

Course Code : EXT 304

Course Title : Social Mobilisation and Community Development

Credit Hours : 3(2+1)

Full Marks: 75

Theory: 50

Practical: 25

OBJECTIVES

Upon the completion of this course the student will know the techniques in developing rural community development programs and the importance of socially organized groups and their mobilization in the developmental activities.

I. SYLLABUS

Meaning and concepts of development, rural development, community development and the transition in thoughts and application of these aspects developmental process over the period of time to current stage in their historical perspectives. Rural poverty, causes and consequences, and efforts made in the past and present strategies, introductory concepts of and recent experiences in poverty reduction programs through various models and processes of social mobilization and participatory program planning at the grassroots level, preparing portfolio of opportunities and investment plans; implementation of plans; participatory monitoring and evaluation; an overview of gender concepts overtime, issues, and strategies in developmental activities, gender sensitive development planning.

II. Course Breakdown

A. Lecture

S. N.	Topic	No. of Lectures
1.	Concept of development, sustainable development, rural and community development, principle of community development, a brief overview of efforts and approaches of rural development in Nepal over the last decades	3
2.	Factors and goals of development, cultural and social heritage and dilemma in the rural development of Nepal	2
3.	Major problems and issues of rural and community development in Nepal.	2
4.	Poverty, human poverty, relative deprivation, poverty in SAARC countries, SAARC declaration on poverty Elimination	3
5.	Concept of social mobilization, definition, purposes, strategy of implementing social mobilization	3
6.	Process of social mobilization, institutional development, participatory planning, implementation of plans and sustainable utilization of results	3
7.	Social mobilization in multi-ethnic communities and conflict situation	1

8.	History of social mobilization in Nepal, lesson learned	2
9.	Decentralization for development, definition, strategy and current status of decentralization in Nepal.	2
10.	Concept of micro-finance and its role in poverty alleviation; practices of micro-finance in Nepal	3
11.	Actors of rural development and poverty alleviation programs, linkages and coordination, problems and issues.	2
12.	Introduction to gender concepts, gender segregation and stratification, discrimination, equity and social inclusion.	1
13.	Gender needs, roles, analysis, gender sensitive planning, gender audit, gender mainstreaming in development in general and poverty in particular with specific focus at the resource poor women.	2
14.	Origin and concept of WID, WAD, GAD and GESI	1
Total		30

B. Practical

S.N.	Topic	No. of Practicals
1.	Conducting baseline survey into a rural community and analyzing the situation	2
2.	Preparing village profile	2
3.	Exposure on techniques of organization development through audio visual media, role play and making site visits to observe the real action at the grassroots	2
4.	Conducting a participatory social action planning exercise to prepare portfolio of opportunities and community investment plans, aggregation	2
5.	Business plan preparation	1
6.	Observing VDC level planning and process.	2
7.	Practical exercise on participatory monitoring and evaluation system	2
8.	Practical exercise on exploring equity and inclusion issues and resolving them	1
9.	Practical on MIS through observing a real case at the grassroots.	1
Total		15

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