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ENERGY POLICY APPROVED BY DDC COUNCIL JUMLA

On 6 April 2009, the Jumla District Development Council has approved, among others, the Electricity/ Energy Policy. The main points are presented below.

1. Feasibility studies will be conducted for the construction of big hydro power plants in Tila, Jawa and Hima rivers.
2. Necessary steps will be taken to arrange the subsidy of 80 % of the cost estimates to encourage the communities for the construction of micro hydro plants.
3. Special efforts will be made for making the VAT free in the construction of micro hydro plants and renewable energy projects by the communities.
4. Disseminate the information for the rural electrification through the subsidy utilization of Alternative Energy Promotion Centre, government of Nepal and adopt the implementation policy to coordinate with different donors including the Poverty Alleviation Fund as it would be difficult to mobilize fund that is needed to be born by the communities with low income levels for constructing the projects because the projects can not be completed with the government subsidy alone.
5. The project monitoring mechanism shall be developed for the susnalibility of the community managed projects through the investment and ownership development of DDC and VDC.
6. Policy will be adopted to create environment for making investment in projects that are beyond the financial capacity of communities as well as for the repair and maintenance.
7. Policy will be adopted to operate the micro hydro plants and peltric sets that were installed in the past but are not in operation at present in Jumla district by coordinating with DDC, VDCs and donor agencies for their repair and maintenance.
8. Steps will be taken to re-think at the center for Karnali Zone by comparing the subsidy arrangement that was developed for accessible districts.
9. Policy will be adopted to implement systematically renewable energy technologies such as solar, biogas, improved cook stove, improved water mill and wind power through DDC: District Energy Committee
10. Update all basic and related information and date for the systematic management of energy programmes.
11. Policy will be adopted to implement by all energy sectors related stakeholders by coordinating with DEES.
12. Policy will be implemented for the one door system.
13. Policy will be adopted to operationalize all subsidy related to the district energy sector through the District Energy Fund.
14. Policy will be implemented to promote the Bio-briquette as a pilot project by proving some subsidy in one VDC selected from among VDCs that are affected from the forest encroachment in the district.
15. Policy will be implemented to ensure the rights of water mill owners over the natural resources by registering the water mills in respective VDCs of the district.
16. Policy will be made to void the registration of rivers and rivulets done without the recommendations of DDC as well as to support the ones who want to register for the benefits of the district.
17. Steps will be taken to establish a Regional Service Centre with the AEPC representative for the Karnali Region.
18. Special efforts will be made to upgrade the hydro power plant run by Small Hydro Power Users Committee.
19. Implement the energy related projects as directed by the District Master Plan. *(Source: DEES, Jumla & Unofficial Translation)*



UPDATES OF DEES UDAYAPUR

The District Energy and Environment Section (DEES) of DDC Udayapur has lunched its activities in four remote VDCs, namely Hardeni, Rupatar, Sorung and Iname. Similarly, the DEES has completed the selection of Support Organization (SO) namely, Bal Bikas Abam Mahila Jagran Kendra. The DEES Udayapur is one of 40 DEESs supported by the REDP. Similarly, the DEES has completed the selection of Bal Bikas Abam Mahila Jagran Kendra as the Support Organization (SO). The DEES Udayapur is one of 40 DEESs supported by the REDP.