**Report on NETIF survey ‚Analysis of 'Questionnaire for Visitor’s of Kathmandu Valley Cultural Trekking Trail (KVCTT)’**

**General Information**

The survey contains 24 answered questionnaires by 13 people from Europe, 8 from Asia and one from Australia and the US. 14 women and 10 men were interviewed, all between 15 and 64 years old. Most of them were students (9) and teachers (3) and almost half (11) stated that their average stay was 1-7 days.

**Purpose**

23 people out of 24 said that their main purpose on the KVCTT was trekking or hiking but also 7 wanted to explore the flora and fauna and 6 to observe locals and their culture. Most of the trekkers started in Sundarijal (17) and were hiking to Chisapani (5) and Nagarkot (8). 12 of the interviewed people organized their trek through a professional trekking or travel agency but 8 of them also did independent trekking without a guide.

**Facilities**

Summarizing, the hotel facilities on the trek were rated as good. Whereat the food and beverages served and the service of the staff got an average rating between very good and good. However, sanitation rooms, their cleanliness as well as the hot water facilities got an average rating of good to satisfactory. The lowest average rating, satisfactory, was about the heating facilities in the hotels which got five times the lowest rating – poor.

The trail facilities concering the sign posts, garbage bins and the trail condition were all rated between very good and good, or just good. However, the tourists rated the toilet facilities on the track as satisfactory and the shelters as good to satisfactory.

Other facilities such as communication, safety and hospitality were all rated very good or good but the medical facilities need to be improved as 13 people rated them as satisfactory and 8 as poor.

The suggestions for improvement by the tourists justify the analysis of the facilities. Many of them requested heating facilities in the hotels and an improvment of toilet facilities. A few were complaining about the litter on the trek and requested more signposts for independent trekkers which should contain the number of kilometers to the next village.

**Tourist Satisfaction**

Almost every interviewed tourist (22) was satisfied with the food along the trek and 14 consider KVCTT as a good trail, 7 even as one of the best trails. 14 tourist found the trek convient and for 5 the trek was difficult. The main attractions of the KVCTT concerning the tourist are the Shivapuri-Nagarjun National Park and the locals and their culture along the trek. All in all, 9 were highly satisfied with the trek, 14 were satisfied and everyone would recommed the trail!

The tourists’ suggestions for improvment were mainly about garbage cleaning and environment conservation. Many of them requested more information about the features of the valley along the trail.

For more and detailed information, please have a look on the Excel sheet ‘analysis\_questionnaires.xls’