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This 31st issue of FORWARD Nepal's Bulletin provides a general cumulative brief update on project implementation progress with some of the institutional activities/events of four months of the fiscal year 2080/81 B.S. i.e. November 17, 2023 - March 13, 2024. During this period, we continued with seven projects viz. "Regional Programme for Scaling up the Multi-sectoral Approach for Nutrition Smart Village in Bangladesh, India, and Nepal-Phase II"; "Empowering Youth Entrepreneurs through Appropriate Horticultural Interventions in Nepal – YUVA", " Grassroots Civil Society Organizations as Promoters of Improved Food Systems and Equitable Livelihood Opportunities", "The Enhanced Rural AI (TERAI) Project for Smallholder Dairy Farmers in Nepal"; "Effect of Male Out Migration, and Environmental Changes on Women involved in Livestock Production in Rural Nepal"; "USAID/FtF Innovation Lab for Horticulture South Asia Regional Hub"; and "Socioeconomic Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on the Dairy Value Chain in Western Nepal". FORWARD Nepal also started with a new project namely "Resilient Ecosystems (Climate Change Addressing Interventions) – Riverbed Farming".

Apart from this, several project concept papers and proposals have been submitted to various donor agencies for project partnerships/funding and some projects are in line for implementation. Participation in meetings, seminars, and training with different donors and development agencies and our project-based staff was held.

In this period, the important events were Krishten L Becker, Program Officer, Feed the Future Innovation lab for Horticulture visit to Nepal and FORWARD office, participation and presentation of research findings by organization's staff to AFU Graduate conference and Gandaki University Conference, approval of two projects from Social Welfare Council etc.

Apart from this, two donor audits were conducted to check the financial compliance of the projects. TR Upadhyaya & Company audited the accounts of Nutrition Smart Community project from February 11-14, 2024. Likewise, PP Pradhan & Company completed the audit of Food System project in Kapilvastu from March 3-8, 2024.

Major project activities conducted

1. Empowering Youth Entrepreneurs through Appropriate Horticultural Interventions in Nepal - YUVA funded by USAID Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Horticulture and WHH

Key activities of the project in this period are:

- **Survey for aspiration mapping, livelihood assets, and income needs**

The survey was carried out for mapping the aspirations, income needs, and livelihood assets of the youth farmers in the project locations. In total, 420 youths were surveyed in three different strata-municipality (3), age group (2), and locations (2) by three field officers in their respective locations. Data entry was done in February, and the analysis of the survey is ongoing. In addition, the questionnaire to explore the orchard leasing mechanism and provisions for land leasing is developed, finalized, and shared with the field officers for data collection.

- **Open field cultivation research trial**

First year first season open field cultivation research trial has commenced for lean season production in three different scales (1500m², 2000m², 2500m²). Fifteen youth farmers from Buddhabhumi municipality and 16 farmers from Tulsipur sub-metropolitan city are participating in the research, planting is completed for five different crops for trial, and economic data is being recorded using farmers' diaries. The diaries will be analyzed to identify the profitable size and crops.

- **Testing of different types of protective cultivation structures and cropping pattern research trial**

Trials will be conducted inside protected structures to analyze the gross margin data of five different crops in two different protected structures, viz. temporary rain shelter and permanent net house structures in Sandhikharka municipality of Arghakhanchi district.

the process of selection of research farmers for protected cultivation structures research trial is completed. Three net house structures procurement processes are completed, and the contracting process with the service provider is ongoing.

- **PhD Scholar onboarding**

A PhD student from the Agriculture Economics and Agribusiness Management faculty of Agriculture and Forestry University, Rampur has joined the YUVA project and is initiating his PhD research aligning with the YUVA project objectives throughout the project period.

- **Selection of Masters students for thesis research**

Two masters students from AFU, one each from the Agriculture Economics and Horticulture faculties are selected for thesis research under the grant of the YUVA project.

