

REPORT ON THE INTERMINISTERIAL ADS CO- ORDINATION WORKSHOP IN LUMBINI PROVINCE

Organized: MoLMAC, Lumbini Province

Venue: Pauwa Hotel, Butwal

Date: 14th Dec, 2020

Total Participants: 54

Duration: One day

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Provincial Level Coordination Workshop for the Implementation of ADS

1. Background

Agriculture Development Strategy (ADS 2015-2035) is a long-term strategy devised for the agricultural transformation in the country. ADS presents the overall strategy for agriculture development in Nepal including a rationale based on the assessment of current and past performance of agriculture sector. ADS is expected to guide the agricultural sector of the country over the next 20 years. Over the course of this period, the structure of the agricultural sector in Nepal will change considerably and agribusiness and non-farm rural activities will grow relatively faster to agriculture. ADS envisages a self-reliant, sustainable, competitive, and inclusive agricultural sector that drives economic growth and contributes to improved livelihoods and food and nutrition security leading to food sovereignty. Now this national document need to be familiarized and reflect the ADS targets and indicators, ADS implementation action plan among provincial and local level institutions.

2. Workshop Objectives

2.1. Major objective:

To familiarize/orient and build awareness for adapting ADS into Provincial level line departments of Lumbini Province.

2.2. Specific objectives:

- To raise awareness on ADS orientation to the Ministries and Secretaries at provincial level.
- To realize the ADS and its institutionalization.
- To institutionalize the ADS framework among development partners and other related institutions.

Workshop Schedule (14.12.2020)

Day	Time	Activity	Responsible Person
Day 1	Session I		
	10-10:30	Arrival and Registration, Inauguration	MoLMAC, ADS Expert
	10:30 - 10:45	Opening Session (Session Chair – Secretary, MoLMAC)	Dr. Rewati Raman Paudel
		Chief guest (MoLMAC minister)	Mrs. Arati Paudel
	10:45 – 11:00	Welcome Remarks + ADS	Mr Buddhiraj Ghimire M&E chief , MOLMAC
	11:00 – 11:15	Coffee Break	MoLMAC
	11:15 – 12:30	ADS overview, coordination and implementation strategy, ADS Targets and Indicators	Dila Ram Bhandari (ADSE)
	12:30 – 13:00	Floor discussion	Dila Ram Bhandari
	13:00– 13:30	Closing session	
	13:30 – 13:40	Remarks from PPC member	Mrs. Pushpa Bhusal
13:40- 14:00	Remarks by Chief Guest	Mrs. Arati Paudel	

Day	Time	Activity	Responsible Person
	14:00 – 14:20	Remarks by Chairperson	Dr. Rewati Raman Paudel
	14:20 – 15:20	Launch break	
		Departure	

3. Expected Outputs:

This workshop results into following outputs:

- Streamlining of ADS framework in planning process of provincial level offices.
- Familiarize ADS targets and indicators among provincial ministries.
- Uniform understanding of ADS implementation among government, private sector, development partner and other related institutions.

4. Inauguration session:

A one day workshop started by welcoming and sharing of the objectives by Mr. Buddhiraj Ghimire, Planning and M&E Officer, MoLMAC. It was formally opened by Honorable Minister Mrs Arati Paudel. The workshop was chaired by Dr. Rewati Raman Paudel, MoLMAC Secretary) and Mrs. Pushpa Bhusal (PPC member for agriculture) was special guest in the workshop.

5. Workshop Contents

The following core concepts were covered in the orientation workshop:

1. Present status of agriculture
2. agricultural trade scenario of the country
3. Importance of Agriculture in national economy
4. Opportunities for Nepalese agriculture sector
5. Challenges of agriculture
6. Policy provisions for agriculture development in Nepal
7. Agriculture Development Strategy (2015-2035 A.D.)
8. Development Partners in ADS formulations
9. What is agriculture development strategy?
10. Summary of key issues of the ADS
11. ADS vision
12. TCF to ADS Support Project-EU (40 Million Euro for 3 years, (36 million budget grant and 4 million technical support)
13. ADS strategic vision
14. Agriculture Development and poverty reduction in ADS
15. Program classification under ADS (Flagship programs, Core programs and other programs)
16. Flagship programs of ADS (1. Food and Nutrition Security Program (FANUSEP) 2. Decentralized Science Technology and Education program (DSTEP) 3. Value Chain Development Program (VADEP) 4. Innovative Agriculture Entrepreneurship Program (INAGEP)
17. Major pillars of ADS Governance, Productivity, Profit commercialization and Competitive)
18. Activities under Governance, Productivity, Profit commercialization and Competitive

