

## Civil Society Alliance on Nutrition in Nepal (CSANN) Meeting at National Planning Commission (NPC)/National Nutrition and Food Security Secretariat (NNFSS)

The CSANN secretariat organized meeting with NPC key staffs on 16 May 2014. The main objective of the meeting was familiarization/update of CSANN establishment and its scope of work for joint commitment on advocating to priorities nutrition as an important national development agenda from different level. There were representatives from 8 CSANN EC member organizations, 3 representatives from NPC and 2 from NNFSS. Altogether 13 people participated in the meeting.

**Meeting with Joint Secretary, Mr. Bishnu Nepal and Programme Director, Mr. Radha Krishna Pradhan:** - The chair, Dr. Uma shared about CSANN, rationale, purpose and process of establishment with introduction of executive member organizations. NPC staffs welcomed CSANN members and appreciated the initiation of CSANN. They even requested CSANN to guide on nutrition issue as most of expertise is in CSOs.



**Issue:** Joint Secretary highlighted that CSANN need to have linkage and chain up to the grassroots level, need to bring community issues to national level and advocate/lobby with relevant stakeholders to address properly.

**Explanation:** This proverb explains NPC has recognized the CSANN and asking for monitoring and follow up of nutrition activities at the community level and bring issue to relevant stakeholders at different level to uplift the nutrition scenario.

**Result:** CSANN committed to initiate district level chain by establishment of district alliance, collect community level issue and bring at the national level to directly benefit the target group.

Joint Secretary updated very soon NPC secretary is taking the position and he suggested to have CSANN meeting with Secretary for synergy on work as s/he is the SUN focal person of the country. CSANN members agreed on the point.



The CSANN chair shared that alliance is ready to work with NPC on advocating different ministries on proper implementation of Multi Sector Nutrition Plan (MSNP). Programme Director, Mr. Radha Krishna Pradhan appreciated and agreed to go jointly.

This proverb explains that CSANN will work on collaboration with government on advocating and sensitizing other ministries to take nutrition not only as health agenda but it should be addressed as common development agenda. The discussion provides room for CSANN to support government to prioritize nutrition and ensure proper implementation of MSNP activities.



Program Director, Mr. Radha Krishna Pradhan shared that CSANN could bring, if any issue to share with, to NNFSS and NNFSS will help to take the issue to national nutrition steering committee. The NNFSS will facilitate to take the issue as an important agenda of discussion to steering committee for necessary action/solution.

**Meeting with Nepal Nutrition and Food Security Secretariat (NNFSS):** CSANN members shared the progress of CSANN and updated the advocacy and communication strategy development process. Mr. Jhabindra Bhandari, NNFSS ensured to provide technical support on development of Advocacy and Communication Strategy of CSANN. He shared about joint government advocacy and communication strategy on MSNP and CSANN member highlighted that CSANN strategy will be developed with clear definition of CSOs role referring that broad strategy. It explains CSANN strategy will contribute on joint Multi Sector Advocacy and Communication strategy developed by government.

**Participants:**

1. Bishnu Nepal, Joint Secretary, NPC
2. Radha Krishna Pradhan, Program Director, NPC
3. Chudamani Aryal, PO, NPC
4. Jhabindra Bhandari, NNFSS
5. Savita Malla, NNFSS
6. Dr. Uma Koirala, CSANN Chair
7. Prof. Dr. Ritu P. Gartoulla, CSANN Consultant
8. Sunil Shrestha, SMNF
9. Bholu Shiwakoti, ECARDS
10. Jyoti Shrestha, MIRA
11. Dhananjaya Poudyal, NNF
12. Dipak Raj Sharma, MaxPro
13. Anjalina Karki, Save the Children