- **Trellis Fund Fellowship Program**

A doctoral student in Urban Forestry, Environment and Natural Resources at Southern University in Louisiana has been finalized for the TFFP programme under YUVA project. Regular virtual meetings are being held for the engagement of the TFFP students in the YUVA project.

2. Grassroots Civil Society Organizations as Promoters of Improved Food Systems and Equitable Livelihood Opportunities funded by BMZ/WHH

The key activities of the project in this period are:

- **Report sharing of Local food system**

Nepal Institute of Research and Communications (NIRC) submitted a draft report. which was reviewed by the team of KSSC Nepal and FORWARD Nepal for feedback incorporation and dissemination. The study revealed a wide range of challenges prevailing across the households in terms of socio-economic aspects, agricultural practices, food value, and environmental aspects. The findings emphasize the critical importance of multi-level collaboration, including a three-tiered approach (federal, provincial, and local government bodies) as well as national and international stakeholders, to address the identified complex challenges. Thus, the result-sharing workshop was conducted in December 2023 for the wider project team, among various stakeholders

including Palika officials, agroveter owners, other like-minded organizations working in the locality, etc.

- **Cattle shed Improvements**

Each participant will be provided with a maximum sum of Rs 12,500 upon completion of shed construction along with the paperwork. Each constructed structure was verified by project officers if they matched the design estimate provided prior. The aim is to utilize urine for Jholmol preparation upon efficient collection. The improved shed makes easier handling of livestock, and easier cow dung & urine management; which will eventually promote cleanliness and help to minimize disease and pests. This will ultimately facilitate organic crop production and aid in minimizing the use of chemical pesticides and fertilizers. Altogether 55 cattle sheds were made till March 2024.

- **GAP sessions were conducted at 33 small farmer's groups**

Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs) sessions are being conducted in 33 smallholder farmer groups. These practices are intended to ensure that agricultural products are grown, harvested, processed, and transported in a manner that reduces the risks of contamination, environmental damage, and harm to workers and consumers. Sixth sessions of GAP are being conducted in the field now.

- **Distribution of improved vegetable seeds, and agricultural materials:**

The distribution of improved vegetable seeds, biopesticides, gardening pipes, watering Cans, Sprinkles, and other agricultural materials including Okra (Lady's finger), Bodi (Black Eyed beans), Sponge Gourd, Bottle Gourd, Pumpkin, Pheromone trap, Yellow Sticky Trap, Organic pesticide (Neem oil and Neemicides), Trichoderma, Super Green Bag (Hermetic bag), Secateur (Gardening Scissors), Farm Rake, Watering Can, Gardening plastic pipe, Sprinkle, and plastic Crate were distributed to smallholder farmers groups. In addition, procurement and distribution of apron sets and knapsack sprayers were done.

- **Group formation for PGS organic farming:**

Participatory Guarantee Systems (PGS) are locally focused quality assurance systems. They certify producers based on the active participation of stakeholders and are built on a foundation of trust, social networks, and knowledge exchange. A total of 3 villages with altogether 50 farmers are finalized for PGS organic farming.

- **TVET training for landless:**

Support off-farm livelihoods Terms of Reference (ToR) were published in jobsnepal.com and Butwal Today national daily newspaper for hiring trainers for TVET training in Plumbing, Motorcycle Mechanic, Building Electrician, Welding, and Electronics repairing (Freeze, AC, and Fan). This program focuses on improving the income of landless households in 3 Rural Municipalities of Kapilvastu district: Suddhodhan, Mayadevi, and Yasodhara Rural Municipalities by creating job opportunities to improve the well-being and dignified lives of target families. The project provisions for technical and vocational education and training in different specialized professions for 450 landless households. Meanwhile, the trainees will also be facilitated for job placement and self-employment after the training.

