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Current Update at Glance

This is the sixth issue of FORWARD Nepal's Bulletin covering from Shrawan 2072 to Ashoj 2072 (Mid July to Mid October 2015). Apart from implementation of regular project activities, two new projects have been initiated from SAMARTH/NMDP funding. The project is related to post recovery support for earthquake victim of selected 600 households of Makwanpur district through construction of livestock sheds and construction of community food grain and seed storage banks in selected five VDCs. Besides, we have raised the fund as contribution from Hiroshima University (HU), District Education Office, Chitwan, Rotary Club of Bharatpur and FORWARD Nepal for the renovation of school building at Lotanti of Siddhi VDC in Chitwan. At the same period 19th FORWARD DAY was celebrated on 1st September 2015 through organization of various programs in FORWARD Nepal's Head office and honoring the elderly people living in Devghatdham, Tanahun.

Major Activities during the period

1. Awareness on disaster reduction was created among beneficiaries of 4CA project In Morang and Sunsari district beneficiaries through mobilization of Local Resource Team (LRT), peer education and preparation of IEC Materials for wider distribution in future.
2. Various meetings involving LDMC members, Child Club members and other communities were organized in Morang and Sunsari district to develop and implement locally appropriate climate smart solutions that incorporate and demonstrate the 4CA model.
3. Adaption and Mitigation Measures including construction of reservation tank for provision of drinking water in school, promotion of improved cooking stoves and construction of culvert over Ramrikhola has been completed in Morang district.
4. Advocacy for the inclusion of best practices and learning from 4CA program approach in local, district and/or national government processes

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- was accomplished through publication of wall magazine and Preparation of Case Study.
5. 80 group level trainings on nutrition awareness, entrepreneurship development, and participatory Guarantee System and organic farming standards were conducted in Siddhi and Shaktikhor VDCs under Green Economy Project.
 6. SWOT analysis of two market centers namely Amalachuli and Tindovan collection centers and three cooperatives namely Dairy, Praja and Amalachuli cooperatives was carried out under Green Economy Project.
 7. A farmer's group interaction program and exposure visit was organized on 25 September 2015 to exchange the ideas, experience, and learnings in interactive way within and between the farmers' group. Altogether forty six farmers from four farmers group participated in the program and visited Dogara-1 and Gairibari-4 of Shaktikhor VDC.
 8. A household level baseline survey was carried out with 28 HHHs of Bee Keeping Project covering five villages in Siddhi VDC to collect baseline information at household level regarding demographic, socio-economic and livelihood status.
 9. Training on beekeeping (production level) was organized from 6th-8th October 2015 for 28 farmers of Siddhi VDC. A beehive consisting of 6 frames with bee colony, feeder, bee wax, and a beehive stand was provided to trainees.
 10. Business plans for new and existing forest-based enterprises have been prepared in Doti & Bajura Districts.
 11. Three Improved Cooking Stove (ICS) Masters have been developed and 177 ICSs installed in Gairagaun VDC of Doti district in collaboration with DAYS, RDSC, AEPC and Gairagaun VDC.

12. A Total of 123 Local Forestry User Groups have been providing social mobilization on group mobilization, enterprise development, job creational activities, inventory preparation etc.
13. A total of 5,047 seedlings- Bamboo, Olive, Tejpat, Rittha etc have been planted in 4.5 hectares of land in 4 local forests, VDC offices and schools.
14. A total of 1,923 (Poor-1593, DAGs-828, discriminated -1011 and women/women headed household-887) have been provided livelihood support such as awareness, training and material support for income generating activities until 15th July, 2015.
15. Private sectors were involved in different forest-based enterprises as 7 local entrepreneurs in Lokta based enterprise, 2 local entrepreneurs in Allo based enterprises, 1 group in Shitake Mushroom Production, 5 local entrepreneurs and one cooperatives in Sisnu processing enterprise, 3 resin company in Resin collection and 3 CFUGs in Duna Tapari.
16. Seven new enterprises established and 11 existing enterprises strengthened. Nine new enterprises are in the process of registration.
17. Conducted 10 PMCA workshops and establishing markets for the products.
18. MSFP Project Supported 68 LFGs on good governance, group dynamics, leadership development, women empowerment and financial management and bookkeeping.
19. Training on Sustainable Lokta harvesting training, Social Mobilization and Good Governance, Olive Training and Propagating, Olive Collection and Seed Processing and Skilled Development were organized in Doti & Bajura Districts.
20. HES project supported 165 households by vegetable seeds - Cauliflower, Cabbage, Chilly, Broad leaf mustard, Tomato including micro-nutrients and pesticides for commercial production.
21. Coordination Meeting of HES project was held at Morang on 11th October 2015. Altogether 27 participants including Regional Director of Agriculture, Plan Nepal, Morang Program, DADO, DLSO, DDC, DPAC and leader farmers attended the meeting. In the workshop, approved and allocated budget from Plan Nepal was discussed among the different stakeholders and leader farmers. DADO

