



# **Demonstration of Sustainable Forest Management with Community Participation in Nepal**

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# Goal and Objectives



- Goal : To promote participatory forest management to improve the livelihood of forest dependent poor people.
- **To develop and implement the criteria and indicators of sustainable forest management and good governance in community forestry.**
  - To improve the livelihood of forest depend poor people through community forest base enterprise and green jobs.
  - **To document the best practices from the piloting and dissemination to influences the policy to support the sustainable forest management and promotion of community forest enterprises.**
  - To develop the human resources to support the sustainable forest management, livelihood improvement, community based forest enterprises and green jobs.



# Project Output



- Conceptualized sustainable forest management and good governance in 104 CFUGs covering 28,622 Ha managed by 25,422 Households (now processing on revision of constitution and FOPs)
- Increased involvement of women and other minority groups in decision making and improvement of transparency and accountability within CFUGs
- Enhanced capacity of local resource persons and community leaders (9716 males and 5735 females have participated)
- Increased coordination and collaboration among multi-stakeholders (e.g. basket fund for enterprise development)
- 11 enterprises in the process of registration with preparation of business plans



# Forest Based Enterprises



SN	Enterprise	District
1	Handmade Paper processing	Baitadi, Cluster-1
2	Allo ( <i>Giardiana diversifolia</i> ) Processing	Bajhang, Cluster-1
3	Furniture enterprises	Dadeldhura, Cluster-1
4	Community Saw mill	Rolpa, Cluster-2
5	Community Saw mill	Dang, Cluster-2
6	Bio-Briquette	Kathmandu, Cluster-3
7	Community Saw mill	Sindhuli, Cluster-3
8	Community Saw mill	Dolakha, Cluster 3
9	NTFPs Cultivation and Processing	Sunsari, Cluster-4
10	Bamboo Cultivation and Handicraft Making	Morang, Cluster- 4
11	Bio-Briquette Production	Dolakha, Cluster 3

Note: Other districts will establish enterprises next year



# Recommendations of Mid-Term Evaluation



- **Community and forestry development:** Further support is needed in terms of forest development
- **Enterprise establishment and local community livelihoods:** More financial support is needed to communities
- **Project activities adjustment:** Clarification of the project theme and objective – SFM
- **Budget adjustment :** Revise the budget to concentrate on some activities.



# Recommendations (contd.)



- **Communication, coordination and publicity:** More stakeholders participation is advised such as Academic institutions, enhance project publicity with sign boards and hoarding boards.
- **Future strategy:** More technical input to communities, more exposure visit, additional activities to include forest rehabilitation and reduction of deforestation/degradation, policy study is needed



# Upcoming Activities



- Establishment of 5 Demonstration Site piloting the criteria and indicators of sustainable forest management demonstrating multiple function use of forest
- Develop innovative Forest Operational Plans of the Demonstration Site community forest user groups
- Continue support for establishment of enterprises / cooperatives and in governance activities
- Develop materials and document best practices / lessons learned
- Conduct knowledge dissemination seminar on best practices and lessons learnt



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