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## 1 Completed Projects

We have completed the following projects over the last year:

- Strengthening Capacity of MSFP Implementing Agencies in Climate Change Adaptation, and Resilience (about to complete)
- Connecting Farmers Voices with Policies and Discourses on Climate Change
- Analysis of Institutional Arrangements on Agriculture Intensification in Smallholder Farming Systems in Dhanusha and Sunsari Districts of Nepal
- Development of Climate Resilience Roadmap for Multi Stakeholder Forestry Project

## 2 Ongoing Projects

Following projects are ongoing:

- i. Think Tank Events and Policy White Papers Components of Singha Durbar Project

**Partners:** Southasia Institute of Advanced Studies (SIAS) and Search for Common Grounds (SFCG)

**Project Duration:** 12 months, starting from February 2014

**Funded By:** United States Agency for International Development (USAID)

**Leader from SIAS:** Dr. Hari Dhungana

**Project Description:** The project objective is to determine an approach to creating policy papers that is collaborative, and seeks common ground between key stakeholders in Nepal

- ii. ESPA (Political Economy of Water Security, Ecosystem Services and Livelihoods in the Western Himalayas)

**Partners:** University of Cambridge UK, SIAS and Centre for Ecology, Development and Research (CEDAR) INDIA

**Project Duration:** Dec 2013-May 2016

**Team leader of the project:** Dr. Bhaskar Vira

**Funded by:** ESPA Programme

**Project Description:** This is a combine research project to be conducted by University of Cambridge UK, SIAS and Centre for Ecology, Development and Research (CEDAR) INDIA under Ecosystem Service and Poverty Alleviation- ESPA. ESPA is an international research programme, funded as a global public good and designed to produce world-class research and evidence to promote the sustainable management and use of ecosystem services to promote poverty alleviation. The aim of this research is to understand the political economy of water security in the Western Himalayas, focusing on the role of springs, streams and rivers in catchments surrounding small towns as sources of water. The project will consider the range of ecosystem services which flow from these catchments (and how they are accessed and used), promote multi-stakeholder platforms for broad-basing an ecosystems approach, and assess how the interests of local stakeholder

- iii. CoCooR (Conflict and Cooperation over REDD+ in Nepal, Vietnam and Mexico)

**Partners:** Institute of Advanced Studies (Nepal), University of East Anglia (UK), RECOFTC – The Center for People and Forests (Thailand), Institute of Cultural Studies (Vietnam), Winrock International (USA) and Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia (Mexico).

**Project Duration:** 48 months starting from 2013

**Funded by:** Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research

**Leader from SIAS:** Dr. Hari Dhungana

**Project Description:** The overall objective of the project is to strengthen the evidence on the impact of REDD+ on conflict and cooperation in developing countries through case studies of Mexico, Nepal and Vietnam. CoCooR will investigate conflicts and cooperation over REDD+ through research in Mexico, Nepal and Vietnam. All three countries are in advanced stages of developing and implementing national REDD+ Programmes. CoCooR will examine local-level conflict and cooperation over forests in two REDD+ demonstration sites in each country, one site characterized by significant cooperation and the other experiencing pronounced conflict.

- iv. Rethinking Environment and Development in the Era of Global Norms : An Exploration of Forests and Water in Nepal, Sudan and Uganda (REDEGN)

**Project Duration:** 2013-2015 (Starting from Dec 2013)

**Leader from SIAS:** Dr. Hari Dhungana

**Funded by:** ESRC-DFID

**Project Description:** An Exploration of Forests and Water in Nepal, Sudan and Uganda: The research responds to the unprecedented emergence of global environmental norms, particularly those intended to reconcile natural resource management with poverty alleviation in a just manner. The research will examine the effects of global environmental norms on poverty alleviation in the Global South through explorations of forests and water with particular attention to the links made between local claims and global norms by higher-level mobilisations.

