

JACS SAS Bi-monthly info Letter-16

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Here is the first issue of JACS SAs information letter of year 4 for all our SAs members. Enjoy it.

If any of you need our previous issues please let us know.

New member with in JACS SAs:

Ms. Afshan Ahmed, SDPI Pakistan. afshan@sdpi.org

We warmly welcome her in our family!!

NCCR North-South is organizing North-South week from 8th March to 12 March 2010 in Aeschi Switzerland. Head of IPs, RCs and leaders from RP will take part in this north-south week.

RCO organized 3 days workshop from 24-26 January 2010 at Godavari Village Resort, Kathmandu, Nepal. Head of IP, RP, RC, senior researchers from India, Pakistan, Nepal and Switzerland were present during the workshop. Research on year 9, further collaborations with different institutions and re-organization of RAB were key issues discussed in the workshop.

RCO published a book titled "Livelihood Insecurity and Social Conflict in Nepal" edited by Dr. Bishnu Raj Upreti and Prof. Ulrike Mueller-Boeker.

DSG/Z

DSG Zurich has now new web sites please visit the following links:

<http://www.dsgz.geo.uzh.ch>

Nepal Research Group:

Nepal Research Group organized a dinner event on 26th Jan 2010 after a successful completion of the JACS South Asia workshop where Distinguish guest Hon. Ambassador of Switzerland Mr. Thomas Gass, SDC Nepal head Ms. Elizabeth Von Capeller, Vice Chancellor of KU Prof. Suresh Raj Sharma, Head of IP DSG Prof. Ulrike Mueller-Boeker, RC Dr. Bishnu Raj Upreti, researchers from India, Pakistan, Nepal and scholars from different institutions were present.

Mr. Pranil Upadhayaya, PhD student is in Switzerland from 1st March to 17 April 2010 for comparative study on tourism between Nepal and Switzerland.

Ms. Anita Bhattarai-Ghimire, PhD student will be in Institute of Social Science, De Hag, Netherlands from 17 March to 1st April 2010 for migration study.

India Research Group:

Pakistan Research Group:

Ms. Afshan Ahmed joined SDPI, as a coordinator of research and activities done under NCCR North-South from SDPI.

3. Reading Recommendations:

4. Publications:

- ※ *Upreti, B. R. & Müller-Böker, U. (2010) ed.*, Livelihood insecurity and Social Conflict in Nepal, South Asia Coordination Office, Kathmandu, Nepal.
- ※ *Thieme, S. & Müller-Böker, U. (2010): Social Networks and Migration: Women's Livelihoods between Far West Nepal and Delhi*, in: European Bulletin of Himalayan

Research, 35/36, 2009/2010: 107–122.

- ※ *Shahbaz B, Vinod CP, Geiser U, Sadaf T, Schärer L, Müller-Böker U. (2010): Access to livelihood assets: Insights from South Asia on how institutions work. In: Hurni H, Wiesmann U, editors; with an international group of co-editors. Global Change and Sustainable Development: A Synthesis of Regional Experiences from Research Partnerships. Perspectives of the Swiss National Centre of Competence in Research (NCCR) North–South, University of Bern, Vol. 5. Bern, Switzerland: Geographica Bernensia, pp 283–297.*

- ※ *Upreti, B. R. (2010), A Decade of armed conflict and livelihood Insecurity in Nepal in: Livelihood Insecurity and Social Conflict in Nepal, South Asia Coordination Office, Kathmandu. Pp. 9–47.*

- ※ *Upreti, B. R. (2010), Addressing livelihood insecurity and the need for further research in: Livelihood Insecurity and Social Conflict in Nepal, South Asia Coordination Office, Kathmandu. Page 257–271.*

- ※ *Ghimire, A; Upreti, B R; Pokharel, S.(2010). Livelihood strategies of internally displaced people in Western Nepal: Some observations in: Livelihood Insecurity and Social Conflict in Nepal, South Asia Coordination Office, Kathmandu. Pp 217–256*

- ※ *Adhikari, J. (2010). Food Insecurity, conflict and livelihood threats in Nepal in: Livelihood Insecurity and Social Conflict in Nepal, South Asia Coordination Office, Kathmandu pp 73–130.*

Please inform your new publication regularly to us:

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5. Events:

Conferences:

Trainings:

6. Others:

TPP news:

Participation of JACS SAs members in conference, seminar, workshop and meetings

Presentation:

Seminar:

PAMS news:

Circulation for New PAMS Purposals

The NCCR North–South Management Centre cordially invites you to participate in the 2010 spring call for proposals for Partnership Actions for Mitigating Syndromes (PAMS). If you are not familiar with the PAMS procedures, please read the PAMS Principles & Procedures, which you will find on our website. For an introduction, you can read the "How to launch a PAMS" Sheet (<http://www.nccr-north-south.unibe.ch/Objectives.asp?contextID=&refTitle=Partnership%20Actions&Context=PAMS>).

PAMS documents

For this round, only minor changes have been made in the PAMS documents. In the proposal form, we added a row for RCO monitoring to the budget. In the last round, we received several requests for budget enhancement after the BoD decision. From now on, this will no longer be possible, so please carefully revise your budget before submitting the proposal. Please note that the maximum PAMS Budget of 50,000 CHF includes the RCO monitoring.

Guidlines for drafting and submitting proposals

Please remember to always use the PAMS documents which you find on the PAMS pages on the internal NCCR North-South website in order to ensure you have the latest, valid version: <http://www.nccr-north-south.unibe.ch/Objectives.asp?contextID=&refTitle=Partnership%20Actions&Context=PAMS>.

We kindly request you to carefully follow instructions provided in the forms. Furthermore, we would like to urge once more that proposals be developed in close collaboration between the relevant RC, IP, the researcher(s) involved, and the executing agency. RCs are requested to provide assistance to their local partner institutions proposing a PAMS.

Selection criteria and budget

Nothing has changed in the selection criteria for PAMS. As always, new projects will be selected according to the PAMS Principles and Procedures.

Deadlines

Deadline to submit the proposal to Sas Coordination Office is 05 April 2010

The BoD will decide on acceptance of the PAMS proposals on 11 June 2010. RCs will be consulted for their electronic evaluation of the proposals on 27 May, with their recommendation to be sent by 10 June.

Next PAMS call

The next call for proposals will be issued in autumn 2010.

If you have any questions about the procedure, budget or other aspects of PAMS, we will be happy to assist you.

We look forward to receiving interesting PAMS proposals that will contribute to fostering partnerships between the South and the North!

Two PAMS Project are on the way

PAMS SAS-3_01, Research Based Policy Dialogues and Advocacy for Sustainable Forest Governance in Northwest Pakistan.

PAMS SAS-3_02 Hemp Production for Livelihood Security in Dhabang and Mirul VDCs of Rolpa District, Nepal.

PAMS TAAN:

PAMS TAAN is preparing the final report after successfully completion of one year. The documentary is in final stage.

EPD news:

*Exploring Partnership Dynamics: North -South Research Partnerships in the Context of International Development:
A Comparative Study of Eight JACS Regions (EPD)*

Draft of this study has been circulated with in RC's for comments and after incorporating the comments it will be final.