19. ADS indicators and targets related to 6 different provincial ministries.
20. ADS includes a 10-year Action Plan along with cost estimates and investment through government, donor, private sectors
21. ADS activities monitoring and evaluation
22. ADS implementation and its organizational structure
23. ADS evaluation carried out through development of policies and legal framework, Institutional development, annual investment increment, program implementation and achievements based on indicators and targets.
24. Challenges in ADS implementation
25. Create local level friendly environment for ADS implementation
26. Basis for effective ADS implementation in local level
27. Investment in agriculture for better future of the country
28. It is country's agricultural development strategy not only agricultural Ministry's

Discussion Session

In the discussion session 10 participants raised various comments and made suggestion for the successful implementation of ADS. .

1. Subas Raj Upadhyaya (Private Seed Company)

He said that the agriculture commodities especially seeds of many crop varieties imported is increasing every year. So, the Government needs to implement ADS to commercialize seed sector so that import can be reduced gradually in the country.

2. Janmejaya Gaihre (IAAS, Paklihawa)

Institute of Agriculture and Animal Science (IAAS) Paklihawa can support the government by providing quality human resources required. For this, standard laboratory needs to be established in campus which needs financial support from provincial government.

3. Lokraj Bhusal (NLSIP)

The agriculture and livestock indicators need to be revised based on new governance structure of the country so that province and local level can own the ADS document. Coordination committee need to be formed either in chief minister's office or at the MoLMAC level.

4. Dr. Hari Bahadur Kunwar (DOFLD)

Protection of local variety is very important to avoid their extinction. Tarai Sugarcane farmer have seriously expressed the issue of non-payment to the farmers by the factories. In this context, how industrialization of agriculture can take place in the country. The farmers are gradually shifting agricultural activities to other sectors due to demotivation and very few new farmers are involved in agriculture which hinders the agriculture commercialization in future.

5. Mohan Shrestha (Under-secretary, forestry ministry)

The contribution of forest to agriculture production is very high from tarai to hill. Forty percent forest should be protected. The pressure of human activities on forest is gradually increasing. The encroachment in forest land also increasing, which needs to be regulated.

6. Jagadiswar Panthi (ADB)

Farmers are in panic in this province due to indirect milk holiday, they are compelled to sell their milk in low price which is not beneficial. There must be provision for establishment of milk powder plant in the province. The commodities like onion, tomato, livestock feed ingredient are imported from India, cost of feed is not justifiable. Input supply need to be regulated for the farmer's welfare. ADB is ready to finance in agricultural projects.

7. Ram Prasad Pande (PMAMP)

The ADS document has been prepared during unitary government, so it needs to be made fitting for the provincial and local level. Practical guideline to plan for agriculture at the local level is required; bottom up planning is the best strategy to commercialize agriculture in local level. No market guarantee for farmers' production has been observed.

8. Rajendra Prasad Panthi (Physical Infrastructure ministry)

Agriculture development should be focused towards commercialization. In the hill, farmers are going below poverty line due to huge problem of animal depredation, e.g. monkey, porcupine, bear etc. Forest animals need to be controlled to save agricultural crops in the field. Our ministry supports for agriculture development through constructing agricultural road, irrigation channels, however, the priority is given in pocket area irrigation development in coordination with agricultural agencies.

9. Laxman Aryal (Marchawari Palika)

Farmers are complaining about the non-availability of fertilizer in time. Fertilizer is not available sufficiently proportionate requirement to the of crops and farmers' demand. This situation begs for a question that if this would be the situation whether commercialization of agriculture would be possible in lack of adequate supply of fertilizer. Imported vegetables are cheaper than our local production. So farmers seem to be demotivated due to less rewarding vegetable price. So, can we expect achievements on ADS indicator and its targets? More agriculture subsidy is received by urban farmer compared to rural farmer. Investment needs to be increased in agriculture commercialization. Agriculture Planning need to be carried out at farmers' door. The mechanization has been found to be inadequate and unorganized in rural area. Local governments are being aware about the problems in agriculture development.

