

3R GOOD PRACTICES IMPLEMENTED BY NGOS/CBOs



3R Good Practices in Nepal

NGO /CBO	Women Environment Preservation Committee of Nepal (WEPCO)
Activity	Recycle
OUTLINE OF 3R GOOD PRACTICES	
Keywords	Household kitchen waste, Paper recycling
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3R Practice	Waste recycling
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OVERVIEW OF PRACTICES

Introduction

Women Environment Preservation Committee of Nepal (WEPCO), is a non-profit organization established in 1992 by a group of women from Lalitpur. This NGO enables people of Kathmandu to have a clean and healthy environment through their initiatives involving local women and students. More than 100 training sessions were conducted by this organization on environmental awareness among the women communities and schools. About 90 clubs in schools, involving more than 6,000 students in six districts has been formed by this organisation. Students of eco-clubs are involved in creating awareness of household waste management in their communities.

3R Good Practice

WEPCO aims to be a resource of information on various environment-friendly practices like biogas plant, composting, paper recycling and vermi-composting. This organization has established demonstration sites for paper recycling, organic and vermi-composting and has supported many households to start their own composting unit. This NGO includes 15 women and 10 men supported by funds received from the sale of recycled paper and garbage collection services. At the policy level, it is involved in promoting advocacy against burning of waste, and in the expansion of waste management at the community level. WEPCO has conducted Environment Education Program (EEP) in various schools in the Kathmandu valley by forming ECO clubs.

Outcome of Practice

In Nepal, where a well-developed mechanism for integrated solid waste management is absent, large-scale waste management system is not possible in the immediate future. Nevertheless, there is a urgent need for a system collaborating community and private initiatives on proper management of municipal solid waste. WEPCO's principles of 3R's – Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle are applicable in this context.

WEPCO, by collecting and managing the garbage from more than 3,000 households in Lalitpur has proved effectiveness of adopting 3R principles at the community level in overcoming the issues related to waste in the area.



Waste collection rickshaw of WEPCO



Compost prepared by WEPCO



Handicrafts made by recycled paper