Climate Hero Toolkit: Strengthening local government leadership for climate resilient inclusive WASH

## Climate Heroes Video Scripts – Nepal and Laos

Scripts for each Climate Hero story heard via Youtube video and narrated in local language are documented here. You can access the full set of video stories for Lao and Nepali Climate Heroes through [this link.](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL3mUlI8wkmJp1WXhzOsQdjJtvaTO6xNI9) These videos form part of the Climate Hero Profile component of the toolkit.

**Nepal Climate Heros**

Persona 1 - Mr Shishir



Namaste! I am Shishir, and I’m honoured to serve as a Palika technical professional for the Infrastructure Section. I guide technical team members and implement and monitor activities in the communities. I'm committed to serving the community and respecting our natural environment.

I consider myself a responsible, optimistic, and inclusive leader.

As a technical professional, I believe that climate change is not an exaggerated concern; it's a real and pressing issue affecting the Palika today, with increasing impacts anticipated in the future. Addressing these challenges is not just a responsibility but a necessity for the community’s wellbeing.

I advocate for everyone, especially women, the poor, and marginalised groups who suffer disproportionate burdens from climate change. Their voices must guide decision-making, planning, and design of climate resilient WASH infrastructure.

Meaningful community participation is vital for strengthening the resilience capacity of WASH services and adapting to climate change impacts. I lead with courage and believe that action from us as individuals to institutions will drive a sustainable and resilient future for all.

शिशिर

नमस्ते ! म शिशिर हुँ र म पालिकाको प्राविधिक शाखामा पुर्बाधार बिज्ञ रूपमा सेवा गर्न पाउँदा सम्मानित भएको महशुस गरेको छु। म प्राविधिक टोलीका सदस्यहरूलाई मार्गनिर्देशन गर्दछु  साथै समुदायमा गतिविधिहरू कार्यान्वयन र अनुगमन गर्दछु। म समुदायमा सेवा गर्न तथा हाम्रो प्रकृति र वातावरणको सम्मान गर्न प्रतिबद्ध छु।

म आफूलाई जिम्मेवार, आशावादी र समावेशी ब्यक्त्तित्वको रूपमा मान्दछु । एक जिम्मेदार प्राविधिकको रूपमा म विश्वास गर्दछु कि जलवायु परिवर्तन एउटा अतिरञ्जित गरिएको बिषय होइन । जलवायु परिवर्तन  आजको एक बास्तविक र जल्दोबल्दो समस्या हो जसले स्थानीय तहलाई प्रभाव पारिरहेको छ  र  भविष्यमा यसको असर  अझ बढ्नेछ। यी चुनौतीहरू समाधान गर्नु हाम्रो जिम्मेवारी भित्रको कुरा मात्र होइन समुदायको कल्याणको लागि पनी अनिवार्य आवस्यकता हो।

म सबैका लागि बहसपैरवी गर्दछु, विशेष गरी महिलाहरू, बिपन्न समुदायहरु, र जलवायु परिवर्तनले तुलनात्मक रुपले बढी  असर गरेका समुहहरूको लागि आवाज उठाउँदछु । ती आवाजहरुले जलवायु प्रतिरोधात्मक खानेपानी, सरसफाई तथा स्वच्छता कार्यक्रमको  पूर्वाधार योजना र डिजाइनमा निर्णय लिन, योजना बनाउन र कार्यान्वयनमा निर्देशन गर्न सक्नु गर्नुपर्दछ।

खानेपानी, सरसफाई तथा स्वच्छता सेवाहरूमा अर्थपूर्ण सामुदायिक सहभागिता र बलियो उत्थानाशील क्षमता बनाउन र जलवायु परिवर्तनको प्रभावहरूलाई अनुकुलित गर्न आवश्यक छ । म हिम्मतका साथ नेतृत्वदायी भूमिका निर्वाह गर्दछु र विश्वास गर्दछु कि व्यक्ति व्यक्तिदेखि संस्थाहरूसम्मको क्रियाकलापले सबैका लागि दिगो र उत्थान्शील भविष्यलाई अघि बढाउनेछ।

 Persona 2 - Mr Santosh



Namaste! My name is Santosh, and I’m the Palika Chief Administrative Officer. My main responsibility is to support the senior leader in implementing policies and guiding our team on assignments from the Palika office and the Executive Board. I strive to excel in my role and care deeply about my career.