10. Ram Bhajan Mandal (Campus chief)

Coordination is very much important between Agricultural campus and MoLMAC for better results in agriculture development. IAAS Paklihawa needs financial support for the establishment of Agricultural Laboratory and procurement of Lab equipment.

Closing Session:

Pushpa Bhusal (PPC member)

- The role of concerned ministry is very high for integrated agriculture development.
- Agriculture contributes 27 percent in GDP.
- ADS indicators were considered while formulating provincial periodic plan
- Provincial periodic plan has programs and activities aligning with ADS.
- Marketing networks need to develop for price stabilization.
- Productivity per unit of area needs to be increased to meet food security.

- Marketing challenge are faced by farmers.
- Agriculture is related to each provincial ministry, so contribute to agriculture commercialization.
- ADS has accepted that high investment is needed for agriculture commercialization.
- Yield based subsidy can be the solution to target to real farmers.
- Soft loan for agriculture going to be facilitated.
- Provision of subsidy on milk and vegetables production.
- Provincial government should internalize the ADS and implement it with coordination with federal government and local level.
- Agricultural offices should follow ADS framework in the planning process of province and local level.

Agriculture minister (Mrs. Arati Paudel)

- Great effort has been made in preparing the agricultural development strategy.
- ADS document was formulated before restructuring of the country.
- MoLMAC and TCF-ADS jointly oriented ADS at the local level last year.
- Most of the local levels have increased the budget in agriculture in this fiscal year is the outcome of ADS workshop in local level.
- Local biodiversity conservation activities are going on in the province and local level.
- Sometimes the development of agriculture was not a campaign but an act.
- How much agriculture subsidy has been distributed needs to be documented and this needs to be made transparent.
- Subsidy should be reached to the poor population.
- MoLMAC is providing interest subsidy for commercialization of agriculture.
- Land leasing concept is implemented basically for poor farm families in the province
- Agriculture labour employment activities is implemented through MoLMAC (Rs. 14,000 from entrepreneur and Rs.5000. from provincial government + insurance).
- Farmer's level trainings have been conducted in village level.
- In the farmers' training 20% theoretical and 80% practical classes are arranged.
- Priority is given for fruit planting in community forest for income generation.
- Student learning and teaching program in the farmer's field has been initiated in the province.
- Farmers are compelled to sell their product at cheaper price in the market.
- Cooperatives are linked for marketing of local level products.
- It is mandatory for 12 districts to have 12 cooperative marketing centres.
- Agriculture production of Lumbini province will be linked to other province like Karnali
- Powerful and clever so called farmers are taking advantage of grant (*Anudan*)

Secretary (Dr. Rewati Raman Paudel)

- All the concerned institutions in agriculture are responsible for ADS implementation.
- The ADS focuses on commercialization of agriculture in the country.
- Agriculture is the major employment generating sector for our landlocked country.
- ADS activities should be rolled out at all levels of Government.
- Agriculture related institutions should incorporate ADS vision, indicator and targets in their planning process.

- ADS framework should be applied in education, extension and development sector for agriculture development
- Country will only be prosperous if ADS is properly implemented.
- Private sector and financial sector should understand the objectives of ADS document.
- Provincial level and local level government should plan their activities aligning with ADS.
- Debate on subsidy: loan at low interest rate is better than subsidy.

Findings/Observation

- Minister and secretary devoted full attention to the ADS workshop
- Active participation during discussion session
- Participants expressed need of an Agri-Dev Coordination Committee at Provincial level
- Participants argued to avoid duplication of activities of AKC/VHLSC and Palikas
- The presentation in this workshop was clearly spelled out the role and responsibilities of all 7 provincial ministries based on ADS indicators.
- All the concerned ministries were committed for the successful implementation of ADS both in province and local level in terms of program planning, human resources development and allocation of budgets etc.
- Local newspaper highlighted ADS workshop activities organized at Butwal.
- It was extensive coverage of provincial offices with local level participation on ADS orientation workshop.