- v. Political Violence and Climate Change (British Academy Project)

**Project Duration:** 2013-2015

**Partners:** University of Edinburgh, Forest Action Nepal, and the South Asia Institute for Advanced Studies, Women Leading for Change in Natural Resource Management, Wind Power Nepal

**Funded by:** British Academy

**Project Description:** The British Academy funded teaching and learning exchange explores the challenges to climate change adaptation posed by political instability.

- vi. Climate Change and Rural Institutions (CCRI)

**Project Duration:** 2012 -2015 (Starting from Jan)

**Partners:** DIIS, ForestAction Nepal, Dannida Fellowship Centre

**Funded by:** DIIS

**Project Description:** This research addresses the knowledge gap that currently exists on the role of district level institutions (specifically local government, agricultural advisory services, agencies involved with natural resource management and farmer organizations) in providing an enabling environment for climate change adaptation.

### 3 New Contracted Projects:

- i. Effectiveness Study- The Disaster Risk Management and Humanitarian Preparedness Project

**Duration:** Dec 2015/ Jan 2016

**Funded by:** Oxfam Nepal

**Project Description:** Oxfam effectiveness study consists of qualitative and quantitative assessment. The qualitative assessment will be carried out through focus group discussion, key informant interview and observation. And the quantitative assessment will be done through household survey using structured questionnaire.

- ii. Conflict, Violence and Environmental Change: Investigating resource governance and legitimacy in transitional societies

**Duration:** 4 years (2016-2019)

**Partners:** Noragric, Norway/ SLU, Sweden; SIAS, Nepal; ACTS, Kenya

**Project Description:** The aim of this four-year research program is to enhance scientific understanding of how climate change produces concerns for legitimacy, conflict and violence in the governance of forests and water resources.

- iii. CiXPAG – Climate Extremes, Air Pollution and Agro-ecosystems

**Duration:** 2015-2017

**Funded by:** CICERO, Norway

**Project Description:** CiXPAG will investigate the complex interactions between climate extremes, air pollution and agricultural ecosystems.

- iv. Climate adaptive and equitable water management systems for medium-sized cities: participatory research and innovation in north India and Nepal (CAEWIN)

**Duration:** 36 months (yet to contract)

**Partners:** CEDAR, School of Social Sciences, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, UNSW, TISS, University of Sydney, IUCN, SIAS

**Project Description:** The general objective of this study is to investigate urban water insecurity under changing climate in small to medium sized cities in north India and Nepal, and to demonstrate governance and city-scale planning strategies for adaptive and equitable management of urban water systems.

- v. Urban Disaster-Systematic Review

**Title:** What is the impact of urbanisation on risk of and vulnerability to natural disasters? What are the effective approaches for reducing exposure of urban population to disaster risks?

**Duration:** 14 months, starting on Oct 2015

**Partners:** SIAS, Nepal UNSW, Australia; International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh

## 4 Events

SIAS has conducted following Trainings, Workshops, Seminar, Meetings and Lectures during the last year.

- The In-house writing training (scientific writing training) was given by Hari Dhungana from SIAS. The training was given to the staffs of STAFF College on July 1/2/3 2015. The contents included fundamental aspects of academic writing focusing on research report writing, building on research philosophy, review of literature, citation and referencing, data analysis, summarizing and synthesizing.
- A half-day 'Critical Reading/Writing Workshop' was organized on by Forestaction and SIAS on March 4 2015. The workshop was delivered by Adam Pain and facilitated by Dil Khatri and was participated by the researchers of SIAS and Forestaction.
- A half-day 'Writing Workshop' for New Angle Authors was organized on Jan 25 2015 and was delivered by Andrea Nightingale and Hemant Ojha. The workshop was organized for the authors/co-authors of New Angle Journal special theme on "Political Transition and Natural Resource Governance".
- Think Tank forums on the following themes was organized by SIAS as part of a series of dialogues in collaboration with SFCG, with support from USAID. The events were organized at Hotel Annapurna, Durbarmarg, and was participated by lawmakers, government officials, policy researchers, scholars, and stakeholders. Research Fellows presented their findings in the forum and collected the feedback.