- **Two days of training on the Model Nutrition Garden held in two batches**

Two days of training on the Model Nutrition Garden program was conducted from 14-17 March 2024 at Hotel Palm, Taulihawa, Kapilvastu in two batches and was facilitated by Mr. Tanka Prasad Acharya, project cum advocacy officer of the NSC project. This two-day event aimed to empower selected smallholder farmers with skills in establishing and maintaining Model Nutrition Gardens and diverse crop cultivation techniques for enhanced nutrition. A total of 62 participants took part in the training which included selected smallholder farmers among 4500 smallholder farmers incorporated by the food system project. Out of 62 participants, 22 were males and 40 were females. Upon completion of this training, the trainee will be provided with support materials for constructing 66 Model Nutrition Gardens at Mayadevi, Yasdohara, and Suddhodhan Rural Municipality of Kapilvastu district.

3. Regional Programme for Scaling up the Multi-sectoral Approach for Nutrition Smart Village in Bangladesh, India, and Nepal-Phase II funded by BMZ/WHH

The key activities conducted during the period are:

- **Conduct PLA-LANN (10 sessions/year)-120 LANN Group**

A total of 3600 women and adolescent girls of 120 LANN+ groups have found the causes and solutions of the identified food and nutrition-related problems in the community, understood the importance of the timely introduction of complementary food, diversity, and frequency, and the importance of enriching the food, to understand the importance of Nutrition garden for family food diversity and to share the experience of

the PLA cycle through 839 (462 in Rautahat and 377 in Saptari) PLA-LANN sessions on different topics in 60 villages.

Four street dramas on the “MANJARI” story were demonstrated in the NSC village reaching approx. 1,200 direct participants and 4,500 direct participants in a ratio with two thirds of female participation during the event.

- **Conduct a Planning workshop with the project team and other stakeholders in the presence of the Regional Coordinator from WHH**

The planning workshop was accomplished on 4-6 March 2024 in Rautahat and Saptari. The planning workshop includes an Impact assessment of the two villages. The impact assessment was completed in Saptari district and Tejapakad of Rautahat district. The impact assessment includes one-to-one interviews and focus group discussions among the participants of the Sustainable integrated farming system, Nutrition and WASH, CBOs, and access to services. The findings of the impact assessment help during the planning for the extension period and address the upcoming future issues through the project approaches and local government interventions.

Similarly, the planning workshop includes the extension period activities and budget. The achievement of the year 2023 was demonstrated and presented through the gallery presentation. The participation of local stakeholders and project team were included during the project team reaching 20 participants (Male=16 and Female=4).

- **Visitors in the reporting quarter - World Social Forum colleagues Field Visit**

World Social Forum colleagues from Africa and WHH-CO visited NSC project sites in Rautahat and Saptari districts. In Paroha Municipality on February 13th, visitors explored Nutrition Sensitive Microplanning governance and interaction with the Palika team. The visit continued to Saptari's Malekhpur village on February 15th, focusing on the seed preservation center and its connection to Nutrition-Sensitive Microplanning with a bottom-up approach.

- **Participation in communication workshop and photography organized by WHH, Nepal**

A communication workshop and photography workshop accomplished from March 12th to 14th, 2024, at The Entrance Café in Lalitpur organized by WHH, Nepal aiming to explore the power of storytelling and enhance photography skills to capture compelling narratives. Participants delved into various

storytelling techniques, including crafting engaging characters and plots, while also learning about photography composition, lighting, and editing. Through hands-on activities and discussions, participants gained practical skills in videography and photography, enabling them to communicate ideas effectively and create visually captivating content. Key outcomes included a comprehensive understanding of effective communication strategies and the ability to capture high-quality photographs in different lighting conditions. Participants were from organizations such as FORWARD Nepal, MCDC Nepal, AASMAN Nepal, SABAL Nepal, RRN Rolpa, Li-BIRD, and KALIKA Nepal.

