

## The South Asian Eco-Village Development (EVD) Project Group

The [EVD project](#) group is one of the four DIB project groups, which was founded in June 2015, six months after the commencement of the project in South Asia. The group is currently made of five volunteers with different backgrounds. They assist DIB in raising awareness in Denmark about the project and the low carbon solutions that are being implemented in the South Asian region to address the problem of climate change and poverty in the rural communities. The EVD project aims to use advocacy to address decision-makers and political climate negotiators, to bring local climate solutions from the local "eco-village" development programmes into district, state and national programmes for climate, environment and poverty reduction, as well as in international climate negotiations. The project works with local partner organizations located in Nepal, Sri Lanka, India and Bangladesh.

The Project group has regular meetings both face-to-face and over Skype with the main purpose of discussing different ways in which we could inform the Danish population on the project. This includes creating brochures, postcards and writing up relevant informative documents for the website. We have helped facilitating a workshop related to the project and we are also organizing and conducting presentations about the project and DIB. In relation to the project in South Asia we help out with basic project monitoring; reading status reports from our local partners, participating in the Project Steering Committee Skype meetings as well as controlling the financial statements from the project partners.

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