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ABSTRACT

This research was conducted to study the role of women's empowerment on agriculture development of Surunga VDC Jhapa, district. The general objective of this study is to trace out "empowerment on agriculture development." Similarly, the specific objective of the study is to assess the change in women's livelihood due to commercial agriculture productivity.

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Women in this district are basically confined to be homestead due to culture, religious and social conditions. Rural women are breaking through the traditional norms and coming forward to participate in the development activities outside their homestead. Presently rural women in Jhapa are playing an anchoring role in the management of their families as well as participation in different income generation activities like crop production, livestock, poultry and aquaculture etc. Indigent women especially household occasionally work outside the home as paid labour for their family survival. Women have successfully broadened their roles from those of domestic to productive.

Majority of the respondents mentioned that they have saved income earned from different sectors of farming and the respondents also mentioned that they have their own ownership in saved money. Majority of the respondents controlled their income themselves.

This agriculture has increased women's access to and control over resources. It also increased social reputation, decision making power, organizational activities and exposure visits. In aggregate have empowered them significantly women were found empowered socially, technically and economically through husbandry.

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