

Project:	Multi Stakeholder Forestry Programme (MSFP): Forest-Based Enterprise Promotion in Bajura and Doti Districts
Project area:	Bajura and Doti districts
Project Period:	November 14, 2014 - July 15, 2016
Target group:	<i>Immediate target group:</i> 100 C/LFUGs; 22 Agriculture, Forest and Environment Committee (AFEC) <i>Ultimate target group:</i> 11,696 households of LFUGs including DAG, poor, discriminated and women
Partners:	Rural Development Center (RDC Nepal)- Doti, Malika Integrated Social Service (MISS)- Bajura
Project goal:	To develop and strengthen the forest-based enterprises and create employment opportunity for the economically poor, disadvantaged and socially excluded groups

Key activities and implementation modalities

The programme was implemented by FORWARD in lead with consortium partners RDC Nepal, Doti and MISS-Bajura and in coordination with District Forest Sector Coordination Committee (DFSCC), FECOFUN, FNCCI, Jadibuti Association, DFO, DADO, District Office of Cottage Industry and local political bodies. The project devised a value chain development approach and focused on private sector involvement and investment in the promotion of the new and existing forest-based enterprises.

The main activities include capacity building activities as record keeping and financial management trainings, sustainable forest management, good governance workshops, skill development and orientation programs, Participatory Market Chain Analysis (PMCA) workshops on different enterprises, establishment of new enterprises and strengthening of existing enterprises

Major Achievements

- Formed 22 Agriculture, Forestry and Environment Committee (AFECs)
- Organized 9 events of social audit and 72 Good Governance workshops
- Developed skills of 102 LFUG members in book-keeping and financial management
- Produced 500 olive plants and planted 11,141 seedlings of tree species contributing to rural livelihoods and community resilience
- Protected 16 hectares of land and contributed in managing sustainable forest management
- Installed 477 Improved Cooking Stoves
- Operation of Dhatelo oil extraction plant by an entrepreneur and a MAP processing plant by a Cooperative
- Sustainable harvesting of Nigalo by 40 individuals,
- Registration of 6 beekeeper's groups in DADO
- Established 9 new and strengthened 7 existing forest based enterprises
- Developed skills of 35 members of LFUGs on Olive and Timur nursery
- Developed three masters of Improved Cooking Stove (ICS)
- 304 peoples engaged in jobs satisfying MSFP's criteria and 3,100 in income generation activities from forest based products

Outcome/Impact

The MSFP has considerable impacts in the promotion of forest-based enterprises and creation of jobs in Bajura and Doti. The forest-based enterprises have been providing jobs to the local communities, particularly poor and disadvantaged groups.
