

10th June 2015

To whom it may concern:

Re: Volunteers for Development Nepal

This is to confirm that Volunteers for Development Nepal was a beneficiary of the CASCADE (Collaborative Action towards Societal Challenges through Awareness, Development and Education) project (Grant Agreement Number: 609562) funded by the by the European Commission's 7th Framework Programme under its International Cooperation activity area.

The 18 month CASCADE project which commenced on 01 October 2013 was set up to:

- 1) compile a regional position paper that identifies global challenges and research priorities for seven South Asian countries: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, as well as opportunities for EU-South Asia cooperation in research and innovation;
- 2) map and develop an inventory of national and regional stakeholders in South Asia related to global challenges; and
- 3) raise awareness on research & innovation priorities for fostering cooperation and towards building mutual understanding on how to address common global societal challenges.

The project achieved all its three objectives successfully at the end of its 18 month period. CASCADE was undertaken by a consortium of 18 partners across 05 European and 08 Asian countries under the leadership of Global Disaster Resilience Centre, University of Huddersfield, United Kingdom. The details of the project can be found on the project website: <http://www.cascade-inconet.eu/>.

Mr. Basanta Kumar Parajuli was the main point of contact of Volunteers for Development Nepal during the CASCADE project and his cooperation with the project consortium and his contribution towards the outputs of the project were excellent and consistent throughout the project. VFDN was represented at all the partner meetings of CASCADE by Mr. Basanta Kumar Parajuli and his participation in the discussions and activities during the project events was highly commendable.



This letter is issued upon a request made by Mr. Basanta Kumar Parajuli.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,



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