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ABSTRACT

A thesis entitled "**Livelihood Strategy of Limbu Community: A Case Study of Furumbu VDC, Taplejung District**". The main objective of the study is to know the livelihood condition of Limbu community of Furumbu VDC of Taplejung District. This research has been quantitative and qualitative by nature. My study has been focused both the primary and secondary data. 40 households has been taken as sample by using purposive random sampling method. All the households has been taken for the purpose of the study.

This research has been quantitative and qualitative by nature. My study has been focused both the primary and secondary data. The primary has been collected using questionnaire from each selected households, field observation, interview etc. The household details, according to questionnaire has been collected through the direct contact with Limbu people. Whereas secondary has been taken from various reports, books, journals publishing different institutions, websites and various seminars report journals and documents of Nepal. There are about 52 households of Limbus in this wards no 6, out of which, 40 households has been taken as sample by using purposive random sampling method. All the households has been taken for the purpose of the study.

This research primarily focuses on effect of globalization and modernization in Limbu society. 80 percent Limbu's were dependent on agriculture 10 years ago but now it has declined to 57.5 percent of the total population of respondent. The percent of Limbu 's dependent on business was 5 percent 10 years ago but now this percent increase 15 percent. In 10 years ago only 2.5 percent were office job but now this percent has increased to 5 and no Limbu 's 12.5 percent foreign job 10 years ago but now it is 22.5 percent. In 10 years the occupation of Limbu 's have gradually developed. But in general we can

say that most of the Limbu 's are still dependent on agriculture, which is their traditional occupation. It seems that Limbu 's due to poor socioeconomic status, they have not been able to imitate the others sources brought about has undergone employment.

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ABBREVIATIONS

BS	-	Bikram Sambat
CBO	-	Community Based Organization
CBS	-	Central Bureau of Statistics
DADO	-	District Agriculture Development Office
DDC	-	District Development Committee
DFO	-	District Forest Office
DIO	-	District Irrigation Office
DVO	-	District Veterinary Office
GO	-	Government Office
HH	-	Household
HSS	-	Household Survey Schedule
INGO	-	International Non-Government Organization
M	-	Meter
NGO	-	Non-Government Organization
SAC	-	Social Awareness Center
SCDP	-	Sustainable Community Development Programme
UNDP	-	United Nations Development Programme
VDC	-	Village Development Committee