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# Call for Master's Thesis Grant Support under Nepal Livelihood and Resilience Program (NLRP)

Caritas Nepal is implementing the Nepal Livelihoods and Resilience Program (NLRP) funded by Caritas Australia and Australian Aid. Overall goal of the program is to support resilient communities to overcome poverty, develop, secure sustainable livelihood to gain economic prosperity, achieve dignified social well-being and realize their basic human rights. The program is implemented in 18 districts across six provinces in Nepal from July, 2018 to June, 2023.

Under NLRP, Integrated Pest Management (IPM) sector has been working with the different community group's conducting season long IPM farmer's field school for adoption of IPM practices with the overall vision of increase in production of healthy foods and income of farmers.

## **Priority Areas of Research**

In this announcement, the priority will be given to the study of:

Research or Innovative solutions on biological control measures by using eg; Trichoderma, Trichogramma and other, lab research with additional field research.

#### **Provision of Thesis Grant:**

The amount of support is NRs 90,000 for one student. Researcher is required to conduct a lab based research if willing to do field research additional budget for field research will be provided (not exceeding NRs 21,000). Thesis draft should be submitted within the June 2023 to Caritas Nepal.

The provision can be used for the following indicated account heads;

- Food, lodging, rent, travel cost in the field locations for thesis proposal development and actual thesis research.
- Food, lodge and travel costs for student advisors (1-2 people) to visit field location.
- Stationary, computer usage and thesis printing.
- Sharing workshop of thesis research findings upon successful defense of thesis. This will be done in relevant forum and location.

### Criteria of selection:

- Relevance of the PCN with the priority area of research.
- Strong recommendation of relevant faculty and departments.
- Good education track record and willingness to undertake research in above indicated area.

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- Willingness to undertake research in Bio lab of IPM Agriculture Cooperative-Kamal RM-2 in Jhapa.
- Willingness to spend time in research location and community for necessary investigations.
- Willingness to conduct field research will be given more priority.
- Application will be accepted till 5 PM, September 15

As per provision in the project, Caritas Nepal will undertake direct contract with the students. As, already noted, students will have to obtain strong recommendation from faculty members or head to receive the grant.

# Address to send application:

The candidates are required to submit application (by e-mail or courier or by hand) to the following address.

**Program Coordinator** 

**NLRP** 

Caritas Nepal Central Office, Dhobighat, Lalitpur, Nepal

Phone: 01-5438172, 01-5439344

Mailing address: GPO 9571 Kathamandu, Nepal

Please put subject of email or mail (outside envelop) - Thesis Grant Application/IPM

Or

Please email to following;

To: vacancy@caritas.org.np with mail subject of Master's thesis Grant Support

Sincerely,

Hridesh Shrarma

Program Coordinator (NLRP)

**Caritas Nepal** 

Fr. Lalit Tudu Executive Director Caritas Nepal