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PSD Nepal resources and up-skills the most vulnerable members of Nepali society. We work to build capacity in rural communities, through local initiative, rural employment opportunities, and sustainable management. Since 2003, we have launched innovative projects, from rooftop gardening to plastic up-cycling. Our projects are educational, health-based, and environment-focussed.

PSD Nepal project work

PSD Nepal partners with the mountain communities of Langtang National Park, in Rasuwa, to co-create and sustain local management practices. We work to clear, clean, segregate, recycle, and upcycle plastic waste from the oldest national park in Nepal.

The commitments of PSD Nepal are central to all our work in healthcare and education in rural parts of Nepal;

- Co-created projects: all our rural projects are co-created with the local community and rural municipality, ensuring long-term buy in and the potential to easily scale our projects to neighbouring wards and districts
- Local management practice: we educate and instil local sustainable management practices in all of our initiatives, facilitated by strong on-the-ground staff presence, rigorous training, and a clear vision with KPIs for local management
- Rural education and employment: our work in diverse parts of Nepal - from Ilam to Rasuwa and Chitwan to Baglung - over a 20 year period, has given us a wealth of experience in deploying rural education and employment programmes
- Close monitoring and evaluation: PSD Nepal attends to each rural project with a close check-list of project monitoring and evaluation, ensuring that quarterly targets are met and the long-term vision can be achieved

For our alignment with the priorities of the Climate Action Collaborative of the USA NAM, our work in Rasuwa in Langtang National Park, is focussed on health professional education and communication in several ways;

- Empowering health workers to advocate for decarbonising health care; by working with local health officials in Langtang National Park
- Education and communication that emphasise the health and equity benefits of climate actions; through awareness programmes in the park and buffer zone
- Building resilience to support the decarbonisation of health care; boosting local creativity and management in our upcycling and recycling schemes

PSD Nepal runs waste segregation workshops, two recycling facilities in Langtang National Park, two upcycling machines for repurposing plastic waste, and a network of collectors for our recycling scheme (clearing 1T of PET waste per month).

We believe that PSD Nepal could benefit the NAM climate network and closely align with the critical priorities of the Climate Action Collaborative, serving to proliferate rural projects in Nepal and across Asia.

For background on our work in Rasuwa, Nepal - we have been active in these valleys of Nepal since the deadly mega-earthquake of 25th April 2015 that killed over 9,000 people in Nepal. We have supported the local reconstruction of the Langtang National Park and ensured equitable access to healthcare and sustainable local management practice on waste and segregation. During the Covid-19 pandemic from March 2020, PSD Nepal also supported the most vulnerable and marginalised communities in the national park, including elderly members, orphans, widows and widowers, and those with disabilities. Through all these times of crisis, PSD Nepal has sought to provide reliable, trustworthy, and available support to communities and local members in need of health care assistance, medical advice, first aid treatment, and has also worked to open up doors for rural employment, local initiative, and sustainable local management of waste and waste facilities.