- Morang has approved NRs 200,000 for promotion of community fishery in Babiyabirta as joint program with HES. Another Fish Mission program of NRs.1,000,000 is being implemented by DADO Morang for livelihood enhancement of the poor in HES project VDCs. Similarly DADO has allocated Budget for implementation of micro-irrigation project in Letang VDC in collaboration with HES project.
22. Training on Mushroom Cultivation was conducted in 2 VDCs of Morang district. Altogether 40 participants participated the training.
 23. Twelve teachers of Shree Sarashwoti H.S.S., Baijapur, Shree Laxmi H.S.S and Kachanapur, Shree Bhagwati H.S., Titiheria were trained on climate change. Training was focused on needs of integration of climate change and Yearly Activities planning. All the participants actively participated the training and committed to include climate change in school curriculum
 24. Project stakeholder's workshop on Rice-Lentil System was organized in Dang, Banke, Bardiya and Kailali Districts to inform stakeholders on the project status. Group level training on cultivation of climate resilient rice varieties were organized among 1,000 farmers organized into 100 groups in the four project districts.
 25. Eighty demonstrations on climate resilient rice varieties have been established in Dang, Banke, Bardiya and Kailali District
 26. Rice seed production training for seed producer groups of Dang, Banke, Bardiya and Kailali District was organized at Khajura, Banke in collaboration with GATE Nepal.
 27. Hundred Rice field experiments comparing Nutrient Expert (NE⁺) dose of fertilizer, Government recommended dose (GR) and farmers practice (FP) have been established in four VDCs of Jhapa & Morang district.
 28. Local NGO's JJYC from Bara, RDC from Rautahat, Chetana from Sarlahi and CDFAN from Mahottari were selected for the implementation of ELIVES project.
 29. ELIVES project inception meeting was held at FORWARD Nepal from 28th- 30th September 2015. Operating agreement was signed between FORWARD Nepal and Local NGO's of respective districts.

30. Scoping study on post-earthquake recovery involving 684 households of five VDCs of on Makwanpur District was conducted for the selection of households for construction of livestock sheds.
31. Trainings on plastic mulching at Surkhet, preparation of Herbal Steam at Chitwan and preparation of Wood Vinegar at Banke were organized for beneficiaries of AgLEARN project.

Staffing

1. Mr. Sanjaya Sharma has been appointed as Overseer from 20th Sept 2015 for Livestock Shed Construction project.
2. Mr. Samir Sharma Joined FORWARD from 1st October 2015 and assigned to ELIVES project.
3. Mr. Shambhu Chaudhary has been appointed as Field Officer from 15th September for HES project in Morang district.
4. Mr. Laya Prasad Subedi has been appointed as Area Programme Manager from 28th Sept 2015 for MSFP project.
5. Dr. Nirmal Katuwal has been appointed as Project Coordinator from 1st October 2015 for ELIVES Project.
6. Mr. Sudarshan Bista has been appointed as Project Officer from 27th September 2015 for IPNI Project.
7. Mr. Prem Bahadur Chaudhary has been appointed as Field Technician from 1st October 2015 for KISAN project and will be based in Dang district.
8. Dr. Saroj Chaudhary, Project Coordinator of ILRI project has resigned from the post with effective from 6th September 2015.
9. Mr. Umesh Kattel, Field Technician of KISAN project has resigned from the post with effective from 31st August 2015.

