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NEA signs PPA with Kunban Khola Hydropower Project

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Nepal Electricity Authority (NEA) has signed a power purchase agreement (PPA) with Kunban Khola Hydropower Project (KKHP) to purchase 20 MW of electricity generated by the project.

Sushil Pokharel, Executive Chairman of the project and Jagadishwor Man Singh, Deputy Managing Direct of NEA signed the agreement on the behalf of their respective organizations.

As per the PPA signed last week, the project is located in Mudi Rural Municipality of Myagdi District. According to Pokharel, the project will generate annually 115.515 GWh (Dry Season 17.553 GWh and Wet Season 97.961 GWh) energy. The generated electricity will be delivered to NEA's proposed Dandakhet 132 KVA sub station through 20 KM long transmission line. The per unit rate of electricity has been fixed at Rs 4.80 and Rs 8.40 for the wet season and dry season, respectively.

The project is estimated to be completed with the investment of Rs 3.80 billion, out of which 70 percent will be bank loan. Ten per cent of the shares will be allocated to the locals and 15 per cent shares will be separated for the public. Pokharel of KKHP further informed the construction of the project was going to be completed within four years and by early 2024 the project is expected to generate electricity. "Within the end of this year we will manage the investment and by next year the construction will begin," he added.