SN	Title	Delivered by	Date
1.	Think Tank Forum on Disaster Risk Reduction	Chiranjibi Bhandari, Research Fellow	Oct 8 2015
2.	Think Tank Forum on Agriculture and Food Security	Dhanej Thapa, Research Fellow	Oct 6 2015
3.	Think Tank Forum on Local Governance and Election	Prakash BK/Kamal Devkota	Oct 5 2015
4.	Think Tank Forum on Migration and Human Trafficking	Sara Devkota	Oct 2 2015
5.	Think Tank Forum on Climate Change	Laxmi Raj Joshi	Sep 30 2015
6.	Think Tank Forum on Constitution writing and Federalism in Nepal	Mahendra Sapkota	Sep 29 2015
7.	Think Tank Forum on Education	Shak Bahadur Magar	

- SIAS Policy Workshop IV was organized on July 16 2015 at Hotel Summit, Kupandole. The workshop was participated by 17 individuals including Research Fellows, participants from SIAS, Search For Common Ground (SFCG) and USAID.
- Workshop on 'Knowledge and policy on water and landslide hazards in post earthquake Nepal' was organized on July 6 2015. The workshop was organized by SIAS in collaboration with IWMI, UNSW, DSCWM and Forestaction. It was participated by researchers, experts

and practitioners working on disasters, landslides, water management, and social and policy sciences

- SIAS Policy Research Workshop III was organized in June 23 2015. The workshop was participated by 18 individuals including Research Fellows, participants from SIAS, Search For Common Ground (SFCG) and USAID.
- Seminar on ‘Environmental Justice as an Analytical Lens in Policy Research on Environment and Development’ was organized by SIAS on April 10 2015 at Dupka, Baneshwor as a part of CoCooR Project. The seminar was participated by the participants of British Academy Seminar, SIAS and Forestaction researchers; and was delivered by Dr. Poshendra Satyal, Senior Research Associate at the School of International Development of the University of East Anglia (UEA) in Norwich, UK.
- Policy Seminar on “Reimagining Public Policy in Nepal: process, practices and management” was organized on Oct 9 2015 at STAFF College, Jawalakhel. Gyanu Maskey and Hari Dhungana presented hydropower paper.
- SIAS Research Forum III was organized on Aug 21 2015 at SIAS Meeting Hall. The Forum was participated by SIAS colleagues and the ongoing projects of SIAS was presented in the Forum.
- SIAS in collaboration with ForestAction, Wind Power Nepal and WLCN, University of Edinburgh organized 3 seminars of the series on Himalaya Climate Change and Development during 2015. Following table shows the brief information of these seminars:

SN	Date	Presented By	Brief about the presenter	Title	Venue
1	Aug 23 2015 Seminar X	Dil Bahadur Khatri	Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Uppsala, Sweden	Tenth seminar on ‘Doing’ climate change projects in Nepal: aid regimes, project design and implementation practices at the district level’	Union House, Anamnagar
2	July 9, 2015 Seminar IX	Dr. Hemant Ojha	UNSW, Australia & SIAS	Ninth Seminar on ‘Doing research for change in times of natural disaster and political crisis’	Union House, Anamnagar
3	Jan 26, 2015 Seminar VIII	Mina Adhikari	WLCN	Critical Review of ongoing climate change adaptation efforts in Nepal	Local Development Training Academy (LDTA), Jawalakhel

## MEETINGS

Annual General meeting and board meeting were held in which Annual report, program and budget, audit report was endorsed and auditor was appointed.