News

19th FORWARD DAY was celebrated on 1st September 2015 through organization of various programs. The auspicious event was inaugurated by FORWARD Nepal's Chairperson Prof. Dr. Nabaraj Devkota by lighting the lamp on traditional PANUS followed by sprinkling water on the flower pots and cutting BIRTH DAY CAKE and its distribution. Founder Members, Board members, Members and staff members were present in the

ceremony. As in the past, Message of Chairperson and Executive Director was delivered in this occasion.

On the same day, joint free meals program was organized for elderly people living in Devghatdham, Tanahun in the chairmanship of Prof. Dr. Naba Raj Devkota, Chairperson of FORWARD Nepal. Around 34 elderly people, members of Devghatdham Region Development Committee (DRDC), its staff members, and FORWARD family participated in the joint meal program. About 60 participants attended this event. Brief introduction of FORWARD Nepal was shared by FORWARD Nepal's Executive Director, Mr. Netra Pratap Sen. Likewise; the activities of Devghatdham Region Development Committee were highlighted by Mr. Jay Krishna Sharma Subedi, Executive Director of DRDC, while Chairperson of DRDC Mr. Shailendra Kumar Piya thanked FORWARD for organization of the important event in honor of the elderly people. In this program, Chairperson of FORWARD Nepal handover NRs 7,000 to DRDC treasury fund as continuation of annual donation. This program was followed by plantation of tree saplings (gap feeling) and observation of plants which were planted by FORWARD Nepal in the premises of Manimukundeshwor Park at Devghatdham in the previous years. Chairperson, Executive Director of FORWARD Nepal and DRDC members and staff members of the FORWARD Nepal were involved in planting tree saplings and field visit.

Training & workshop

1. Project Coordinator, Mr. Bed Prasad Bhurtel participated in orientation meeting on new quarterly report format of Plan International Nepal in Plan PU Sunsari in 28th September, 2015.
2. Monitoring and Evaluation Officer, Mr. Anup Adhikari participated on Annual Progress Review Workshop in Dhangadhi, Kailali organized by Far-western Forest Directorate on 16th August, 2015.
3. Mr. Anup Adhikari participated on Results-Based Management training organized by South Asia School of Rural Reconstruction (SARR) in Kathmandu on August 21st - 25th, 2015.
4. Mr. Ram Dayal Tharu participated on Welthungerhilfe (WHH) Finance Training organized by WHH Country Office Nepal in Kathmandu on 24th - 25th September 2015.

- Field Officers Mr. Roshan Paudel & Mrs. Rajani Sapkota participated in the DIG preparation meeting held in September 6th - 11th September 2015 at ADRA Nepal, Kathmandu.

Upcoming major events

- Studies on value chain analysis of the selected products (turmeric, ginger, honey, legumes, etc.) under Green Economy Project.
- Value addition trainings, workshop on Participatory Market Chain Analysis (PMCA) of the organic products under Green Economy Project.
- Training on the manufacturing of beehives and wax combs, marketing strategies for the different products level, processing, branding and storage of bee products including knowledge on the medical use will be organized for households of Siddhi VDC under Bee Keeping Project.
- End-line survey and field monitoring will be conducted under Vegetable seed distribution Project.
- Value chain workshop of lentil in Banke, Bardia, Dang and Kailali districts
- Lentil seed production training for lentil seed growers in Banke, Bardia, Dang and Kailali districts
- Learning/Excursion visit of AgLEARN beneficiary farmers and project staff to AIT Bangkok, Thailand
- Construction/completion of livestock sheds, and seed and grain storage facilities in Makwanpur district.
- Documentation of AgLEARN project success cases.
- Publication of Annual Report 2071/72.
- External Audit of FORWARD Nepal's Core and Project funds for 2071/72.
- 19th Annual General Assembly & 9th Convention of FORWARD Nepal.



Celebrated 19th FORWARD Day with elderly people living in Devghatdham, Tanahun



Nepali handmade paper making from Lokta, Bajura



School children passing through culvert which was constructed under 4CA project