Participants

The participants represented from different institutions such as, Division chiefs of MoLMAC, Directorates (Both agriculture and livestock), Seed companies, Agrovets, development partners (KISAN, SUAHARA, NLSIP/National Livestock Sector innovation Project), provincial ministries, Palikas, finance institutions (Banks), Academic institutions, PMAMP offices, NARC, Laboratories, Farmers' Community Irrigation System, food quality control, provincial level Cooperatives, media and television. A total of 54 participants were in the workshop.

List of participants on ADS Orientation Workshop from provincial offices and other related stakeholders.

S.N	Name	Designation	Institutions	Contact number
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1	Arati Paudel	Minister	MoLMAC, Province 5	9857072144
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3	Dr. Rewati Raman Paudel	Secretary	MoLMAC	
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5	Buddhiraj Ghimire	Division Chief	Planning , Monitoring and Evaluation Division	9847124397
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17	Suk Bahadur Nepali	Liv. Dev. Officer	DoFLD	9847022044
18	Rim Bahadur Thapa	Fishery Dev. Officer	DoFLD	9847300856
19	Kamana Adhikari	SPPO	DoAD	9846200705
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Federal Offices				
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26	Dr. Gandhiraj Upadhyaya	Chief	Livestock quarantine Office, Bhairahawa	
27	Dr. Shilal Bhusal	Chief	Livestock Quarantine Checkpost, Bhairahawa	9857037185
Academic Institutions				
28	Ram Bhajan Mandal	Chief (Professor)	IAAS, Paklihawa	9841765398
29	Janma Jaya Gaihre	Asst. Professor	IAAS, Paklihawa	9848182540
30	Sailesh Gurung	Asst. Professor	IAAS, Paklihawa	9847050404

31	Manoj Basnet	Asst. Professor	IAAS, Paklihawa	9851167691
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PMAMP				
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35	Dharma Aryal	Under secretary	Internal Affairs and Planning Ministry	9841464789
36	Mohan Shrestha	Under secretary	Industry, Tourism, Forestry and Environment Ministry	9857075184
Development Partners				
37	Bharat Sharma	Provincial Manager	SUA AHARA	9801248618
38	Khimraj Regmi	Cluster chief	KISSAN -2Project	9845359362
39	Lok Raj Bhusal	Monitoring Officer	NLISP	
Private companies				
40	Subhas Raj Upadhyaya	Chairman	Lumbini Seed Company	9847038594
41	Punya Prasad Upadhyaya	Provincial MD	Agriculture Company Limited	9857053140
Cooperatives				
42	Nar Bahadur Gharti	Chairperson	Provincial Agri. Cooperative Federation	9857020115
43	Prakash Bhattarai	Provincial Cooperative Federation, MD	Provincial Cooperative Federation	9857035601
Social Organization				
44	Ruku Pande	Secretary	Chhattis Mauja Community Irrigation System	9847025278
45	Yagya Gaihre	Chairperson	Shohra Chhattis Joint Irrigation System	9857035540
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46	Deepak Sapkota	SCDO	PSTL	9857011255
Bank				
47	Jagadiswar Panthi	Director	Agriculture Development Bank	9849537684
Palika level				
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49	Laxman Aryal	CAO	Marchawari RM	9857016993
50	Madhab Pokhrel	Section Officer	Tilottama Municipality	9841898004
Media				
51	Jib Raj Chalise	Media person	Lumbini Times	9857020074
52	Shant Kumar	Media person	Samatal Online.com	9867561394

	Shrestha			
53	Bikas Parajuli	Media person	Lumbini Tele vision	9857032827
54	Prakash Acharya	Media person	Mechi Lali Daily	9857078444

Some pictures of ADS workshops



Fig. 1 Hon. Agriculture Minister (Ms. Arati Paudel) inaugurating the opening session of ADS orientation workshop conducted at Yogikuti, Butwal.



Fig. 2 Mr. Dila Ram Bhandari, ADS expert Presenting Overview of ADS in the workshop at Yogikuti, Butwal.



Fig.3 Participants attending in the ADS workshop, at Yogikuti, Butwal.