- **Screening and follow-up camps (2 Days)**

A two-day follow-up camp was conducted among malnourished children aged 6 to 59 months, totaling 130 children (53 boys, 77 girls). The camp aimed to improve childcare and feeding habits. Child-friendly recipes, including "Poshilo Jaulo" and "Poshilo Kheer," were demonstrated and feeding to the children, along with promotion of kitchen gardening was completed during the camp. Health education sessions for caregivers focused on breastfeeding practices and complementary feeding.

- **Healthy Baby Competition in collaboration with local government**

A health baby competition was organized in Saptari by the Rajgadh Rural Municipality, with technical support from the Nutrition Smart Community (NSC). The evaluation form was developed by the Health Coordinator, with assistance from the NSC team. A selection committee declared the healthiest baby, and awards were presented during the food and nutrition festival motivating the healthy baby practices.

- **Iodine Month celebration**

The Iodine Month celebration was done through 34 regular LANN+ meetings with the slogan “**Eat the proper amount of iodized salt, with two children’s logos in the packet**”.

- **Conduct Food and Nutrition Festival in Rajgadh Rural Municipality**

A one-day food and nutrition festival took place in Rajgadh Rural Municipality, attracting over 500 visitors. The festival was a collaborative effort between MCDC, FANSEP, and Rajgadh Rural Municipality, with a shared budget of €196.42. It served as a platform to showcase the best practices of NSC, promoting awareness, knowledge-sharing, and sustainable agricultural practices to improve food diversity among mothers and children, reduce acute

malnutrition, and enhance food security. The festival included awareness sessions, notably a drama highlighting the underlying causes of malnutrition. The presence of health officials and Palika representatives underscored the importance of the event.

- **Household Follow-up and Interpersonal Counselling at door-to-door SAM/MAM/Normal Status children HH**

This quarter, community volunteers conducted household follow-up support and family counseling in both districts. A total of 1038 identified malnourished children from mass screenings were followed up at the household level. Family counseling was provided during these visits to support their nutritional needs and overall well-being.

- **Findings of household visit among identified malnourished children**

Mass screening status of 2023				Follow-up status (February) - MUAC status		
Dist rict	S A M	M A M	To tal	SAM	MAM	Normal
Sapt ari	70	35 9	38 5	14	122	249
Raut ahat	20 4	58 3	65 3	38	284	331
Tota l	27 4	94 2	10 38	52	406	580

- **Technical support to LANN Self-help Entrepreneurship Group**

Four LANN Entrepreneur groups in Saptari were technically back for the production and group registration at the local and revenue department. The group members produce Nutri-mix for household consumption among the group members.

- **Need-based support to farmer group meetings/stakeholder/seed preservation centre**

The Seed Preservation Centre is actively continuing its operations and is currently in the process of registering with the local government. Meetings were held on 5th January and 16th January 2024 at the center, initiated by the chairperson to seek technical support for the Project team. The first meeting of the year focused on requesting public space for the seed bank and initiating a revolving fund where group members deposited Nrs. 1000 each. The subsequent meeting emphasized

depositing funds as savings among the group members. In the third month of the quarter, the meeting centered around distributing vegetable seeds among members and seeking additional seed support for the center's activities.

4. USAID/FtF Innovation Lab for Horticulture South Asia Regional Hub funded by USAID Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Horticulture

The key activities in this period are:

- **Visit to Bangladesh with AFU team**

The Regional Hub Manager together with the project team from Agriculture and Forestry University (AFU) led by PI Prof Dr Kalyani Mishra Tripathi visited Bangladesh Agriculture University (BAU), Mymensingh from 18-23 January 2024. The team had a meeting with the Director of BAURES, observed a seminar on soil science, and observed urban horticulture including rooftop gardens, aquaponics, etc. The team revisited the plan to be implemented as a research component in Bangladesh and revised it per the available timeline. The team also had a sharing meeting with the USAID mission in Bangladesh and a courtesy meeting with the Nepalese Ambassador to Bangladesh Hon Ghanshyam Bhandari at the Nepal Embassy. We also had a meeting with the representative from the SAARC Agriculture Center (SAC) and the IRRI representative of Bangladesh.

