development Committee, Ministry of Local Development;
- 3) Inland Revenue Office Kathmandu, Area No. 1, Department of Land Revenue, Ministry of Finance;
- 4) Permanent Account Number (PAN), Inland Revenue Department, Ministry of Finance;
- 5) Social Welfare Council, Kathmandu

1.b Names of persons to be involved in sub-project implementation (iii should be different from ii)

	<i>i. Authorized to sign the Sub-Grant Agreement</i>	<i>ii. Responsible for implementation if different from (i).</i>	<i>iii. Responsible for finance</i>
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Names of members of governing body and their role.

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5. Mr. Shyam Prasad Mandal	Vice-Chairperson
6. Mr. Ganesh Lal Thakali	Vice-Chairperson
7. Mr. Sonam Lama	Vice-Chairperson
8. Mr. Gobinda Chhantyal	Vice-Chairperson
9. Mr. Nabin Roka Magar	Vice-Chairperson
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11. Mr. Ang Pasang Sherpa	Secretary

12. Mr. Sukh Bir Thami	Secretary		
13. Mr. Dan Singh Route	Secretary		
14. Ms. Lakpa Sherpa	Secretary		
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Frequency of meetings:			
Number of full time staff of the entire organization, indicate whether male or female.			
Project implementation – 2 (Male)	Finance– 2 (1 Male, 1 Female)	Others – 15 (6 Male, 9 Female)	
Memberships in Networks or Alliances including those with governments			
S.N.	Name of Alliance/Network	Contact Person	Email Address
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49	Piuthan	Bishnu Lawat	N/A
50	Dhading	Chandra Bahadur Baram	N/A
51	Sindhupalchok	Norbu Sherpa	N/A
52	Banke	Dambar Thapa Magar	N/A

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61	<i>Manang</i>	<i>Singh Bahadur Gurung</i>	<i>N/A</i>
62	<i>Parsa</i>	<i>Som Bahadur Lama</i>	<i>N/A</i>
63	<i>Rupandehi</i>	<i>Shankar Gaha Magar</i>	<i>N/A</i>
64	<i>Baitadi</i>	<i>Santosh Rana Magar</i>	<i>N/A</i>
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66	<i>Dadeldhura</i>	<i>Ambar Budha Magar</i>	<i>N/A</i>
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68	<i>Baglung</i>	<i>Bam Bahadur Gurung</i>	<i>N/A</i>
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71	<i>Rautahat</i>	<i>Ram Ashraya Chaudhary</i>	<i>N/A</i>
72	<i>Surkhet</i>	<i>Jeevan Kumar Shakya</i>	<i>N/A</i>

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Rate your working relationship with government at local and national levels with 1 as lowest and 5 as highest and identify the government offices/agencies.

Local government – 5

National government – 5

Sources of funds from 2018 to the present

<i>Name of Donor</i>	<i>Amount in US\$</i>	<i>Contact Person</i>	<i>Email Address</i>
International Work Group for Indigenous Affair (IWGIA)	1,94,112.00	Kathrin Wessendorf	kw@iwgia.org
Nepal Electricity Authority (NEA)	2,44,746.00	Fanendra Raj Joshi	fanendrajoshi@gmail.com
PAWANKA Fund	15,000.00	Mariana Lopez	lopez@pawankafund.org
Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact (AIPP)	1,38,157.00	Gam A. Shimray	gam@aippnet.org
USAID	64,811.00	Allen Turner	allen_turner@dai.com