I've become more comfortable with uncertainty over time. Climate change used to scare me, but I've learned we can each make a positive difference, even in small ways. I believe climate change is real, though its severe impacts aren’t very evident in the Palika yet. Increasing droughts, floods, and landslides will affect agriculture and WASH infrastructure, disproportionately impacting marginalised groups like elders, women, children, and small farmers.

Although it's not my direct responsibility, I must consider climate change and work towards better preparedness. Addressing climate change is everyone’s responsibility, and we can't wait for the provincial and federal government to act. Adapting will be tough, especially for vulnerable groups, but it must remain the local government’s priority.

सन्तोष

नमस्ते ! मेरो नाम सन्तोष हो ।  म यस गाउँपालिकाको प्रमुख प्रशासकीय अधिकृत हुँ । मेरो मुख्य जिम्मेवारी वरिष्ठ नेतृत्वलाई नीति निर्माण तथा कार्यान्वयनमा सहयोग गर्ने र गाउँ सभा तथा कार्यपालिकाबाट आएका निर्यणहरु पालिका टिमलाई मार्गदर्शन गर्ने हो। म आफ्नो भूमिकामा उत्कृष्टता हासिल गर्न प्रयासरत छु र मेरो पेशागत बिकास प्रति गहिरो चिन्ता राख्दछु ।

समयसँगै, म जलबायु परिबर्तनको अनिश्चिततासँग अझ सहज भएको छु। जलवायु परिवर्तनले मलाई पहिले सार्है डराउथे । आजभोली हामीले सानातिना तरिका बाट भए पनि सकारात्मक परिवर्तन गर्न सक्छौं भन्ने

कुरा सिकेको छु । म विश्वास गर्छु कि जलवायु परिवर्तन वास्तविक हो, यद्यपि यसको गम्भीर प्रभावहरू पालिकामा अझै स्पष्ट देखिएको छैन, बढ्दो खडेरी, बाढी, र पहिरोले कृषि तथा खानेपानी, सरसफाइ तथा स्वच्छताका पूर्वाधारहरुलाई प्रभावित पारेको छ l जसले बिशेष गरि जेष्ठ नागरिक, महिला, बालबालिका, र साना किसान जस्ता सीमान्तकृत समूहहरूलाई फरक-फरक रूपमा असर गरेको छ ।

हुनत जलवायु परिवर्तनको बिषय मेरो प्रत्यक्ष जिम्मेवारी होइन, तर पनि मैले जलवायु परिवर्तनलाई ध्यानमा राख्नुपर्छ र राम्रो पुर्व तयारीको काम गर्नुपर्छ भन्ने कुराको हेक्का मैले राखेको छु । जलवायु परिवर्तनको सामना गर्नु सबैको जिम्मेवारी हो, तसर्थ जलबायु अनुकूलनका क्रियाकलापहरु संचालन गर्न हामी प्रदेश तथा संघीय सरकारको सहयोगको पर्खाइमा मात्र बस्न सक्दैनौं। बिशेष गरि जलबायु अनुकूलन सिमान्कृत समूहहरूका लागि गाह्रो हुने भएकोले यो कार्य स्थानीय सरकारको प्राथमिकतामा रहनुपर्दछ भन्ने मेरो बुझाई छ ।

Persona 3 - Mr Rajesh



Namaste! My name is Rajesh, and I am the Chairperson of my Palika. I ensure Palika policies and programs are effectively formulated and implemented. I lead Palika operations, planning and budgeting, manage staff, and coordinate with Provincial and federal authorities. This role demands inclusive decision-making, and I am committed to making the right choices for my Palika and communities, and maintaining my reputation.

Local government must address climate change impacts on WASH. I advocate for practical actions toward climate-resilient WASH services, both professionally and personally. At work, I initiate discussions on climate change adaptation, listen to diverse perspectives, and adjust plans and budgets to enhance climate resilience. At home, I demonstrate climate responsive behaviours and teach my family about caring for the environment and reducing our carbon emissions.

Climate change is a pressing issue, and local government must act alongside communities. I am driving this change and pushing for more local government involvement – we don’t need to wait for others to tell us to act!

