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# Multiple Water Use System integration in local water use master plan at different scales—ICIMOD and HELVETAS collaboration

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#### Background







- MuS practice exists in communities
- Room for improvement to incorporate upstream/downstream concerns (Conflict, Social issues, conservation ...)

#### **Research Question**



 How MuS can be integrated in local water planning with equity and sustainability concerns?

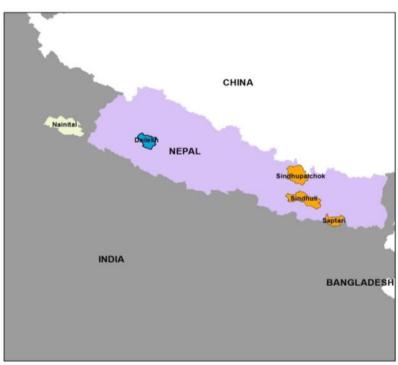


#### ICIMOD and HELVETAS Collaboration









**WUMP** in Koshi Basin

**WUMP** in Nainital, India

#### Approach





(Prioritization at Watershed level) Upstream/downstream linkages- beyond VDC



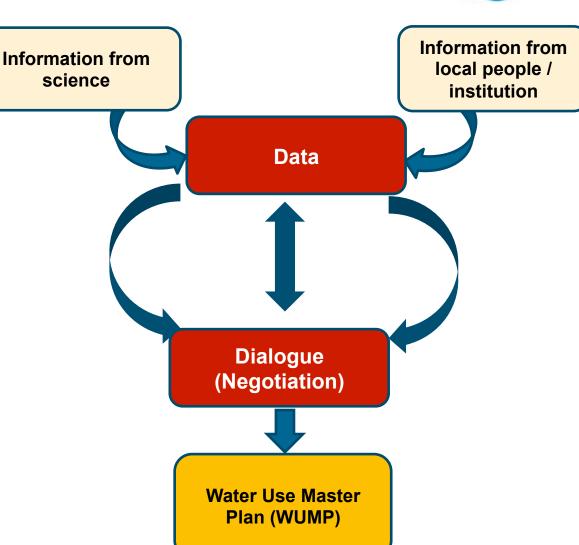
(VDC-level prioritization) Ward level Prioritization negotiated at VDC Level



Study of Ward level priorities

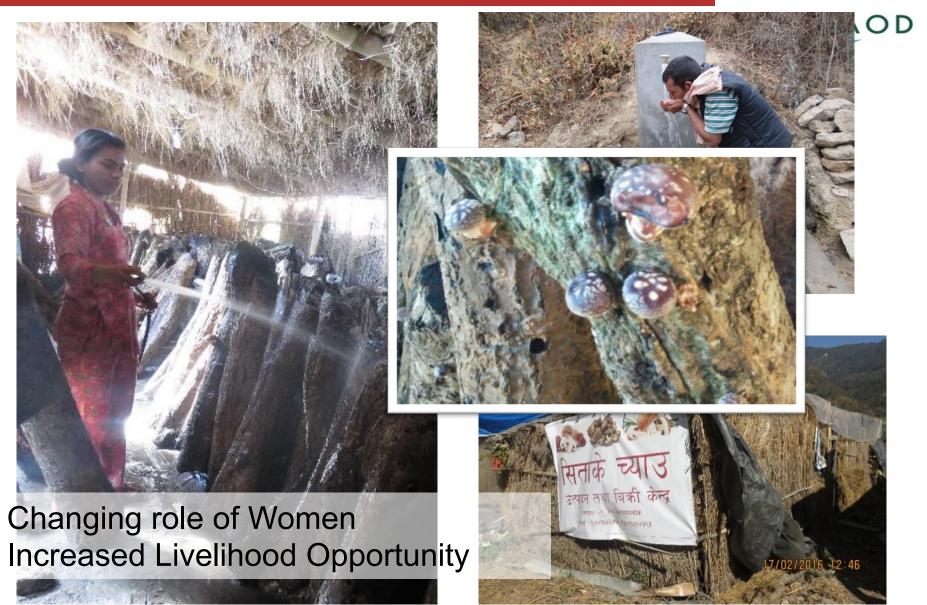


Ward level - Mapping of water Resources, existing & potential MuS (ward level prioritization)