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IFC World Bank	92,293.00	Ms Kate M. Lazarus	klazarus@ifc.org
International Bank for Reconstruction and Development-Nepal (World Bank Group)	64,423.00	Ms Kate M. Lazarus	klazarus@ifc.org
Indicate the name and contact details of your organization's external auditor.			
<i>Name of the External Auditor</i>		<i>Email Address</i>	
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Previous and/or ongoing programs/projects/activities on REDD+, forest and health at local, national and regional levels including engagements with government agencies and the target beneficiaries of this sub-project since 2018.			
<i>Programs/Projects/Activities</i>		<i>Beneficiaries and Location</i>	
Awareness Raising and Advocacy for the Rights of Indigenous Peoples of Nepal in Climate Actions		Country-wide focus—representatives of all IPOs at least of 56 IPOs, whereas indigenous peoples of Nepal consist of 35% of the total population in the country according to Government's record, and relevant government agencies.	
Promotion, Protection and Safeguarding of Indigenous Peoples' Rights in Climate Action in Nepal		Country-wide focus—representatives of all IPOs at least of 56 IPOs, and relevant government agencies.	
The Indigenous Ways of Knowing & Learning Fund		Indigenous peoples' representatives across the country.	
South Asia Sub-regional Meeting & Examining the Political History of Indigenous Peoples' Rights over Land		Representatives of AIPP member organizations and networks in South Asia.	
Laying the Foundations for an Indigenous Peoples' Partnership on Community Mapping and Monitoring.		Representatives of IPOs in Nepal.	
Promoting Indigenous Peoples' Rights in Asia for a Future of Peace, Justice and Equality		Country-wide focus—representatives of all IPOs at least of 56 IPOs, and relevant government agencies.	
Strengthening Capacity of Nepal's water Users to Adapt to Climate Change at the Central and Grassroots Levels - Indigenous Nationalities		Country-wide focus—representatives of all IPOs at least of 56 IPOs and relevant government agencies.	
Indigenous People Consultation to Understand Potential Glacial Lake Outbursts Floods risk of Safeguarding Lives and Livelihoods		Representatives of indigenous peoples in 9 districts of the country.	
Enumerate the trainings on REDD+, forestry and health that the target beneficiaries participated from 2018 to present.			
It is at least 4 events in average, every year including 35-40 participants in each event that means at least 12 events including total of 480 participants in last 3 years.			
Fluency of staff in English and the language/s of targeted forest-dependent indigenous peoples.			
Staff can speak in English and 30% the language/s of targeted forest-dependent indigenous peoples.			
Indicate the labor and occupational health and safety (OHS) standards of your government that your organizations follow/implement.			
<i>Labor standards</i>		<i>OHS</i>	
NEFIN follows all the national law and regulations related to labor standards		NEFIN follows all the OHS of Nepal government.	

What problems did your organization encounter related to labor and OHS standards of your country and how did you resolve these?

Not much so far.

Describe briefly how your organization settle/address complaints including use of traditional IP practices or just attach a copy of the GM.

NEFIN has its General Assembly as the highest mechanism to make major decisions and handle grievances. It has also members of federal councils representing all member organizations that includes 1 woman and 1 man. It has Secretariat of federal council as well. Depending upon the nature of complaints and grievances, these different mechanisms respond to the matters.

What are the government requirements your organization has to fulfill before implementing externally funded projects including reports to be submitted?

Registration in Social Welfare Council

What external challenges/risks did you experience in project implementation and how did you address these?

Key challenges	Risk management/Remedies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> COVID-19 pandemic and lockdown in the country. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NEFIN prioritized the activities that could be under taken in virtual manner. NEFIN team worked from home, applied available facilities of online communication and interaction within and outside the team during lockdown in the country. It also applied available measures and precautions to protect communities, general public and NEFIN team from COVID-19 infection. NEFIN also distributed health kits to indigenous peoples. <p>In case the condition worsens impacting project implementation, NEFIN CC Program will consult with IWGIA for ways forward.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Natural disaster and extreme weather conditions such as flood, and landslides at villages. 	<p>On top of COVID-19 pandemic, some parts of the country with indigenous peoples' communities were hit by flood and landslide during monsoon in late May and June. Such natural disaster requires emergency action beside policy advocacy. NEFIN with support from various contributors distributed relief material to some of the impacted communities of indigenous peoples.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued government's ignorance against indigenous peoples. 	<p>The government's attitude towards indigenous peoples in the country is still negative. Recognition of indigenous peoples' rights, engaging them in policy formulation and implementation happens to some extent only if indigenous peoples are proactive to demand it. Violation of rights and atrocities against indigenous peoples continues even during pandemic and the lockdown in the country. The lockdown sometimes become an easy timing for the government and for authorities to expand businesses violating indigenous peoples' rights. In such cases, NEFIN mobilizes its networks, capacity and optimizes the available assets and strength to combat such atrocities. In doing so, sometimes, some adjustment in project activities aliening with recent situation helps better.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Different time zones and difficult timing of the virtual meetings. 	NEFIN attended all important meeting event early morning and late night to the mid night.		
Rate your organization on the following, 5 points being the highest.			
Technical capacity	5	Reports preparation	5
Safeguards implementation	4	Monitoring & evaluation	4
Kindly provide 3 references who could attest to your organization's capacity if your proposal is shortlisted.			
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Section 3: Proposed Sub-Project Identification