राजेश

नमस्कार ! मेरो नाम राजेश हो,  म यस गाउँपालिकाको अध्यक्ष हुँ। मेरो जिम्मेवारी  पालिकाका नीतिहरू र कार्यक्रमहरू प्रभावकारी रूपमा तयार पार्न र कार्यान्वयन सुनिश्चित गर्ने हो । म पालिका सञ्चालन, योजना तथा बजेट निर्माणको नेतृत्व गर्छु र , कर्मचारीहरूको व्यवस्थापन साथै प्रादेशिक तथा संघीय निकायहरूसँग समन्वय गर्दछु । म आफ्नो भूमिकामा समावेशी निर्णय-प्रक्रिया आवश्यक ठान्दछु, र मेरो पालिका र समुदायहरूको लागि सही निर्णयहरू गर्न र मेरो प्रतिष्ठा कायम राख्न म प्रतिबद्ध छु ।

स्थानीय सरकारले जलवायु परिवर्तनका प्रभावहरूलाई ध्यानमा राखेर खानेपानी, सरसफाई र स्वच्छतालाई सम्बोधन गर्नुपर्छ । म खानेपानी, सरसफाई र स्वच्छता सेवाहरूलाई जलवायु-उत्थानसिल बनाउने व्यावहारिक कदमहरूका लागि संथागत रूपमा र व्यक्तिगत रूपमा नेत्रित्व गर्दछु, कार्यक्षेत्रमा मैले जलवायु परिवर्तन अनुकूलनको बारेमा छलफल गर्ने , विभिन्न दृष्टिकोणहरू सुन्ने , योजनाहरू तथा बजेटमा जलवायु उत्थानसिलता बढाउन नेत्रित्व गर्ने गरेको छु । साथै घरमा,  जलवायु उत्तरदायी व्यवहार अपनाउछु र मेरो परिवारलाई वातावरणको सरक्षण गर्न र कार्बन उत्सर्जन घटाउन सिकाउँछु ।

मलाई लाग्छ जलवायु परिवर्तन एउटा गम्भीर मुद्दा हो, र स्थानीय सरकारले समुदायहरूसँग मिलेर ठोस कदमहरु चाल्नुपर्छ । म आफ्नो पालिका तथा समुदायमा परिवर्तन garna प्रयत्नासिल छु र स्थानीय सरकारलाई यस विसयमा अझ बढी संलग्न हुन prayas gariraheko छु – जलवायु परिवर्तनका क्षेत्रमा काम गर्न हामीले अरुको निर्देशन पर्खनु भन्दा पनि , आफैंले कदम चाल्नुपर्छ भन्ने मेरो मान्यता हो !

Persona 4 - Ms Sita



Namaste! My name is Sita, and I work in the Palika Women, Children and Senior Citizen Section. I am dedicated to serving communities, especially the vulnerable ones like people with disabilities, and aspire to be a positive role model for other rural women.

With several years of experience in social mobilisation and development activities, my job involves planning for capacity building, delivering training, and frequent visits to rural communities where I provide support to women’s groups and people with disabilities.

I am passionate about ensuring that groups at risk of marginalisation, including women and people with disabilities, have equal opportunities and that everyone participates in annual planning and decision-making processes. Community involvement is crucial for the success of any initiative; without it, new policies and programs won’t stick. I advocate and prioritise the differential needs of people with disabilities and groups at risk of marginalisation, for example, in emergency responses after extreme weather events.

I am always eager to learn new things. Recently, I’ve focused on climate change resilience in WASH to support potentially vulnerable groups. Developing this knowledge is essential for ensuring quality and inclusive WASH services into the future.

सीता

नमस्ते! मेरो नाम सीता हो, म पालिकाको महिला, बालबालिका र जेष्ठ नागरिक शाखामा काम गर्छु । म समुदायमा विशेष गरी महिला, अपाङ्गता भएका व्यक्ति र सिमान्तकृत समूहहरूको सेवा गर्न समर्पित छु । म ग्रामिण महिलाहरूको लागि सकारात्मक रोल मोडेल बन्न चाहन्छु ।

मसँग सामाजिक परिचालन र ग्रामिण विकासमा काम गरेको अनुभव छ। ग्रामिण समुदायका महिला, अपांगता भएका व्यक्तिहरु, सिमान्तकृत समुहको क्षमता अभिवृद्धिको योजना बनाउने, तालिम दिने, र ग्रामीण समुदायको नियमित भ्रमण गर्ने मेरो जिम्मेवारीमा पर्दछ ।

म निर्णय प्रक्रियामा महिला, अपाङ्गता भएका व्यक्तिहरू र सिमान्तकृत समुहहरुको सहभागिता र बार्षिक योजनामा उनीहरुको समान अवसर सुनिश्चित गर्नमा संबेदनशील छु । कुनै पनि प्रयासलाई सफल बनाउन सामुदायको संलग्नता महत्त्वपूर्ण कुरा हो; यो बिना नयाँ नीतिहरू र कार्यक्रमहरू प्रभावकारी हुन सक्दैनन् । म चरम मौसमी घटनामा  महिला, अपाङ्गता भएका व्यक्ति र जोखिममा रहेका समूहहरूको भिन्न प्रभाव र आपतकालीन प्रतिक्रियाहरूमा उनीहरुको विशिष्ट आवश्यकताको वकालत गर्न र प्राथमिकतामा राख्नका लागि महत्व दिन्छु ।

