



ADAPTATION AND RESILIENCE BUILDING

Green Resilient Agricultural Productive Ecosystems (GRAPE)

Supporting planning processes on
municipality level

General Context

Through its first field of action, "Economic Governance," GRAPE supports the role of municipalities in improving framework conditions for green local economic development with a focus on climate-resilient agricultural value chains. The project does so by facilitating multistakeholder dialogues, identifying development priorities, bringing them into the planning process, and implementing the selected measures jointly with partner municipalities. The project also creates opportunities for learning and cooperation among the municipal-level stakeholders; municipalities take these into account in their planning processes.

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

The three main processes supported are:

- Awareness raising and capacity building of municipality stakeholders on the impacts of climate change on local economic development agriculture-led and on approaches to tackle these challenges (climate smart agriculture, landscape, approaches, disaster risk management);
- Identification and prioritisation of responses measures to be implemented as part of municipality-level planning; and
- Integration of prioritised issues into the municipality's planning and budgeting processes

Furthermore, the project supports the development of a municipal-level agriculture development strategy and action plan (MADSAP) with interested partner municipalities.



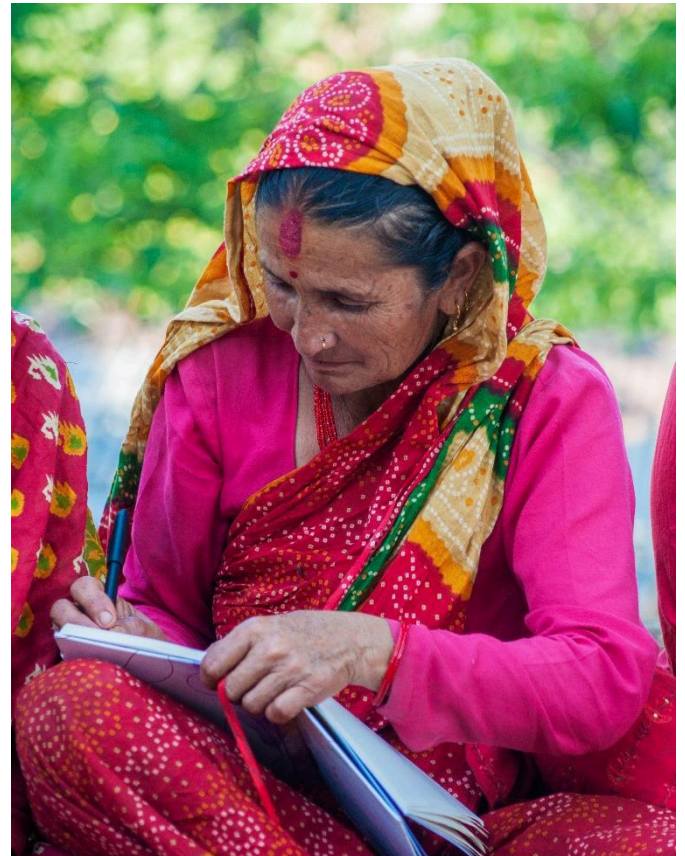
Key activities

Foresight workshops: In these workshops organised in all six GRAPE clusters, stakeholders develop visions and future scenarios for food system transformation. The outcomes of the workshops feed into the identification of actions to be integrated into municipal planning. Foresight workshops were organised with the participation of representatives of partner municipalities, provincial ministries associated with chamber of commerce and industries, district cooperative unions and cooperatives, NGOs, sector associations, the Federation of Women Entrepreneur Associations of Nepal (FWEAN), and others.

Prioritization of activities: Together with the Mayor/Chairperson and members of the Plan and Budget Formulation Committee of the partner municipalities, workshops aim at prioritising activities identified in previous workshops. Selected activities are then suggested to GRAPE and the municipality, for joint financing. Activities jointly financed are integrated in the annual budget and plan of partner municipalities.



Proposal development: Task forces formed by the partner municipalities are supported in the drafting and finalisation of technical budgeted proposals detailing key activities to be implemented by municipalities in order to strengthen green local economic development.



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