- **Annual General Meeting was organized on Jan 11 2015 (Poush 27 2072)**
  - Decision made on the appointment of Working Committee (Netra Timsina as Chairperson and Dr. Hari Dhungana, Dr. Kalpana Giri, Dr. Madhav Karki, Ngamindra Dahal and Kamal Devkota as members of working committee).
  - Annual membership fee finalized to Rs 1000 from Rs 10,000.
- **Annual General Meeting and Board Meeting was organized on Feb 7 2015**
  - Appointment of Directors: Ngamindra Dahal (Director: Knowledge and Communication), Gyanu Maskey (Director: Program), Kamal devkota (Director: Operations)
  - Decision made on appointing general membership to Dil Khatri and Gyanu Maskey
- **General Meeting was organized on July 6 2015**
- **Board Meeting was organized on Aug 30 2015**
  - Working committee member added: Naya Sharma Paudel
  - Resignation of Dr. Hari Dhungana was accepted and Ngamindra Dahal was appointed as new Executive Director
- **Annual General Meeting was organized on Dec 8 2015**

## EVENTS PARTICIPATION

- SIAS members participated in a number of events:

Date	Name of Workshop	Venue	Participated/presented by	Organizer
Dec 1, 2015	Emerging Land Issues and Constitution of Nepal 2015: A Perspective of Dalits and Indigenous People	SAP FALCHA, Babarmahal.	Participated by Laxmi Joshi	organized by Consortium for Land Research and Policy Dialogue (COLARP)
Nov 25-27 2015	Civic Actors Event	Hague, Netherlands	Participated Hari and Gyanu Presentation	Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO)
Nov 20 2015	Workshop on Deforestation and Forest Degradation, REDD+ and Gender	Indreni Foodland, Baneshwor	Hari Dhungana and Gyanu Maskey	Forestaction
Nov 23-27	COE Conclave	Hotel Yak and Yeti	Participated by Sunita and Sulekha	CoE-SA
Nov 18 2015	Integrated discussion and presentation of thematic study results	RRN Office	Participated and presented by Tikeshwari Joshi	RRN



Nov 2105	Sharing of Key findings Institutional and cost/benefit sharing arrangements for implementation of emission reduction program in 12 TAL districts	Yala Maya Kendra	Participated by Hari and Gyanu	REDD Cell
Nov 17 2015	interactive Workshop entitled "ESON Today and Tomorrow	Sap-Falcha House, Babarmahal	Participated by Laxmi Joshi	Ethnobotanical Society of Nepal
Nov 16-17 2015	Multistakeholder Consultation on scaling of modern bio-energy production and use through sustainable agroforestry systems in Nepal	Hotel Himalaya	Participated by Laxmi Joshi	World Agroforestry Centre, Ethnobotanical Society of Nepal, University of Leeds
Nov	Hariyo Ban Programme		Participated by Tikeshwari Joshi	
Oct 1 & 2 2015	Communications Workshop	IWMI, Kupandole	Internal workshop, IWMI staffs and partner organisations Participated by Kaustuv ad Gyanu	Niti Foundation and Social Science Baha
Sep 25 2015	Learning Group Meeting with stakeholders (NEFIN, ANSAB, ForestAction, HIMAWANTI)	SIAS, Kathmandu	Stakeholders participation NEFIN, DANAR, NAFAN, and others	SIAS
Sep 23 2015	Sharing of key findings: Institutional & Cost benefit sharing arrangements for implementation of emission reduction program in 12 TAL districts	Yala Maya Kendra, Lalitpur	Participated by Hari & Gyanu	REDD Cell
Sep 2015	Participatory food security policy mapping in Nepal	LWF	Participated by Tikeshwari Joshi	RTFN- Networking
June 19 2015	Consultation and sharing program on Payment for Environmental Services (PES) Policy'	Union House, Anamnagar	Gyanu Maskey & Laxmi Joshi	National Forum for Advocacy Nepal (NAFAN)
June 11-12 2015	Ideas for Rebuilding Nepal	Staff College	Kamal Devkota	World water week
April	International Workshop	Dhulikhel	Presented by Dr. Hari	CALCNR Project

