

**Project:** Capacity Building of Local Partners in Implementing On-Farm Resource Management for Improving the Livelihoods of SLOW Group

**Project area:** Surkhet and Dailekh Districts

**Project Period:** January-December 2008

**Target group:** *Immediate target group:* Local partners: Everest Club, SADO and RDSC and 178 farmer's groups

*Ultimate target group:* 3356 Small and landless households, occupational castes and women (SLOW) group including Janjati

**Partners:** Linking Local Initiatives to New Know-how (LLINK)/ Helvetas Nepal, Surkhet

**Project goal:** To improve livelihood of small and landless households, occupational castes, women group including Janajati (SLOW) through development and promotion of on-farm resource management options.

### Key activities and Implementation modalities

Three local partners, in coordination with line agencies and in support of FORWARD implemented the interventions to improve food and nutritional security as well as income of SLOW group including Janajati in Dailekh. Technical competency and local capacity building of local partners and their staff was the major area of focus in FORWARD's interventions.

The main activities were promotion of on-farm resource management options; production of vegetable seed; cereal and Legumes production and promotion, market networking, and strengthening capacity of the local partners.

### Major Achievements

- Received knowledge and skill through training as
  - 18 staff and board members of local partners on strategies with data management and vegetable seed production, Participatory Program Planning and Monitoring;
  - 9 technicians on fresh vegetable & vegetable seed production;
  - 9 field technicians on sustainable soil management and Integrated Pest Management (IPM); and
  - 12 field technicians and Agro vets on production and promotion of cereal crops
  - 9 group members on vegetable and its seed production and IPM
  - 14 Lead Farmers and Local Resource Persons on IPM and vegetable seed production
- 59 income generating group managed vegetable production demonstrations employing participatory research and development approaches
- 172 farmers prepared group level fresh vegetables production plan

### Outcome/Impact

SLOW groups improved their livelihoods, as 786 farmers produced 765.36 MT of fresh vegetables and earned NRs. 8,436,220 by selling; 265 farmers produced 36.17 Qtl vegetable seed and earned NRs. 270,580 by selling, 194 farmers produced 38499 Kg. of Maize and improved wheat and 164 farmers produced 2338 Kg. of legume crops. Transaction of agricultural products reached 1630.4 MT worth of NRs. 21,121,400 in a year; it was Nrs.19, 344,350 in 2007.

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