Sub-Project title	Supporting Rights and Effective Participation of Indigenous Peoples in Nepal's ERP Implementation		
Identify the indigenous peoples who will benefit directly from the sub-project and their location in the emission reductions program (ERP) area/s as indicated in your country's Emission Reductions Program Document (ERPD).			
<p>The Terai Arc Landscape (TAL) area of Nepal is a stretch of lowlands in the southernmost part of the country. This is where the county's Emission Reduction Program (ERP) under REDD+ is being implemented. Spread in 13 districts (Rautahat, Bara, Parsa, Chitwan, Nawalparasi (East of BardaghatSusta), Nawalparasi (West of BardaghatSusta), Rupendehi, Kapilvastu, Dang, Banke, Bardia, Kailali and Kanchanpur) and five provinces, the TAL area is home to diverse social groups and castes, with Indigenous Peoples (IPs) constituting about 31% of the total over 7.5 million population (Census 2011). Of the TAL area's total 2 million ha land, forest covers 1.17 million ha –with almost 0.8 million being government-managed forests, and five national parks (Parsa, Chitwan, Banke, Bardia and Suklaphanta). There are certain forest areas being managed by IPs using their customary practices including Chepang in Chitwan; Raute in Bardia; Bote, Majhi and Mushar in Chitwan and Nawalparasi; and Tharu in almost in all ERP program districts (ERPD, 2018). There are also IPs groups namely Danuwar, Raji, Sonaha and Banakariya in this region. These are the major IPs communities to be directly benefitted by the project.</p>			
Targeted number of direct beneficiaries	Total: 313	Men – 156	Women 157 Youth ² - At least 10 of the total participants of 313 will be youth
Total Sub-Project cost (amount requested plus counterpart and from other sources in USD)	68,750.00		
Amount requested from the project (in USD)	55,000.00		
Amount provided by your organization (in USD)	13,750.00		
Amount provided by other sources (in USD)	-		

Section 4: Proposed Sub-Project Information

4.1 What are the issues and problems of forest-dependent indigenous men, women, youth and persons with disabilities related to REDD+/ERP implementation and delivery of COVID-19 support that the Sub-Project will address?
<p>The forest-dependent Indigenous Peoples in Nepal are socio-economically marginalized. So are IPs' situation in the TAL area where the ERP is being implemented. As elsewhere, their lifeways are nature-based. For ages, they have been practicing traditional natural resources management systems through their own customary institutions, for example Badghar among Tharu. Badghar is a customary institution of Tharu indigenous people of Nepal—Tharus are one of the indigenous people/ nationality of the ERP area. It is a kind of village chiefdom system. Every household holds certain role and responsibility under this system. The Badghar play a crucial role in community governance</p>

¹ Direct Beneficiaries are IPs and members of indigenous peoples' organizations and institutions who will participate in capacity building and awareness raising activities and meetings/workshops with REDD+/ERP units and COVID-19 response implementers and other stakeholders.

²For uniformity, youth refers to those who are 15-24 years old based on UN Statistics definition

including natural resource management of the communities. They have customary law and values, system of punishment and reward etc., for maintaining social order in communities.

Despite the Nepal government endorsing a number of international laws/agreements, for example, UNDRIP, ILO 169, CBD and UNFCCC accords, and that calls for protection and promotion of IPs rights, the national laws including the forestry laws do not recognize customary laws and practices and IPs' contribution to nature conservation and natural resources management through them. This has impacted IPs ability to reap REDD+ benefits equitably from customary forests. Also, ERP is weak in terms of non-monetary benefits. It ignores the historical contribution of community-managed forests to the sustainable management of forests.

Most forests are under the community forestry regime that does not recognize differential situations of IPs and non-IPs in meeting their socio-cultural needs. The government's tendency to treat IPs merely as a stakeholder, rather a right holder, failing to understand/accept IPs' unique nature-based lifeways and worldview and thus treating IPs as just another caste group has deprived IPs from their distinct rights and considerations they are entitled to as per established international standards even in the country's REDD+ programs. There is lack of IPs including IP women's representation in the institutional setup of REDD+ including steering committees.

