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Executive Director, Alternative Energy Promotions Centre (AEPC) – Nepal



Area of Expertise:

- Energy, Climate Change, Microfinance, Rural
- Advisor, Manager, Executive Director
- Project management, Fundraising, Business Development
- Infrastructure, Technology, Engineering, Science

Professional Experience:

1. Fourteen years of working experience in Renewable Energy field.
2. Over 7 years direct management experience as an Executive Director of the government institution (AEPC) and NGO.
3. Over 20 years of the experience at the academic level. Presently is the Head? Professor? at the Industrial and Mechanical Engineering Department, Institute of Engineering, Tribhuvan University, Nepal. Author and co-author of numerous research papers on sustainable energy, climate change, technical aspects of renewable energy technologies etc.
4. Over 3 years experience as a Manager in SNV based at various South Asia locations.
5. Leading (Team Leader) numerous short duration assignments/projects which include designing and delivering technical assistance to ministries, external development partners, civil society and public and private sector institutions.
6. Demonstrated ability in running high profile and technical outputs oriented international programs and projects (EU, DFID, KfW, ADB, WB, UNDP, UNFCCC, CIF, Dannida, Norad, SNV, Winrock International).
7. Highly versatile facilitator and coach; understanding and hands-on experience in coaching and mentoring of teams, participatory methodologies, household livelihood security, community capacity-building and civil society development, international advocacy, public-private partnership, transitional recovery and development, and extensive emergency response management know-how.
8. Adept at defining strategic program directions that incorporate a rights-based approach, community driven development and governance.
9. High degree of maturity, responsibility and accountability in the management of multi-task operations and in leading teams, often in difficult and highly challenging environments.

10. Effective communication, negotiation, advocacy and decision-making skills with particular expertise in developing and maintaining relationships with high level government officials, donors, embassies, local and international agency representatives.

Affiliations and Achievements:

In my AEPC's position as an Executive Director I managed the establishment of various programs/projects under its umbrella and have successfully raised about 100 million US\$ for their implementation. Under my leadership of AEPC, the access (cooking and electrification) to renewable sources of energy in rural areas of Nepal has increased. During same period, the AEPC has been recognized as a single focal point for promoting renewable energy in Nepal with strong dedicated donors' community support. My contribution to academic field through accomplishments in research, scholarly, teaching has been recognized by the Tribhuvan University by honoring me with Professorship title.