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ABSTRACT

Grameen Bikas Bank is one of the most essential financial institutions in Nepal that provides credit to the poor rural women without collateral securities. To alleviate the poverty-ridden situation, especially in the rural areas of the country, the bank came into existence in 1992. This institution has extended its great effort to uplift the socio-economic condition of the rural women by providing them loan for income generating activities. It is however more than a bank because its objectives include alleviating poverty of the rural people through financial and social mechanism.

The Grameen Bikas Bank is the rural bank that offers a comprehensive package consisting of loan facility, social and community development programmes, self employment programmes, literacy programme, general health and sanitation programmes to landless and assetless women in the village in order to uplift their living standard and socio-economic condition.

The main objective of this study is to examine the effectiveness of Pashchimanchal Grameen Bikas Bank in Parroha VDC. The functional objectives of this study are: to analyze the impact of PGBB on income generation of rural women, to examine the status of economic condition of the rural women before and after participating in PGBB and to evaluate the role of PGBB in poverty alleviation programme.

The list of the members of GBB was provided by the Area Office Semlar. Respondents were selected with simple random sampling as the representative of the centers and total members.

The study is based on primary as well as secondary data. The group members of the Area Office Semlar of PGBB are the major source of primary information for secondary information, PGBB Semlar Area Office, PGBB Head Office, Ministry of Finance, NRB, CBS, RMDC and other various related publications were consulted.

The primary data are collected from the field survey. The data are collected through semi-structured questionnaires, focus group discussion, and field observation.

The qualitative data are analyzed in a descriptive way and the quantitative data are analyzed with the help of different statistical and mathematical tools such as use of table, figure, mean, percentage etc.

The overall study reflects the fact that there is high demand for loan amount in the rural area but there is not yet enough supply of the loan amount. The loan amount borrowed from PGBB has significantly diverted the rural women from traditional sector to non-traditional sector. After participation in PGBB's activities income level of the participants is also increased. Consumption pattern, sheltering pattern have significantly improved which proved that the living standard of the rural poor was improving.

The PGBB's programmes contributed to create saving. This has further generated more wealth and property owned by the members has also increased. Rural poor women are able to write their names and become independent in decision making about the use of loan and earning income. There has been satisfactory increase in employment and rise in entrepreneurship qualities of the rural poverty stricken people as each borrower who had taken the loan from PGBB has started new business and had shifted from traditional to modern type of business like retail business, poultry farming, tailoring, hotel ling, animal husbandry etc. After PGBB's participation, rural women are very much aware of health and made toilet of their own.

After PGBB's activities, almost all the participants know the value of education and sent their children to education centre. After bank credit rural women engaged more hours in productive activities which helped them to generated more income and hence reduction in poverty.

The overall research found out that Pashchimanchal Grameen Bikas Bank has played a remarkable role in changing socio-economic status of women in the study area. The bank's social and credit programmes contributed to increase in income, employment, saving, consumption, health and sanitation which constitute the major indicators of change in poverty situation.

So, the participants, with PGBB have been benefited in every social fields rather than non-participants. The PGBB's programme has brought drastic change in the lives of rural women.

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ABBREVIATION /ACRONYMS

CBS –	Central Bureau of Statistics
FY –	Fiscal Year
GB-	Grameen Bank
GBB-	Grameen Bikas Bank
GBA-	Grameen Bank Approach
GBFS-	Grameen Banking Financial System
INGO-	International Non Government Organization
Ltd. –	Limited
MCPW-	Micro Credit Project for Women
NGO –	Non Government Organization
No. –	Number
NRB –	Nepal Rastra Bank
PCRW-	Production Credit for Rural Women
PGBB-	Pashchimanchal Grameen Bikas Bank
RMDC-	Rural Micro – Finance Development corporation
Rs. –	Rupees
SAARC-	South Asian Association for Regional Co- operation
SFDP-	Small Farmer Development Programme
SHD –	Self – Help Development
SLC –	School Leaving Certificate
SPGBB-	Sudoor Pashchimanchal Grameen Bikas Bank
UNESCO-	United Nations Educational ,Scientific and Cultural Organization
VDC –	Village Development Committee.