Many IPs communities, for example Tharus in Bardiya and Chepangs in Chitwan reside near protected areas. These forest-dependent communities have restricted access to forest products vital to their social, cultural and economic life.

Socially marginalized, IPs have a low awareness level on REDD+/ERP and their stakes in it including their rights to participation, benefits sharing and social safeguards. They lack the access to information and resources. They lack leadership and advocacy skills and tools. This situation is even worse with IP women. With traditional occupations being displaced by modern technology-driven works, many IPs men and youth are going overseas for work, leading more women having to take up household and community level works. Thus, appropriate empowerment, knowledge enhancement opportunities should be introduced for their effective participation.

4.2 Kindly indicate name/s and contact details of the following:

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4.3 Please provide a short overall description of the proposed Sub-Project. Why is the Sub-Project important to forest-dependent indigenous men, women, youth and persons with disabilities? (Should be related to 4.1 above)

The sub-project is important for forest-dependent Indigenous men, women, youth and persons with disabilities because it builds their capacity to effectively engage in the ERP implementation. They will be aware of their rights as established by relevant international legal instruments and relate them to ERP mechanisms including benefit sharing plan, institutional representation and safeguard policy. The project will enable the IPs including IP women, youth and IPWDs to have information, leadership skills and advocacy tools to hold dialogue with the government/ stakeholders for their effective participation in ERP implementation.

4.4 Desired Overall Outcomes (what benefits and/or immediate positive changes do you anticipate for the targeted indigenous peoples, their communities and/or organizations in relation to the implementation of your country's REDD+/ERP and government's COVID-19 response that are directly related to sub-project implementation?)

The target Indigenous Peoples and their network will have both increased awareness of the country's REDD+/ERP as well as enhanced capacity to advocate their rights and meaningful participation in the REDD+/ERP implementation.

They will be aware of Nepal's REDD+ strategy, ERPD, benefit sharing plan, safeguards and the existing national and international instruments of indigenous peoples' rights in REDD+ and climate change. They will also have their communities' customary laws and practices in the TAL area with regard to natural resources management will studied and documented that will help them driving evidence-based advocacy. These all will create a prospect of the concerned government agencies, particularly REDD+/ERP planning and implementing entities, better understanding/responding to the IPs' issues/concerns including their effective participation, equitable benefit sharing, grievance redressing and social safeguards, in the country's REDD+ERP implementation. These efforts ultimately will have the following specific outcomes.

1) Increased participation of indigenous peoples of ERP area of Nepal in implementation of REDD+ strategies and actions (number as indicated in Section 3).

2) Increased participation of indigenous peoples of ERP area of Nepal in Emission Reduction Programs and Benefit Sharing Plans (number as indicated in Section 3).

NEFIN will consult with REDD IC, MOFE so that the project activities do not duplicate but rather complement the activities of the ER Program.

4.5 Kindly enumerate and describe the activities to be implemented by the Sub-Project and the expected results.

<i>Activities for beneficiaries only</i>	<i>Expected results (refer to the indicators in the invitation/call)</i>
1.Capacity building and awareness raising of Indigenous Peoples including women, men and youth of Nepal to effectively participate in REDD+ and advocate their rights³	Indigenous women, men and youth of Nepal will have increased capacity to effectively participate in the REDD+/ERP and advocate their rights.
<p>1.1. REDD+ province-focused/district focused/sub-national level training-workshop on REDD+, safeguards and benefit sharing plan (3 events of 3 three-days each).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This activity will include a session of orientation on protocols to minimize the spread of COVID-19. In order to mitigate COVID-19 infection risk to indigenous communities, NEFIN's team and the general public, NEFIN will follow the protocols and apply available measures and precautions all times during the activity implementation. • Where the indigenous peoples have experiences of using their indigenous knowledge and healing system in combating COVID-19, there will be time for sharing such experiences. 	A total of 90 persons with gender balance including youth. Participants will have enhanced understanding of REDD+/ERP, its safeguards, equitable benefit sharing and advocate their rights
2. Research/documentation and information dissemination	Documentation and publication/dissemination on customary institutions/ local practices IPs and REDD+/climate change documents important to IPs

³ Proposed activities will try to harness the potential contribution of indigenous peoples to the implementation of Nepal's REDD+ strategies and action plan; ERPD; Benefit Sharing Plan; and the Indigenous Peoples Planning Framework (IPPF) included in the Environmental and Social Planning Frameworks, by enhancing their awareness and capacity of understanding of the related matters.

