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### Other Collaborative Partners

- **International:** Asia-Pacific Network for Sustainable Forest Management (APFnet), TMI, International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD), Regional Forestry Training and Extension Centre (RECOFTC), Swiss Inter Cooperation Nepal, CECI, Windrock International, IDRC, IIEF, UNFPFA, Action-Aid Nepal, FORD-Foundations, Norwegian Agency for Development and Cooperation (NORAD), Multi-stakeholder Forestry Program (MSFP), Asia Foundation, The McConnell Foundation (TMF), HELVETAS, MEDEP, BCN.

### Target Groups

The major beneficiaries groups of FECOFUN include women, socially marginalized ethnic groups, Indigenous Peoples and discriminated castes, people from remote geographical areas, differently able people and poor, vulnerable, socially excluded (PVSE) representatives.

These groups benefit from FCOFUN’s direct support and CFUG’s fund mobilization mechanisms along with other governmental and non-governmental supports.

### Networks

- Networks among the national level civil society organizations
- Global Alliance of Community Forests (GACF)
- Global Forest Coalition (GFC)
- World Mountain People’s Association (WMPA)
- World Social Forum
- UNFF Major Group on Farmers and Small Landholders
- Major Groups Partnership on Forests (MGPoF)

### FEOFUN in Peace Building Process

FECOFUN has been being contributing in peace building process during the political conflicts and democracy movement of Nepal (2005/2006).

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**FECOFUN**  
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Established on 1995, The Federation of Community Forestry User’s Nepal (FECOFUN) is a representative organization of Community Forest User Groups (CFUGs) across the country with offices in every province, district, and at the local level. FECOFUN emerged from the idea that all community forest user groups in the country should be linked in an organized way in order to strengthen the rights, roles and responsibilities of users in policy making processes. FECOFUN works at grass root and community level with the motto of Sustainable Natural Resources Management (NRM), community rights, gender equity, social inclusion, justice and prosperity. Since its establishment in 1995, FECOFUN has grown into a social movement organization with about 14 million people represented, all of whom are forest users.

Our Goal

The goal of the FECOFUN is to promote and protect the rights of community forest users through capacity strengthening, economic empowerment, sustainable natural resource management, technical support, policy advocacy, policy development, national and international networking and to uphold the values of inclusive democracy, institutional rights, prosperity, gender equity, and social justice.

Major Objectives

- To promote cooperation and mutual good-will among CFUGs, FECOFUN, and other stakeholders.
- To dialogue, coordinate and collaboration with Government agencies and non-government organizations to establish good relationship and networks among interest-groups
- Campaign to ensure inclusiveness, social justice, good governance and grass root democracy within CFUGs
- Encourage proper utilization and equitable distribution of resources derived from community forests to foster improvement in the socio-economic conditions of deprived sections of community
- To secure the interests, rights and justice of community forest users by providing advocacy and empowerment through training and education
- To contribute in the capacity building and creating awareness at community level
- To support for climate change adaptation and mitigation, and bio-diversity conservation
- To improve livelihood of forest users through enterprise development

Approach

FECOFUN achieves its goal through organization strengthening; human resource’s capacity and skill development from local to federal level; planned policy advocacy; coordination and collaboration with local, provincial and federal governments; gender equity and social justice; and mobilization of FECOFUN’s all level network.

Key Strengths

- The largest civil society organization with network extended across the country in 7 provinces, 77 districts and 520 local levels in Nepal.
- Over 22,226 community forest user groups represented
- Strong networks throughout Nepal
- Proven ability to mobilize/strengthen Nepal’s grassroots democracy
- Innovator and advance organization to practice Gender Equity and Social Inclusion (GESI) from Federal to local FECOFUN chapters
- Representing 50 percent women with equally divided portfolios in the Executive Committee including people from all regions, indigenous peoples, minority groups, differently able people, and ultra poor.
- FECOFUN has own land and office buildings for project and programme including resource centre, training hall and communication facilities.
- Skilled human resources: total 348,450 volunteer skill human resource (i.e. elected leaders from local to federal FECOFUN: 15,062 and CFUG executive committee: 333,390) are mobilizing from local to federal level, in which 50% women has represented. The professional human resource has skill of all thematic area.

Thematic Areas

- Organizational strengthening, CFUG support and good governance
- Secure community rights including forest land tenure
- Enhance gross root level democracy
- Policy advocacy and legal support
- Sustainable management of forest
- Forest Certification
- Climate change, biodiversity and environmental conservation
- Renewable energy technology and energy efficiency
- Organizational development and capacity building
- Women’s empowerment, gender equity and social inclusion
- Livelihood promotion through timber and non-timber forest products based enterprises
- Coordination and collaboration with local, provincial and federal government
- Working together to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals
- Communication and development including media campaign

Organizational Structure