NEPAL FEDERATION OF SAVING AND CREDIT CO-OPERATIVES UNIONS LTD. [NEFSCUN]



Micro Finance Program

Technical Assistance



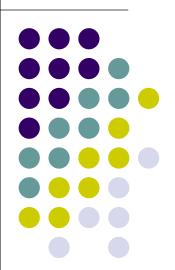


Starting Date

August 2001

Target Group

Rural women having no access on formal financial institutions system



Key achievements:

Outreach: 9 out of 75 districts of Nepal

No of participating SACCOS: 71

No of self help groups: 1595

Members 14946

Savings collection: 2.4 Million

Loan Mobilization: 3.12 Million

Trainings on Skill Development: 796



Further Initiatives:



Chitwan Business Development Center



What is the BDC?



The BDC is an initiative of NEFSCUN and was started to support business development of women entrepreneurs. Up to now it has provided technical skill & business trainings as well as a sales outlet for members' products in Bharatpur, Chitwan.

The BDC shop



Mission & vision

Mission:

to provide marketing support including market

linkages, sale of products, capacity building and

assistance in production of handmade products

to women entrepreneurs.

Vision:

to become a model organization in the field of

business development support for credit union

members (women) of local communities in Nepal.



BDC products



Products



- Bamboo products: picture frames, pen holders, clock;
- Hand painted linens with flower motif: bed sheets, bed skirt, pillow cases, sofa & TV cover;
- Woven baskets (dakiya) and doormats made ofjungle grass, corn leaves;
- Woven items: waist and shoulder fabric (lungi, pachora), hand bags, scarves, shawls, belts;
- Framed flower arrangements/art work;

Products



- Honey, achar (pickles) and dalmoth;
- Ladies & children clothing: dresses, shirts, traditional suits;
- Dhaka covers, handkerchiefs, baby slippers, waist coats;
- Incense, candles, cotton wick, liquid soap;
- Men's traditional hats (topi), cap, gloves, winter hats;
- Gift items: stuffed animals, figurines, key rings, wallets;

Services



- Marketing support
- Sale of members' products
- Training (skill & business)
- NEFSCUN extension sale of stationary
- Production assistance
- Networking coordination

Training

Business: selling, accounting, being an entrepreneur, marketing, entrepreneurship development, microenterprise creation, business management, etc.

Technical skills: Mushroom, achar, honey, snacks, fabric weaving, basket/mat weaving, sewing, hair cutting, photography, Incense, embroidery,



Marketing

- Promotion of members' products
- Networking with craft organizations
- Market studies on potential products
- Market linkages with buyers



Production

- Input supplies (raw materials)
- Managing quality of products
- Product transformation
- Packaging
- Product development (design)



Key strategies



- Move location of shop & improve display of products
- Hire a full-time marketing staff
- Develop new quality product (s)
- Generate independent revenues
- Set up local management committee
- Training needs assessment & planning
- Establish quality control system

Ideas for model products



- Hand-painted T-Shirts
- Knitted wear (wool)
- Gift boxes made of weaved jungle grass with shawl inside & incense
- Handmade dolls

How to get involved



- By participating in our trainings and learning new skills
- By joining one of our SACCOS
- By producing handmade crafts which can be marketed by BDC
- By purchasing BDC products
- By telling friends and family about BDC



Please join us and participate in the BDC!

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Thank You!