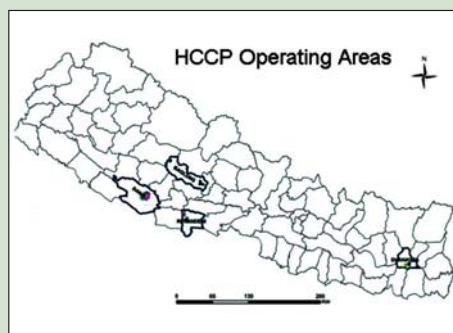


The Himalayan Community Carbon Project (HCCP)

Project coordinator : Rupantaran Nepal
Location : Dhankuta (Budhimorang and Khuwaphok VDCs), Baglung (Resha and Damek VDCs), Rupandehi (Saljhandi and Suryapura VDCs) and Dang (Rampur and Laxmipur VDCs)
Activities : **Carbon sequestration:** Improved forest management, planting new forests **Reduced forest degradation:** Grazing control, fire control, soil and water conservation and prevention of illicit felling and encroachment
Additional activities : Income generating activities such as cash crops and fruit cultivation, handicraft enterprises, revolving funds, animal husbandry and trainings on capacity building and institutional strengthening
Project area : 17,730 ha of community managed forests
Capacity to generate Plan Vivo certificates: Currently 186,900 tCO₂ per annum with potential to increase as project is scaled up



The Himalayan Community Carbon Project works with forest user groups in 8 Village Development Committees (VDCs) across Nepal. It stretches from eastern Nepal to the western region, and concentrates on improving the forests and livelihoods of poor and socially excluded rural Himalayan communities. The project includes forest user groups and takes place on community and public land controlled by communities.

Project activities to reduce forest degradation include controlling fire and grazing as well as creating income generating activities for the rural poor. Activities to sequester carbon involve establishing and managing new native forests. With your investment the project can be extended to thousands of other Himalayan communities across Nepal.

Why makes the HCCP unique?

- Improves the lives of women, the poorest and the most marginalized people in Himalayan communities
- Addresses the different needs of communities across large land areas in a holistic way
- Builds on over two decades of community-based forest management and the experience of the Rupantaran Nepal team
- Can be extended to thousands of communities and benefit over one million rural poor people across Nepal
- Protects the great Himalayan watershed and makes the environment more secure for millions of people in South Asia

How does it work?

Rupantaran Nepal supports participating communities to do the project activities. The carbon, social and environmental benefits of the project activities are measured, monitored and independently certified under the internationally recognized Plan Vivo Standard. The money from Plan Vivo Certificate sales is channeled to the participating communities and distributed using benefit sharing arrangements that have been carefully worked out by the communities. Rupantaran Nepal works in partnership with responsible local, national and international institutions to make the project a success.

HCCP is an opportunity to make a high impact investment by buying carbon credits that deliver strong social and environmental benefits.

Reduce your carbon footprint, restore and protect the Himalayan forests, and improve the lives of the Himalayan communities.

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