- **Advanced Vegetable Breeding Course at National Plant Pathology Center, NARC**

NARC organized this Advanced Vegetable Breeding Course at National Plant Pathology Center inviting the global resource persons Dr Dilip Panthee from North Carolina State University, USA; Dr Derek Barchenger from World Vegetable Center, Taiwan; Dr Rishi Ram Burlakoti, Senior Scientist from Agri Foods Canada together with resource persons from different divisions of NARC Dr Balkrishna Joshi, Dr Bhim Khatri, Dr Umesh Acharya, Dr Surendra Lal Shrestha and Dr Roman Karki. The formal opening program was held in the gracious presence of Honorable Minister Dr Beduram Bhusal, Minister for Agriculture and Livestock Development (MoALD), Prof Dr Kalyani Mishra Tripathi, Chair of Service Commission of Agriculture and Forestry University (AFU), Kristen L Becker, Program Officer representing Management Entity of Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Horticulture and division chiefs from NARC. Pathology Department Chief Dr Suraj Baidhya welcomed the participants and Principal Investigator Dr Ram Khadka shared the overview of the project and the objectives as well as the thorough plan of the event. Field observation inside the greenhouse and the SEAN Seeds was organized as part of the training where

participants got the opportunity to learn the market demand and the trend of seeds marketed by the private sector. On the last day, a panel discussion among the resource persons, researchers, academicians from TU, and ex-scientists was held on the Vegetable breeding strategy for Nepal with the moderation of Dr Tek Gotame. There were 31 participants in the training comprising 16 researchers from different stations of NARC, 6 faculties from different universities (AFU, TU, Madhyapaschim and Sudur Paschim), 5 from the Government of Nepal stations and 4 from private sector (seed companies).

- **Inception of HoPE project in Bangladesh**

The regional hub manager and the project PI Prof. Dr. Kalyani Mishra Tripathi left for the inception workshop of HoPE project at Bangladesh Agriculture University, which is happening on 14 March 2024 at BAU, Mymensingh, Bangladesh.

5. The Enhanced Rural AI (TERAI) Project for Smallholder Dairy Farmers in Nepal funded by JOA/ADRA

The key activities of the project in this period are:

- **ToT on business induction package**

TERAI project organized a five-day Training of Trainers (ToT) Training for the project staffs on Business Induction Package from 5th – 9th November at Hotel Maharaja Resort, Butwal – 11, Kalikanagar.

- **AI training for livestock technicians**

An event of Animal Breeding and Artificial Insemination (AI) Training was organized for livestock technicians from 27th November to 8th December 2023 at the National Livestock Breeding Office, Pokhara. A total of 8 technicians, plus two Livestock Technicians of TERAI Project benefitted from the training in which they learned about the importance of AI in Nepal, different parts of the female reproductive system, the estrous cycle, symptoms of heat, different hormones useful in animal reproduction, selection of bull and buffalo bull for semen collection, reproductive disorders, measures to increase the conception rate, hormonal disorders and their remedies, pedigree performance recording scheme (PPRS) program, estrous synchronization, judicious use of liquid nitrogen and semen, etc.

- **Training to dairy cooperatives**

A training event was organized for the executive members and/or managers of dairy cooperatives from 16th to 19th December 2023 at Hotel Machhapuchchhre, Banganga Municipality - 4, Jitpur,

Kapilvastu. A total of 27 persons from 14 dairy cooperatives participated in the training. The participants of the training learned about the business plan and its preparation. Four groups of training participants drafted business plans for four different cooperatives and shared them with the training facilitator, Mr. Shashi Panthi, for review.