<p>2.1. Case studies on indigenous peoples' customary institutions related to land and forest management (3 case studies) and their publication</p>	<p>3 case studies on customary institutions of Indigenous Peoples from ERP coverage area and their publication. This is expected to make a strong case for effectiveness and wider acceptability of IPs' traditional resource management practices in the country's REDD+/ERP.</p> <p>The target audience of activity 2 (case study, briefing paper and video) are the REDD+ and climate action-actors including indigenous peoples, relevant government agencies, and other stakeholders. The case studies and briefing paper will be developed and prepared in Nepali for the convenience of the wider audience at the national context).</p>
<p>2.2. Summary/Briefing paper of FCPF safeguards/ SESA/Nepal's REDD+ Strategy or REDD+ and climate change related documents (1)</p>	<p>The publications will facilitate the IPs' access to information on REDD+/ERP and their safeguards and other climate change related documents. This is expected to result in their increased understanding of the topics, thereby enhancing their advocacy capacity for their rights in REDD+.</p> <p>NEFIN will consult with REDD Implementation Center (REDD IC) on the preparation of this document in order to avoid duplication of the work, but to rather complement the earlier efforts.</p>
<p>2.3. Video documentary on Indigenous Peoples, land and climate action including REDD+</p>	<p>The video documentation and dissemination on Indigenous Peoples, their lands and climate action including REDD+/ERP will make both IPs and non-IPs audiences aware of climate action from the view point of IPs.</p> <p>The video will be of around 8-10 minutes maximum. It will be in Nepali language with sub-title in English so that the relevant government agencies also can understand (Nepali language). NEFIN will disseminate the copies of the video through its networks (Indigenous Peoples Organizations, NEFIN's province, district and village chapters, and other federations such as of indigenous youth, women, journalist, student etc.) and through relevant agencies and stakeholders. NEFIN will also distribute the video copies in different events and occasions.</p>
<p>3. Advocacy: Indigenous peoples effectively advocate their rights and contribute in REDD+ implementation in 13 districts of Nepal</p>	<p>Indigenous Peoples will have the tools and resources to advocate their rights and contribute to REDD+/ERP implementation in the 13 TAL districts.</p>
<p>3.1. Production and dissemination of recommendation paper on one of the most relevant item: REDD+ strategies and actions, ERP, benefit sharing plan and IPPF (1)</p>	<p>This is expected to call the concerned government agencies/relevant stakeholders for action also in the interest of IPs during REDD+/ ERP implementation.</p> <p>The recommendations will be build on the feedbacks collected during the training-workshops and meetings with indigenous peoples at local and national levels—there will be sessions about the matter to discuss and collate feedback of participants during training-workshops. Hence, the recommendation directly come from the ground and based on what indigenous peoples have to say about the matters. The recommendation paper will be ready before the dialogues; the dialogue will also touch upon the recommendation in order to finding common ground of moving forward.</p>
<p>3.2. Support to Indigenous Peoples to participate in events and dialogues (13)</p>	<p>At least 13 IPs activists are expected to have the capacity to participate in events and dialogue for their cause with government and other stakeholders.</p>

<i>Joint activities with governments, other stakeholders and beneficiaries</i>	<i>Expected results(refer to the indicators in the invitation/call)</i>
1. Dialogue with District Forest Office / local REDD+ entity of all 13 REDD+ districts (4 events of one-day each)	A total of 160 participants (including District Forest officers/ representatives from local REDD+ entities and IPs representatives) will have dialogue leading to the government officers/ REDD+ local government authorities gaining an increased understanding of IPs perspectives on REDD+/ERP including their participation, benefit sharing and being positive to address their concerns in REDD+/ERP implementation.
2. National dialogue with relevant Government agencies and stakeholders on REDD+/ERP safeguards and benefit sharing (1 one-day event)	Representatives of REDD Implementation Center (RIC), and relevant stakeholders will be aware of indigenous peoples' issues and concerns in the ERP coverage area (TAL area) with regard to their meaningful participation, safeguard and benefit sharing and will be positive to policy formulation/planning responsive to the IPs issues/concerns. This event will gather a total of 50 people including 2 participants from each ERP district (1 woman and 1 man) mainly those who have undertaken the training-workshop and/or represent NEFIN's district and province chapter/ IPOs/ customary institution, relevant agencies and actors of government and non-government sectors, and some representatives from the IPOs.

