

Project Name: Project on Peace building through Agriculture Service Delivery
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Project Summary

The Project focused to support farmer's groups to construct and manage micro-irrigation facilities at the local level in Dolokha and Sindhuli districts.

Objectives

The project consisted of four major tasks to ensure peace building through community peace building and improved small-scale agricultural infrastructures. Specific Project Objectives/Tasks were:

- To construct small-scale agricultural infrastructure (small irrigation).
- To train DADO officers on conflict sensitive approach.
- To conduct public meeting or sensitization on community peace building for farmers.

A total of 41 micro-irrigation projects (10 each in Dolokha, Lalitupu and Ramechap and 11 in Sindhuli district) were built by the farmers groups with technical and financial inputs of the project in collaboration with District Agriculture Office.

Profiles of the projects show that support to small irrigation has made direct benefit to a total of 1585 households. Similarly, these households have irrigated a total of 7000 ropani (350 ha) of land. Of the total land area irrigated, nearly two-third is the rainfed upland. And most of the farmers of the project are women. The project provided technical backstopping and developed in farmer built and owned micro-irrigation facilities. In building support to micro-irrigation projects, the project provided governance, skills to mediate disputes and community peace building.

Detailed Description of the Actual Services provided

- Facilitating engagement between District Agriculture Office and farmer groups for appropriate resource allocation and effective implementation.
- Building both supply side and demand side capacity, ensuring transparency, accountability and ownership at the local level.
- All the 41 events community/ public meetings were accomplished in the respective project VDCs.
- Farmers were aware on community peace building, community mediation process, group governance, duties and responsibilities of right holders and right bearers etc.
- 41 small-scale agricultural infrastructures (small-scale irrigation construction) were constructed to promote agricultural production.
- DADO officers gained knowledge on conflict sensitive approach to agriculture service delivery.



Farmers of Ratanchura, Sindhuli have benefited a lot for their vegetable and fruit nursery



A Reservoir constructed by the Project in Dolokha

- Small farmer groups were found capable of collecting cash-fund.
- Support to small irrigation scheme has provided direct benefit to a total of 1585 households and 41 small farmer groups.
- Support to these households has irrigated a total of 7000 ropani (350) of land.
- Farmer's incomes are increased to grow seasonal and off-seasonal vegetables.