- **Procurement of AI equipment**

Eight sets of AI equipment, which included an AI referee, an AI gun, a packet of AI gloves (100 nos./packet), a packet of AI sheaths (50 nos./packet), a straw cutter, and a thawing monitor were purchased and supported to the participants of Animal Breeding and Artificial Insemination training (12-day). These are supported to them as a start-up package for extension of AI services to the dairy farmers.

In order to strengthen the artificial insemination (AI) facilities and services provided by Livestock Services Sections (LSSs) of local governments, FORWARD Nepal procured AI equipment demanded by the LSSs and handed-over to them.

S . N .	Name of the Equipment	Sain a-mai na Mun	Kanch an R. Mun	Banga nga Mun.	Budd ha-bhum i Mun.
1	AI Refree (1.75 Liter)	5	3	4	3
2	AI Gun (Universal)	5	3	4	10
3	Visual/Digital AI Gun	0	1	1	0
4	Estrous/Heat Detector	1	0	1	0
5	Mother Refree (10 Liter)	1	0	0	1
6	Thaw Monitor Card	0	10	0	0
7	Liquid Nitrogen Container (35 Liter)	0	0	0	3
8	Liquid Nitrogen Container (50 Liter)	0	0	2	0

6. Resilient ecosystems (Climate Change Addressing Interventions) -Riverbed Farming funded by USAID's Tayar Nepal

FORWARD Nepal is implementing riverbed farming under the grant support of USAID's Tayar Nepal in Rajapur, Lamkichuha, and Godawari Municipalities as an economic resilience activity for poor and vulnerable people affected by floods. The project activities started on February 1, 2024, and will continue till August 2024. During this period, the project completed the following program activities:

- **Inception meeting with respective local government (Municipalities)**

FORWARD Nepal organized three inception meeting events at Godawari and Lamkichuha municipalities of Kailali district and Rajapur Municipality of Bardiya district. The representatives from the local government (Municipality), CAO, government official representatives (Agriculture section, disaster management section, female children and senior citizen section, planning section, IT section, market management committee representatives, journalists, beneficiaries, USAID Tayar Nepal representatives actively participated during the Inception meeting. A total of 59 participants participated in three inception meetings conducted at Godawari, Rajapur, and Lamkichuha Municipalities, respectively.

- **Profiling/ reactivating/ establishment of the riverbed farmer groups (FGs), selecting the suitable groups for support**

Till mid-March, FORWARD Nepal has formed a total of 18 Riverbed Farming groups in the Rajapur, Godawari, and Lamkichuha Municipalities. There are 7, 6, and 5 farmer groups in Lamkichuha, Godawari, and Rajapur municipalities making a total of 338 beneficiaries (38 Male and 300 Female), respectively. The ethnic groups from farmer groups comprise 38 farmers from Dalit, 11 from Muslim, 40 from Brahmin and Chhetri, 245 from Janjati, 1 from Newar, and 3 from other ethnic groups.

- **Introduction to climate-resilient technologies and riverbed management**

The 18 farmer groups of Lamkichuha, Godawari, and Rajapur Municipalities are supported with vegetables (cucumber, pumpkin, bottle gourd, bitter gourd) and watermelon seeds. Out of 18 FGs, seven farmer groups are formed in ward number 6 and 10 of Lamkichuha Municipality, six FGs in ward number 8, 9, and 10 of Godawari Municipality, and five FGs in wards number 3, 5, and 10 of Rajapur Municipality.

After the formation of farmer groups, the groups were provided with group formation and management orientation, and at the same time, they were asked to

prepare the land for cultivation by allocating land size for each member. Direct seed sowing into the river bed and nursery raising in the poly pot were also practiced by all 18 groups in order to adjust to the changing weather and cropping pattern. The seedling produced in the nursery was then shifted to the main field where the seedling was damaged by insects or not germinated.