20-22 2015	on Methodological Issues in Participatory Research on Conflicts and Cooperation		Dhungana on "Studying Conflict and Cooperation over REDD+: Theoretical and Methodological Approaches"	(Forestation in Nepal)
April 16 2015	A Workshop on "The Shareholder Question" in Hydropower Development	Shangri-La Hotel, Lazimpat	Participated by Gyanu Maskey	Lead, Niti Foundation, Sambriddhi Foundation
April 10 2015	"Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM)" focusing in the environment, conflict management, and social sector	Indreni Foodland	Participated by Dr. Hari Dhungana	REDD Cell
April 10 2015	Environmental Justice Workshop	Dupka	Presented by Kamal Devkota on "Cooperation, claims to controversy: Case of water source negotiation in Dhulikhel"	SIAS
April 10 2015	Annual General Meeting of Ethnobotanical Society of Nepal	Natural History Museum, Swoyambhu	Participated by Laxmi Joshi	Ethnobotanical Society of Nepal
March 26	Water and Urban Initiative (WUI) and Energy, Environment and Ecosystem (3E) Nexus Initiatives	Hotel Summit	Participated by Laxmi Joshi	Environment Services Nepal, Centre for Energy Studies-Institute of Engineering, Ethnobotanical Society of Nepal, United Nations University-Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability

## 5 Publications

### PUBLICATION FROM SIAS:

- 'New Angle: Journal of Social Science and Public Policy' -Vol 3 (1), Dec 2014.

**Editors:** Hari Dhungana, Celayne-Heaton Shrestha, Fraser Sugden, Hemant Ojha, Sabin Ninglekhu. Josh Gellers, Floriane Clement

**Theme:** Development and foreign aid in Nepal

**Articles:**

- Flood of 1954: the beginning of a developmental state (*Sharad Ghimire*)
- Rethinking group-based development approach in Nepal: ways forward (*Stuty Maskey*)

- Social and Environmental Justice in Foreign Aid: A case study of irrigation interventions in Western Nepal (*Floriane Clement, Govinda Basnet, Fraser Sugden and Luna Bharati*)
- Is foreign aid making a difference? A case study of Sagarmatha National Park Forestry Project, Khumbu, Nepal (*Chet Bhatta and Michal Bardecki*)

- **New Angle Journal, Vol 4 (1), 2015:** Nine articles have been submitted, and arguments have been submitted by the authors as per the comments.

**Editors:** Andrea Nightingale and Hemant Ojha

**Theme:** Political Transition and Natural Resource Governance in Nepal

**Articles:**

- Information for dialogue shaping water resource management, adaptation and governance (Bikram Rana and Rabin Niraula)
- Capital Hydro Visions in Nepal (Christopher Butler)
- Hamro aamei baneki chaina – Our women are not yet ready : Emerging Female Leadership – A Local Perspective (Gitta Shrestha)
- Climate change at the crossroads: mainstreaming community adaptation plans with local development planning process in Nepal (Rahul Karki, Dil Khatri, Naya Sharma and Bikash Adhikari)
- Chure Conservation: State-led Management Vs Community Based Management (Shyam Krishna Shrestha and Anita Shrestha)
- Small Town Water Governance in Nepal: Actors, Institutions and Leadership (Kamal Devkota)
- Local Politics and Development Initiatives during Transition (Subita Pradhan)
- Hydropower policy and site-level contestation: Challenges for Ending the Power Cut in Nepal (Gyanu Maskey and Hari Dhungana)
- Political Ecology of Chure Management: The risks of crisis narrative and emergency responses in Chure conservation (*Dipak Bishwokarma, Govinda Paudel & Naya Sharma Paudel*)

- **New Angle Journal, Vol 5 (1), 2016:** Two articles from the list below have been submitted and others are confirmed and in the process of submission.

