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ACRONYMS

ALC	-	Adult Literacy Class
ADB/N	-	Agricultural Development Bank/ Nepal
BOG	-	Basic Operational Guidelines
CF	-	Community Forestry
CDA	-	Community Development Activity
CFUGC	-	Community Forest User Group's Committee
CBS	-	Central Bureau of Statistic
DDC	-	District Development Committee
DSCP	-	Deprived Sector Credit Program
EC	-	Executive Committee
FAO	-	Food and Agriculture organization
GA	-	General Assembly
GM	-	Group Member
Ha	-	Hectare
HH/hh	-	Household
HMGN	-	His Majesty Government Nepal
IGA	-	Income Generating Activities
IDP	-	Institutional Development Process
Kms	-	Kilometers
MF	-	Micro Finance
MDGs	-	Millennium Development Goals
MOLD	-	Ministry of Local Development
NGO	-	Non- Governmental Organizations
NPC	-	National Planning Commission
NCDB	-	National Cooperative Development Bank
OG	-	Operational Guidelines
PRSP	-	Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper
PCRW	-	Production Credit for Rural Women
PAPWT	-	Poverty Alleviation Project for Western Terai
PCRW	-	Production Credit for Rural Women
SF	-	Small Farmers

SFDP	-	Small Farmers Development Project
SFCL	-	Small Farmers Co- operatives Limited
SPO	-	Sub Project Office
UN	-	United Nations
UNDP	-	United Nations Development Project
UNICEF	-	United Nations Children's Fund
UNIFEM	-	United Nations Development Fund for Women
VDC	-	Village Development Committee
WG	-	Women Group
WGO	-	Women Group Organizer

ABSTRACT

The study entitled “**Assessing The Role of Small Farmers Co-operative Limited (SFCL) in the Economic life of Rural Women**” was carried out 50 woman group members of SFCL, Chhatreredurali, Dhading district with an aim

- to analysis the economic changes after implementation of SFDP/SFCL women
- To find out the result and changes after formation of woman group under the SFCL policy
- To explore whether they have property right
- To analyze the inclusive representation of women in decision making form

To find out participation of women and poor in decision making of community forest management and information sharing mechanisms and their effectiveness. For getting household information, a set of questionnaire was built and used for interviewing randomly selected 148 respondents. Chi-square test of independence, weighted mean of Likert scale and percentage were mainly used for the analysis purposes. The study findings show that the representation in executive committee from poor is very low, however the representation of women in the committee is found to be satisfactory. Presence of poor and women in meeting and assembly is lower than that of non poor and male respondents. For the dissemination purpose public notice, hamlet (*tole*) meeting, letter to individual and home to home visit and a combination of two methods are used. Educated people mostly use public notice but illiterate use home to home visit. Economic wellbeing and sex of the respondents do not show differences in the practice of these methods. The number of poor and women in executive body should be proportional to the total household and population so that inclusion in the sense of leadership development may be possible. Making *tole* level subcommittee to transfer information related to community forest management would be useful. Study related to why some ethnic and lower caste peoples residing near the forest are excluded from the community forest user group and how poor, women and excluded groups could be involved more in decision making should be carried out.

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