#### Existing drinking + household irrigation





#### Irrigation & trout farm MuS case











conflict in competing use- Irrigation downstream of Fish farm demanded zero loss in discharge

Solution: Fish farmers increased canal structure for surplus supply to irrigation

### Amel gram panchayat MuS case – Social and Conservation issues









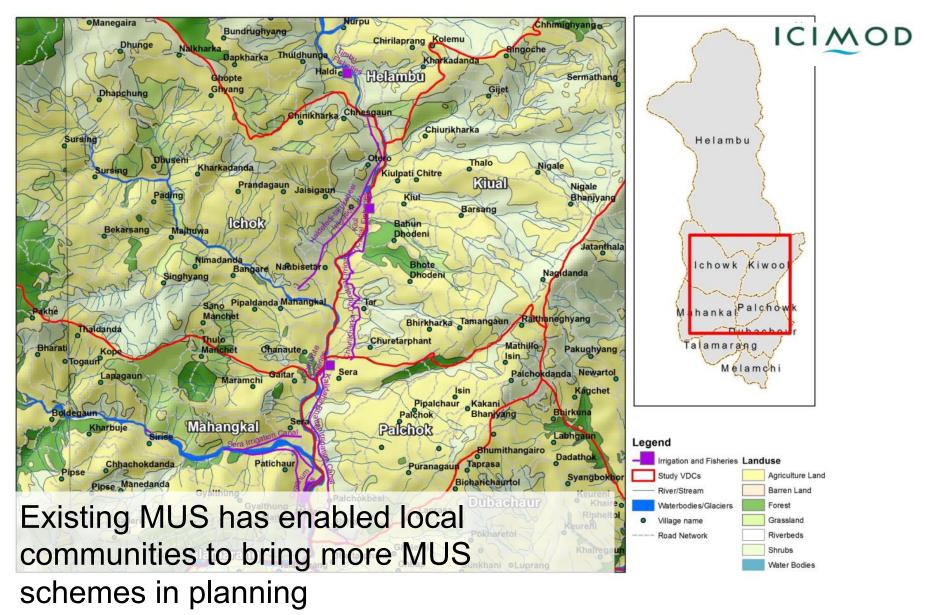


Two separate drinking outlets for dalit and other caste serves the multiuse system

Conservation at the source is required combinedly

#### MUS in Melamchi Watershed





#### Possibility of Barsha Pump in MuS





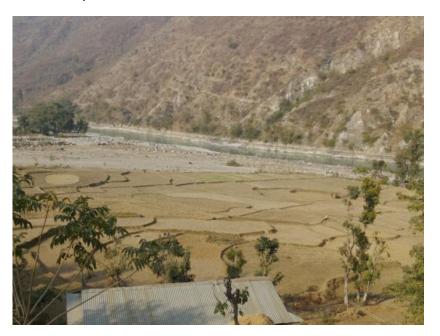


Technology for Multi Use System (Possibility in Sindhuli and Sindhupalchok)

