

## Calling young people to become Changemakers for climate action

**Kathmandu/Nepal, 5 December 2022:** A core group of young volunteers from Nepal Red Cross Society (NRCS) marked this year's International Volunteer Day by launching a campaign on climate change called “परिवर्तक : The Changemaker”. The youth-led campaign invites young people (13 to 30 years) across Nepal to submit their innovative ideas and solutions to climate change as it seeks to engage young generation for effective climate action in Nepal.

Representing Ministry of Education, Science and Technology Mr. Arjun Bahadur Shrestha inaugurated the event and encouraged youth to participate in the campaign. Representatives from the Ministry of Youth and Sports and the UN Agencies also participated in the event and interacted with young volunteers about their initiative.

*“Climate change is one of the most pressing issues of our time and for the future generation. It is important for young people to take the lead, come together, and act to address this global challenge. This youth-led campaign is our effort to involve young people, support their ideas and influence local solutions for the climate crisis,”* said Executive Director of the Nepal Red Cross Society, Umesh Dhakal.

*“IFRC is proud to support the NRCS extensive youth network across the country to be the change-makers in their communities and networks addressing a wide range of climate-related issues. As a global organization with local reach, one of our key aims is to empower youth to be leaders in their own National Societies and we call on all likeminded partners to join in the campaign”*, said Herve Gazeau, acting Head of the IFRC, Country Delegation Nepal.

During the event, the youth group leading the campaign shared the objectives, application process, grant implementation, and selection mechanism to become a part of the campaign. The details on the application can be received from NRCS Hotline service 1130 during the office hours and be accessed in NRCS website.

परिवर्तक : The Changemaker is a youth-led campaign by the Nepal Red Cross Society with support of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and its membership in Nepal. Together, NRCS and IFRC call for young Nepalese, within and outside the Red Cross to apply, share innovative ideas to reduce the impacts of climate change, and become changemakers for climate action. At the initial stage, the campaign aims to support up to 100 local youth-led initiatives.

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### **About the NRCS**

Nepal Red Cross Society (NRCS) is a humanitarian organization committed to providing immediate relief to human suffering and reducing vulnerability, under the Fundamental Principles of the Red Cross. It operates through its network of Red Cross volunteers throughout the country with communities, governmental, and non-governmental organizations in a democratic, transparent, and participatory way. To learn more about the NRCS, please visit the [website](#).

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