

ENPHO's 25 Year Celebration Event Highlights

ENPHO Silver Jubilee: Celebrating 25 Successful Years

To celebrate the completion of its 25-year journey, ENPHO organized “*Silver Jubilee Celebration Week*” in March 2016 during the World Water Week.

▪ Inauguration of Silver Jubilee Celebration Week (17 March 2016)

The celebration commenced on 17 March 2016 with the formal inauguration of Silver Jubilee Week and ENPHO WASH Centre at its central office in New Baneshwor. Various practical technologies and techniques related to safe water, better sanitation, hygiene, reduction of indoor air pollution and disaster risk reduction were showcased in the WASH Centre. Deepawali was done at the central and field offices on the first day of celebration week. The celebration was also marked in the field offices by organizing various events that included worshipping in temples, decorating ‘Mandala’, cutting cake, candle lighting and Deepawali.



▪ Water Quality Testing Campaign (18 – 21 March 2016)



Water quality testing campaign was organized from 18 to 21 March with the objective of testing household water and enhancing public awareness about water safety. A total of 300 samples (100 samples in each district) were collected for testing from Kathmandu valley. The study results revealed that nearly 70% of 300 samples were unfit for drinking. The contamination of water was worst in Bhaktapur (85%) followed by Lalitpur (73%) and Kathmandu

(53%). Water quality testing was also conducted in Nagarkot, Surkhet, Sindhuli and Gulariya. As part of the water quality campaign, 103 samples of ‘drinking water’ from street food vendors were collected and tested.

▪ WASH Campaign (19 – 21 March 2016)

A three-day WASH campaign (19-21 March) was organized in Kathmandu, Bhaktapur, Lalitpur, Kavre, Makwanpur, Nuwakot, Sindhuli and Surkhet districts with the objective of disseminating information on safe water, sustainable sanitation and good hygiene practices. WASH stalls, street drama and flash mob made the exhibition more attractive and effective.



▪ Inauguration of Faecal Sludge Treatment Plant (24 March 2016)



With the support of BORDA and CDD Society and in coordination with Mahalaxmi Municipality (Lalitpur) and Saligram Baal Griha, ENPHO established country's first pre-fabricated faecal sludge treatment (FSM) plant in Lubhu town. The FSM plant was inaugurated on 24 March.

▪ Special Closing Ceremony (25 March 2016)

The week-long celebration program culminated with a Special Closing Ceremony organized at Rastriya Sabha Griha, Kathmandu on 25 March. Professor Dr. Ram Kantha Makaju Shrestha, Vice Chancellor of Kathmandu University, was the Chief Guest during the event. Many senior government officials, representatives of partner INGOs, NGOs and donors. Representatives from various national and International organizations and media participated in the event. More than 450 people participated in the event. ENPHO Souvenir publication highlighting ENPHO's 25-year journey was launched and a short documentary with a summary of the past work of ENPHO was presented.



Special Remarks



“ENPHO isn’t just an organization but a hub for national capacity building. The whole nation can derive apt analogical parallels of the youth driven model at ENPHO where the youths are guided via the leadership of the older and more experienced generations.”

Dr. Mingma G. Sherpa
Member Secretary, ENPHO

“Our initiations and achievements display a clear message that ENPHO is a center of innovations. We are envisioning the upcoming 25 years by scrutinizing the past 25 years.”

Dr. Laxman Joshi
Executive Director, ENPHO



“We are geared towards establishing 100% water and sanitation coverage nationally and a collaborative effort with organizations such as ENPHO is very essential.”

Er. Suresh Prakash Acharya
Secretary, Ministry of Water Supply and Sanitation

“Service and sacrifice for sanitation and water is extremely important, positive mindset and research is the current national necessity. These are embodied by ENPHO.”

Mr. Namaste Lal Shrestha
Water and Sanitation Expert



“What impresses me the most and what makes me want to come back to Nepal and ENPHO time after time are the people at ENPHO.”

Dr. Tommy Ka Kit Ngai
Director, Research Learning, CAWST

“The 25 years of ENPHO’s achievements are very encouraging and remarkable. I think you are heading towards the right path.”

Dr. Ram Kantha Makaju Shrestha
Vice Chancellor, Kathmandu University



“We have to dream, but it is equally important to diligently and passionately work towards making the dream a reality. Commitment, imagination and the passion to relentlessly strive for the attainment of the dream has carried ENPHO to this level.”

Mr. Bhushan Tuladhar
Environment Expert

“I am happy to have been able to collaborate with ENPHO in the WASH sector for a lot of years. May other organizations sync their footsteps along with ENPHO in the WASH sector and collaborate.”

Ms. Lajana Manandhar
National Coordinator, FANSA



“After navigating 25 years, ENPHO isn’t just for Nepal. The opportunity to work is ours, consider the Sustainable Development goals.”

Dr. Roshan Raj Shrestha
Patron, ENPHO

“Our health is being adversely affected by the polluted environment and contaminated water sources. Our organization has been collaborating and servicing the Water, Sanitation, and Health sector for the last 25 years.”

Er. Rajiv Joshi
Vice Chairperson, ENPHO



“We put in effort. We do small things but we do it with love. This is our speciality”

Ms. Urmila Joshi
Chairperson, ENPHO