म सँधै नयाँ कुरा सिक्न इच्छुक छु । भर्खरै, मैले खानेपानी, सरसफाई र स्वस्छ्तामा जलवायु परीवर्तनले पर्ने प्रभावमा ध्यान केन्द्रित गरेको छु ताकि सिमान्तकृत समूहहरूको पहुँच सुनिश्चित गर्न सकियोस्। भविष्यमा गुणस्तरीय र समावेशी वास सेवाहरू सुनिश्चित गर्न जलबायु परिवर्तनको ज्ञान प्राप्त गर्नु महत्त्वपूर्ण छ भन्ने मैले बुझेको छु ।

**Laos Climate Heros**

Persona 1 - Mr Bounmy

A person in a blue shirt

Description automatically generated, PictureSabaidee! I am Bounmy, and I’m honoured to serve as technical staff in my district. I guide team members and implement and monitor activities in the communities. I'm committed to serving my community and respecting our natural environment.

I consider myself a responsible, optimistic, and inclusive leader. Climate change is not an exaggerated concern; it's a real and pressing issue affecting my district today, with increasing impacts anticipated in the future. Addressing these challenges is not just a responsibility but a necessity for our community’s wellbeing.

I advocate for everyone, especially women, the poor, and marginalised groups who suffer disproportionate burdens from climate change. Their voices must guide decision-making, especially in managing WASH at the household level.

Meaningful community participation is vital for building resilience and adapting to climate change. I lead with courage and believe that action from individuals to institutions will drive a sustainable and resilient future for all.

Persona 2 - Mr Bounchan

Sabaidee! My name is Bounchan, and I’m the Deputy Head of the District Health Office. My main responsibility is to support the senior leader in implementing policies and guiding our team on assignments from provincial offices and the district governor. I strive to excel in my role and care deeply about my career.

I've become more comfortable with uncertainty over time. Climate change used to scare me, but I've learned we can each make a positive difference, even in small ways. I believe climate change is real, though its severe impacts aren’t very evident in my district yet. Future droughts and floods will affect agriculture and WASH infrastructure, disproportionately impacting marginalised groups like elders, women, children, and the poor.

Although it's not in my job description, I must consider climate change and work towards better preparedness. Addressing climate change is everyone’s responsibility, and we can't wait for the government to act. Adapting will be tough, especially for vulnerable groups, but it must remain a priority.

Persona 3 - Mr Kongla

Sabaidee! My name is Kongla, and I am the Provincial Deputy Head at the Department of Water Supply. I ensure provincial policies and programs are effectively implemented. I guide council operations, contribute to planning and budgeting, manage staff, and coordinate with higher authorities. This role demands tough decision-making, but I am committed to making the right choices for my community and maintaining my reputation.

Local government must address climate change impacts on WASH. I advocate for practical actions toward climate-resilient WASH services, both professionally and personally. At work, I initiate discussions on climate change, listen to diverse perspectives, and adjust plans and budgets to enhance climate resilience. At home, I teach my family about caring for the environment and reducing our carbon footprint.

Climate change is a serious issue, and local government must act alongside communities. I am driving this change and pushing for more government involvement – we don’t need to wait for others to tell us to act!

Persona 4 - Ms Sisomephone

Sabaidee! My name is Sisomephone, and I’m an energetic and empathetic leader with the Women’s Union in my district. I am dedicated to serving communities, especially the vulnerable ones, and aspire to be a positive role model for other women.

With several years of experience in technical and grassroots activities, my job involves frequent visits to rural communities where I conduct capacity-building, disseminate policies, collaborate on WASH programs, and engage with village women’s unions.

I am passionate about ensuring women have equal opportunities and that everyone participates in decision-making processes. Community involvement is crucial for the success of any initiative; without it, new policies and programs won’t stick. I prioritise people with disabilities and marginalised groups, for example, in emergency responses after extreme weather.

I am always eager to learn new things. Recently, I’ve focused on climate change resilience in WASH to support vulnerable groups. Developing this knowledge is essential for ensuring quality and inclusive WASH services into the future.