



GREEN LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

# Green Resilient Agricultural Productive Ecosystems (GRAPE)

Field of Action 1- Economic Governanace

## Context

The agricultural sector is a major source of livelihood for a large portion of the population and a significant contributor to the economy in Nepal (approximately 27 percent of the country's GDP). However, the sector is highly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, due to the changing patterns of rainfall, rising temperatures, and increasing frequency and intensity of natural disasters. Though country has climate change-related policy documents and legal frameworks in place at the national level, internalizing climate actions in local plans, programs, and budgets is challenged by limited institutional, technical, and financial capacity and knowledge at provincial and local level.

The goal of field of action 1 is to support the creation of a more sustainable and resilient local economy that supports agricultural development and mitigates the impact of climate change in working municipalities.

GRAPE supports municipalities in fulfilling their role in creating framework conditions for local green economic development and in identifying development priorities in light of climate change. The aims is that municipalities take these into account in their planning processes.

The programme supports the implementation of The programme ensures regular communication with various federal and provincial ministries, however, the lead Ministry is the Ministry of Land Management Cooperatives and Poverty Alleviation.

## Expected outcomes



**Enhanced capacities of municipality and stakeholders for green and climate resilient local economic development**



**Increased public investments in climate resilient agriculture**



**Improved access to information and knowledge on climate resilient agriculture**



## Project goal

Foster climate resilient, green economic growth of Sudurpashchim and Karnali provinces

## Project duration

June 2021–December 2024

**7** districts in Sudurpashchim and Karnali provinces

**19** municipalities

## Implementing Partners



### Implementing partners for field-level activities

#### Natural Resources Institute Finland (Luke)

- Organization of foresight workshops identifying future scenarios in light of climate change
- Documentation of visions, goals and identified pathways of each municipality to be used as basis for setting goals and planning activities to be integrated in municipal planning
- Development of policy briefs

#### LI-BIRD and ANSAB

- Organization of trainings on Climate Resilient Agriculture (CRA) and Economic Governance for partner municipalities
- Organization of exposure visits
- Organization of dialogue events



## Main Processes and activities supported

- Capacity building of and awareness raising amongst stakeholders on the impacts of climate change on local agriculture-led economic development and on approaches to tackle these challenges (climate resilient agriculture, landscape approaches, disaster risk management)
- Improving access to information and knowledge on climate resilient agriculture through different survey and studies like the stocktaking of climate change issues, the conduct of municipality level Business Climate Surveys etc.
- Identification and prioritization of measures supporting sustainable ecosystems and agricultural value chain development through foresight workshops and planning meetings. Selected activities are implemented with support from GRAPE.
- Integration of prioritized issues into the municipality planning and budgeting process and documents. This is done through advisory to the Budget and Programme Formulation Committee of the partner municipalities and technical support to the development of budgeted technical proposals.

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