**Editors:** Fraser Sugden. Purna Nepali and Hari Dhungana

**Theme:** Understanding the Land Issues and Agrarian Reform in Post Conflict

**Articles:**

- Policy Study on Land Contestations in Nepal: Claims and Counter over Indigenous Land Tenure (Kabin Maharjan)
- Public Land movement (Mahendra Sapkota)
- Prospects of Public Land Management and Policy Dilemma in the Southern Terai of Nepal (Sushant Acharya, Purna Bahadur Nepali)
- Land right from below: Debate of equity and efficiency (Purna Nepali and Annalisa/ILC)
- Institutional analysis of agricultural extension in two Terai district of Nepal in 2014 (Kamal Devkota & Dhanej Thapa)
- Agriculture aspects and Agrarian Reform (John Cameroon)

- The following **Policy Briefs** have been published:

S N	Title	Vol, Year, No	Theme	Published Date	Authors
1	How can Adaptation Planning be	2015	Climate Change	April 6 2015	Ngamindra Dahal, Hari Dhungana,

	Integrated into Local Development Practice in Nepal				Hemant R Ojha, Krishna K Shrestha, Laxmi Raj Joshi
2	Enhancing the Role of Community Forestry in Disaster Risk Reduction	2015	Forestry/Disaster	April 6 2015	Hemant R Ojha, Krishna K Shrestha, Ngamindra Dahal, Laxmi Raj Joshi, Hari Dhungana
3	Whose Adaptation? Achieving Greater Local Ownership over Adaptation Planning in Nepal	2015	Climate Change	April 6 2015	Hari Dhungana, Ngamindra Dahal, Laxmi Raj Joshi, Hemant R Ojha, Krishna K Shrestha
4	Responding to Landslides in Nepal	ForestAction Policy Brief no. 38 2015	Disaster (Landslide)	July 2015	Adam Pain, Dil B Khatri, Hemant Ojha, Bikash Adhikari, Tikeshwori Joshi, Hari Dhungana & Niru Gurung

- SIAS members have published the following through external outlets:

S N	Title of the journal	Vol, Year, No	Paper title	Authors	Published date	Weblink
1	Climate Policy	DOI:10.1080/14693062.2014.1003775	Policy without politics: technocratic control of climate change adaptation policy making in Nepal	By <b>Hemant R. Ojha</b> , Sharad Ghimire, Adam Pain, Andrea Nightingale, Dil B. Khatri & Hari Dhungana	24 Feb 2015	<a href="http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/14693062.2014.1003775#.VPA5xnyUfZa">http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/14693062.2014.1003775#.VPA5xnyUfZa</a>
2	Journal of Ethnobiology	35 (3) 2015	Adapting in the Shadow of Annapurna: A Climate Tipping Point	Konchar, K.M., Staver.B., Salick J., Chapagain A., <b>Joshi, L.</b> , Karki, S., Lo S., Paudel A., Subedi, P. & Ghimire, S.K.	Oct-15	<a href="http://www.bioone.org/toc/etbi/35/3">http://www.bioone.org/toc/etbi/35/3</a>
3	Journal of Threatened Taxa	26 July 2015, 7(9): 7563-7567	Pangolins in Eastern Nepal: Trade and Ethno-Medicinal Importance	Hem Bahadur Katuwal, <b>Kaustuv Raj Neupane</b> , Dipendra Adhikari, Mohan Sharma and Sanjan Thapa	26 July 2015	<a href="http://dx.doi.org/10.11609/JoTT.o4202.7563-7">http://dx.doi.org/10.11609/JoTT.o4202.7563-7</a>

- Working paper of REDEGN Project on 'Justice brokers, global indigenous rights and struggles over hydropower in Nepal' has been published in UEA Website

<https://www.uea.ac.uk/documents/6347571/6504346/Working+Paper+52/ebdd9456-4b77-4ddd-a215-c2b1574319ba> (Authors: Thomas Sikor, Hari Dhungana and Gyanu Maskey).