- Irrigation
- Fisheries
- Drinking Water







#### MUS in Terai – Ground water (Saptari)

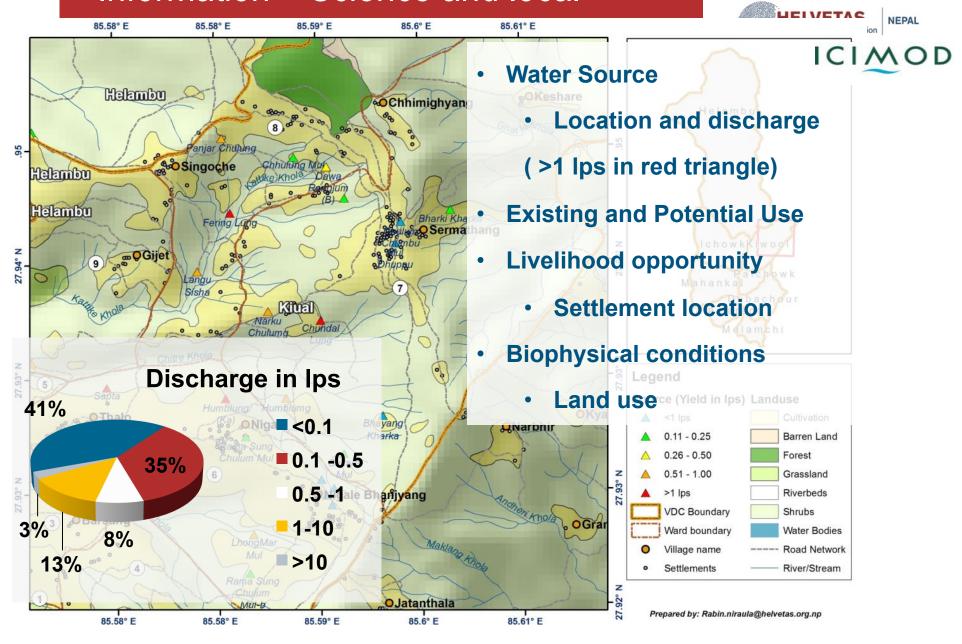


Irrigation Fisheries





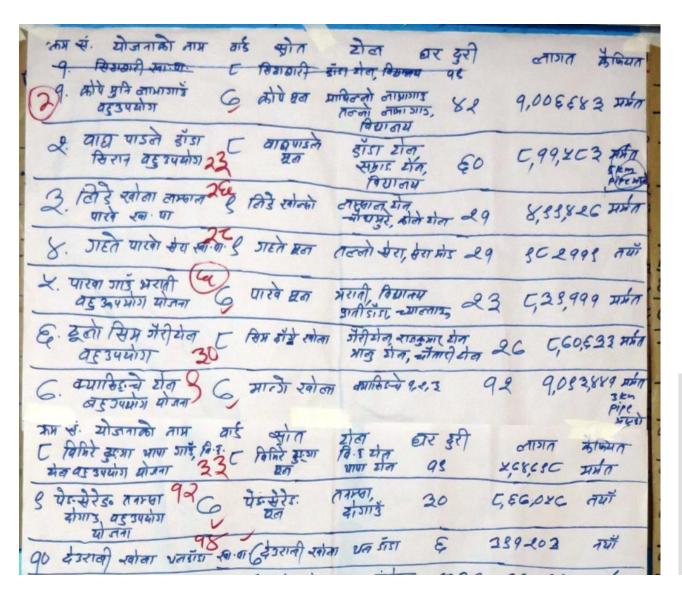
#### Information – Science and local



## Findings: Information brings MuS schemes in planning







Multi Use systems priorities in Mahankal VDC, Sindhupalchok

#### Conclusions from findings



- MuS Resolves Conflicting interests on water source
- Augments cross sector water planning
- Brings in Upstream/downstream relations
- Positive Impact on Women (MuS increases access to water increases livelihood option)
- Resilience to climate
- MuS is possible in all ecological zones

#### Contribution to country goals





#### Combined Profile (CP) 1 (NAPA)

- Community adaptation to climate change through IWRM & Promoting water management
- Promoting and upscaling Multiuse System (MUS)

#### CP3

- Developing water retaining structures as sustainable adaptation measures
- Establishing, rehabilitating and conserving small scale drinking water supply system

#### CP8

Conserving water supply sources

#### Recommendation





#### Consider Upstream/downstream for

- Sustainability of the community managed MuS (livelihoods)
- Conservation- Resilience to climate change
- Address conflicting interest in competing uses of water
- Water use master plan in administrative boundary (VDC) elevated to watershed can bring upstream/downstream relations including MuS
- Take GESE issues into account





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