

## **Impacts of Climate Change on the indigenous Majhi community in Nepal**

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Climate change is already being felt and is increasingly being accepted as a major issue facing Nepal (NCVST 2009; ICIMOD 2011; Xu et al. 2009; ICIMOD, 2013). Poor and marginalized people, in particular, are facing many difficulties because of uncertain food production, different natural disasters like flood and droughts, loss of land etc. This study looks at the impact of climate change on the Majhi community in Bodgaun village, located in Bhimtar Village Development Committee of Sindhupalchowk district in Nepal. The study, based on surveys and group discussions, identified three major aspects of climate change in Bodgaun village: extreme drought (prolonged, increased/more regular occurrence of drought), extreme rainfall (intensity - heavy rainfall falling over a shorter time, and increased frequency of heavy rainfall events and a prolonged summer season.