

WASH FORUM

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Last Friday's Knowledge Sharing on WASH

Report of 58th Series of WASH FORUM

Background

WASH FORUM is a monthly interaction forum for knowledge sharing and advocacy regarding water, sanitation and hygiene and disasters/epidemics as social issues, not merely health



Introduction of PaschimPaaila and about WASH FORUM

or, environment issues since April, 2010. In this forum, basically current issues, concerns and initiatives of WASH will be focused along with cross-cutting issues and tries to address the voices of diversified youth communities and others which have been conducting with the mutual effort of PaschimPaaila and Environment and Public Health Organization (ENPHO) on every last Friday of English Month.

PaschimPaaila is an informal youth network focused on environmental health with Water, Sanitation and hygiene (WASH) and disasters as social concern. It was formed on July 17, 2009 after the outbreak of Diarrhea/Cholera epidemic in mid and Far Western region of Nepal with a youthful spirit of selfless volunteer service. Being a YOUTH MOVEMENT (YUWA ABHIYAN), it envisions environmentally sound and healthy communities through youth led initiatives. It is also dedicated to act to prepare, respond and mitigate disasters/epidemics through WASH education, awareness, research and advocacy. Environment and Public Health Organization (ENPHO) is providing secretariat for PaschimPaaila.

Objectives

- To generalize an overview of health care waste management in Nepal.
- To highlight the challenges in health care waste management in Nepal.
- To show possible opportunities for youths' involvement in health care waste management in Nepal.

Program Description

Every year, World Health Day is celebrated on April 7 worldwide to address public health issues. The theme of World Health Day 2018 was **Health for All**. On the occasion of World Health Day, the monthly program WASH FORUM was organized on 27 April, 2018 entitled **“Health Care Waste Management: Challenges and Opportunities”** at ENPHO Hall, PaschimPaaila, in collaboration with ENPHO and National Institute of Environment and Health (NIHE) organized 58th Series of WASH FORUM addressing the month of April as World Health Day. The main objective of 58th Series of WASH Forum was to share an overview of health care waste management in Nepal with present challenges and opportunities for youth in its management.



Ms. Manju Dahal, Resource Person of the FORUM, during her presentation

Mr. PhurbaSangeMoktan, President of PaschimPaaila, welcomed everyone in the FORUM and shared the idea of WASH FORUM as the learning platform for youths. Mr. Moktan gave an overview of initiating WASH FORUM as a knowledge sharing platform.

Ms. Manju Dahal, National Open College (NOC)/NIHE and Dr. RasnaBhatta, NIHE resided as resource person for the series. Ms. Dahal gave an overview of waste generation at health care centers. Out of total waste generation at health care centers, only 20% of wastes generated

are infectious and mixing of infectious waste with other wastes results in almost 100% infectious waste generation from the health care centers. The concept, budget, manpower, space, plan and policy and, strategy were highlighted as major challenges for health care waste management.

Mr. DilBahadurMahara, Advisor at NIHE, said, "Health Care Waste Management is a serious issue in Nepal and especially youths have to share the knowledge of health care waste management among general public and raise awareness for improving the status" during his remarks.



Mr. Gahendra Mahara, Vice-President of NIHE, thanking Resource Persons with Token of Love

Dr. GahendraMahara, Vice-President of NIHE, presented Token of Love to resource persons. Altogether 32 youths and professionals attended the FORUM with active participation and showed keen interest on the issues during question and answer session.



Participants of the Forum

ProgramDetails:

Eventdate:27th April 2018

Eventvenue:ENPHOHall

Eventtime:1:45pmt04:30pm

Tentativeschedule:

Activities	Time	Facilitator
Registration	1:45 pm –2:00 pm	PPTeam
Welcome Speech	2:00 pm –2:05 pm	Mr. PhurbaSangeMoktan
Ice-breaking and Introduction of PaschimPaaila	2:05 pm –2:15 pm	PP Team
Managing Health Care Waste:Challenges and Opportunities	2:15 pm – 4:15 pm	Ms. Manju Dhakal (NOC/NIHE) and Dr. RasnaBhatta
Q & A	4:15 pm – 4:30pm	PPTeam
PP Team Sharing, Conclusion and Tea	4:30 pmonwards	PPTeam

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