Training/Workshop/Meeting

- Krishna Prasad Sapkota on behalf of FORWARD Nepal participated the event of sharing results of University of California Davis students who came Nepal on an excursion program of 2 weeks organized by Hands-on Institute on 2nd January 2024 at Shangrila Blue Hotel. The students from UC Davis together with some Nepali students shared their plan of recommendation there.
- Dr. Bishnu Kumar Bishwakarma and Krishna Prasad Sapkota participated in and presented at the International Conference organized by Gandaki University on the theme Empowering Excellence: Global Collaboration in Research and Academia at Hotel Jal Mahal, Pokhara from 3-5 January 2024.
- Krishna Sapkota participated a national consultation workshop on Digital Marketing of Agricultural Commodities organized by South Asian Institute of Advanced Research and Studies (SIAS) on 28 February 2024 at Yalamaya Garden, Patan. The prospects of digital finance, digital divide, innovations in agribusiness together with the emerge of digital Nepal framework was discussed.

Staffing

- Ms Sudha Baniya and Ms Subhika Pradhan, field officers of YUVA left the organization from December 2023. Mr Bamdev Regmi and Ms Bandana Sharma joined the YUVA project as field officers in Buddhabhumi municipality and Tulsipur SMC from January 2 and 17 respectively.
- Mr Ravi Prakash Rauniyar was appointed for the position of Project Coordinator based at Lamkichuha in the riverbed farming project effective from February 9.
- Mr Pramod Shah, Mr Chhallu Chaudhary, and Ms Nirmala Kumari Budha were appointed as field technicians for Rajapur, Lamkichuha and Godawari municipalities for the riverbed farming project from February 2, 6, and 9 respectively.
- Mr Madhu Poudel, Program Officer (Agriculture and Livelihood) resigned from his position at the Food System Project in Kapilvastu from February 12, 2024.
- Mr Nagendra Bastakoti joined the YUVA project as PhD scholar from February 14, 2024.
- Ms Mahima Dahit joined the riverbed farming project as volunteer from March 4, 2024.

Visitors:

- On November 26, 2023, a team from Muktinath Krishi company Ltd. including Mr, Ram Sharan Timsina, Asst. CEO, Mr Sagar Pandey, Research Head, and Mr Anoj Adhikari, Regional Manager, paid a visit to FORWARD Nepal central office to discuss on potential partnership between two institutions.
- On December 30, 2023, Mr Mohan Singh Sunar from Stromme Foundation visited FORWARD Nepal central office for organizational assessment.
- On March 2, 2023, Krishten L Becker, Program Officer representing Management Entity of Feed the Future Innovation lab for Horticulture visited FORWARD Nepal office to meet the team of FORWARD Nepal and discuss on the ongoing projects of HIL in South Asia.

Upcoming institutional major events:

- Annual Review and Planning workshop of YUVA project
- Annual meeting of Innovation Lab for Horticulture
- Annual Review and Planning Workshop of Food System project
- Annual General Meeting of the organization
- Strategic program planning 2024-2028.
- IT system strengthening.
- Update institutional policies

Some Glimpses



Project Agreement signed between Social Welfare Council and WHH for implementing food system project being implemented by FORWARD Nepal and KSSC in Kapilvastu. PC:WHH



Field Technician of riverbed farming project Ms Nirmala Kumari Budha sharing about the importance of riverbed farming in group. PC: Ravi Rauniyar



Official visit of Kristen L Becker, Program Officer representing Management Entity of Feed the Future Innovation lab for Horticulture to FORWARD Nepal central office. PC: Ram Dayal Tharu



Training on Nutritional Garden establishment and maintenance to the farmers in Kapilvastu under food system project. PC: Binod Pokharel



Training to dairy cooperatives on business plan preparation under TERAJ project. PC: Subhash Chaudhary



Drama on nutrition related theme on Food and Nutrition Fair 2023' in Rajghad Municipality under Nutrition Smart Community project



YUVA project research farmers in Tulsipur Sub-metropolitan city transplanting tomato seedlings in their field. PC: Bandana Adhikari