

**Project:** Testing of Social Analysis System (SAS) tools

**Project area:** Makwanpur, Siraha and Chitwan

**Project Period:** December 2005 to April 2007

**Target group:** *Immediate target group:* Stakeholders working mostly on agriculture and natural resource management (NRM)

*Ultimate target group:* Farmers and target beneficiaries of the projects related to agriculture & NRM.

**Partners:** Local Initiative for Biodiversity and Development (LI-BIRD)

**Project goal:** To disseminate SAS tools and techniques that already validated by FORWARD and LI-BIRD

#### Key activities and Implementation modalities

FORWARD in collaboration with LI-BIRD tested some tools of SAS both in the farmer's level and with stakeholders in district-level focusing on agriculture and NRM interventions implemented by FORWARD in Nepal.

The main activities were organizing workshops in Makawanpur, Lahan and Bharatpur for the validation of tools such as stakeholder identification and analysis, input-output analysis, activity dynamics, level of support, ranking, etc.

#### Major Achievements

- Organized three workshops
  - In Makwanpur, participating 45 professionals from different organizations gained knowledge and skill on use of tools as stakeholders' analysis, level of support and input-output analysis.
  - In Lahan (Siraha), participating 40 professionals including 15 farmers from Siraha and Saptari districts acquired knowledge and skill on use of "Ranking" tool.
  - In Bharatpur (Chitwan), participating 20 professionals from different organizations gained knowledge and skill on use of "construct analysis", "stakeholders' analysis" and "information flow" tools.

#### Impact

Participants realized that "Classifying stakeholders" tools would be helpful in designing proper combination of staff by maintaining high level of agreement among the stakeholders. The information generated from the use of "Ranking" tools will be used in up-coming variety release proposal of two promising chickpea varieties. Information flow technique demonstrated how an organization can provide information to other organization and vice versa. This would help in improving project activities in an effective way.

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