- Case study Reports from CCRI projects are ready to be published.
- Research Report on ‘Institutional Analysis for Agricultural Innovation: Synthesis’ of SRFSI project has been published by CSIRO Australia (Authors: Toni Darbas, Rasheed Sulaiman, Nimisha Mittal, Kamal Devkota and Peter R. Brown).
- Workshop Report on ‘Knowledge and Policy on Water and Landslide Hazards in Post-Earthquake Nepal. Synthesis Report of the Workshop’ has been prepared (Tikeshwari Joshi, Kamal Devkota, Gyanu Maskey)
- Conference Paper on ‘Predicted Responses of Himalayan Alpine Flora to the Anticipated Future Warmer Climate’ was presented by Laxmi Joshi and his team *on* 20th Inter-Governmental Meeting (IGM) and Scientific Planning Group (SPG) Meeting, Asia-Pacific Network for Global Change Research (APN), Youth Engagement in the APN Session in Kathmandu (March 25-27 2015)
- SIAS researchers have been contributing blogs and oped from different outlets as the intermediary products from the different research projects.
  - Water security: Lessons from Nepal on sustainable management and adapting to climate change (Hemant Ojha)
  - Time to rethink community based approach to resource management (Hemant Ojha)

## 6 Internship

Following one university students were in SAIS for their research in 2015.

- Zoe Alana Hilig from University of New South Wales, Australia (Honors Research)
- Rebekh Singh, Guru Govinda Singh Intra Prastha University, Delhi (Student of M.Sc. Natural Resource Management)
- Sangita Raghav, Guru Govinda Intra Prastha University, Delhi (Student of M.Sc. Natural Resource Management)

## 7 Programmatic Development

- MoU with University of New South Wales (UNSW), Australia and Ministry of Forest and Soil Conservation in under process.
- Identifying likeminded organizations and individuals to collaborate with them in proposal/project development and engage in public policy process is going on.

## 8 Organizational Development

We appointed following staffs in this year.

- Moksheda appointed as Research Consultant
- Sunita Bhattarai appointed as Executive Secretary

Similarly, we also purchased office equipments as per necessity.

## 9 Secretariat

SIAS has been hosting the secretariat of:

1. **Nepal Policy Research Network** : No any significant activities have been done
2. **Himalayan Rivers Alliance**: No any significant activities have been done
3. **Community of Evaluators- CoE Nepal**

### Secretariat Functions (CoE-Nepal)

- Quack foot Private Limited was hired for the designing the new CoE-Nepal website 2015. Mr. Anjal Babu Karki was appointed as new web designer on June 9, 2015. This company is now operating and maintaining the CoE-Nepal's website ([www.coe-nepal.org.np](http://www.coe-nepal.org.np))
- Kedar Nath Bhatta was inducted as New General member of CoE-Nepal from July 25, 2015.
- CoE-N was renewed on 15 May, 2014 and valid date till 16 July, 2014. It has to be renewed again. CoeN renewal process for 2015 is remaining as the CDO office asked for some necessary changes in legislation of Coe- Nepal.
- Annual General meeting was held on November 7, 2015 at the Hotel Marsyangdi.
- Audit of the CoE-Nepal for the FY 2071/72 was completed.

### EVENTS

S.N	Events	Date	Venue
1	3 <sup>rd</sup> Evaluation Conclave	Nov 23-27 2015	Hotel Yak and Yeti, ,Kathmandu
2	Regional MRE Workshop	7 February 2015	Kathmandu
3	Nepal – 2nd face-to-face meeting	12thMarch 2015	Kathmandu

## 10 Future Activities to Conduct

- Explore South Asia possibilities
- Expand collaboration with new organizations and partners
- Develop programmatic framework
- Work out strategic direction