4.6 Describe any potential external factors/risks that may affect implementation and how you will mitigate these.

<i>Risks/Challenges</i>	<i>Remedies/Mitigation</i>
Spread of COVID-19	The safety protocols of Nepal government and WHO will be followed all times. Necessary precautions will be taken not carry infection to the Indigenous communities. In extreme situations when there is travel restriction, virtual means where practicable will be used. Coordination with NEFIN network/ respective IPs community leaders and local government will be carried out to ward off any COVID-19 threats.
Political situation	Any political unrest as well as political events mainly elections may pose challenge to project implementation. Political unrest is highly unlikely. In any event, proper rescheduling will be done in coordination with funding agencies.
Natural disaster	The TAL area is prone to flooding and inundation during monsoon. The project activities will be scheduled as per climate trend. Safety measures will be fully adopted where needed.

4.7 Which other groups/organizations, including government, will be involved in Sub-Project implementation?

<i>Name of group/organization</i>	<i>Email Address</i>	<i>Roles/Responsibilities</i>
REDD Implementation Center, Ministry of Forest and Environment (MoFE) of Nepal		Cooperate with NEFIN to carry out sub-project activities. Communicate with District Forest Office (DFO) about offering cooperation and coordination with NEFIN and its networks in the districts. Consider inclusion of inputs coming from the sub-project into REDD+ policies and programs in Nepal.
District Forest Offices (DFOs)		Cooperate with IPOs and NEFIN DCC vis-à-vis REDD activities and sub-project activities.

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NEFIN District Coordination Councils (DCCs)	REDD+ Program in Nepal includes 13 districts of the country. NEFIN has its DCC/district chapters in all the districts. Contact details of those networks are attached in separate sheet.	Coordinate with NEFIN to inform IPO of the constituencies and district. Coordinate with District Forest Office (DFO) organizing events. Compile and/or select participants of the district level events, based on criteria.

4.8 How will you ensure the proportionate participation of men, women, youth and persons with disabilities in sub-project implementation, monitoring and evaluation?

The proportional participation of men, women, youths and persons with disabilities will be maintained by proportionately selecting the participants for capacity building programs. Likewise, the roles, stories, experiences and practices of all men, women, youth and persons with disabilities will be given due space while researching case studies and developing documentaries. NEFIN's relevant policies including the Gender Policy and other guidelines as suggested/required by the funding agency will be followed.

4.9 How will Sub-Project gains/benefits be sustained after completion?

The project is expected to result in Indigenous Peoples of Nepal's TAL area, where the country's ERP is being implemented, gaining enhanced capacity to understand the REDD+ process and the ERP and have their voice in establishing their climate rights as per national and international legal standards. Even after the completion of the project, the ERP- currently running till 2025—as well as REDD+ will still remain and therefore the IPs can use this newly gained knowledge and advocacy skills in advancing their rights including their rights to participation in REDD+ process and access, to the REDD+ benefits, with their local needs, indigenous knowledge and their contribution to REDD+ through traditional resource management practices duly recognized. Likewise, the target beneficiaries being representatives from IPs organizations will help foster institutional capacity of their respective organizations that will come in use in the long-term beyond the project's life. The proposed research and documentation of case studies on local natural resources management practices of Indigenous Peoples from the ERP coverage area will not only help understand the age-old indigenous knowledge, skills and NRM management system and their contributions and integrate the best practices in the mainstream planning process but also will serve as a valuable resource for both national and international audiences interested in IPs affairs alike.

In order to sustain project's impact, NEFIN as the one and only umbrella organization of all Indigenous Peoples and all Indigenous Peoples Organizations in the country will keep engaging and contributing to the sustainability of the project benefits. It will also mobilize its federal, provincial and district councils, affiliated organizations (federation of indigenous youth, journalist, people with disabilities, students, women etc.), and member organizations (56 IPOs) in this endeavor.

The benefits of the project will be sustained after completion; for example, the dialogues may create a partnership that will benefit both indigenous peoples and government entities in general and in the implementation of Emission Reduction Program (ERP) in particular. The case studies and the materials produced by this project will be shared and could benefit ERP implementation.