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ABSTRACT

Poverty is a multi-dimensional and complex problem. The causes of poverty by analyzing different aspects of income and human poverty are not only economic but also social and technological backwardness too. One of the main causes of poverty is low economic growth rate. The stock taking of economic achievement of last three decades shows a lower economic growth rate of approximately 4 percent while annual population growth rate was about 1.35 percent. The per capita income growth rate at a very low level could not contribute to mitigate poverty significantly. This research is conducted on the role of PAF program in Manebhanjyang RM, Ward No 9 Okhaldhunga District. The main objectives of this study are to know the impact of PAF in local development process. However, other specific objectives are; analyze the socio-economic condition of Magar community including its role in changing social and economic status in Manebhanjyang RM Ward No 9.

This study basically follows exploratory research design. Out of 500 HHs in Manevanjyang RM, only 50 HHs of Magar community were selected with both purposive and random sampling. In addition to sampling administration, key informant survey and focused group discussion were implemented as the part of data and information collection.

The study has found that the PAF programs have been instrumental to uplift the disadvantage, disable, women, Janajati by empowering them through income generation, social mobilization and capacity building.

The study has found that the PAF programs have laid significant progress in attaining education for children, ending social maladies, establishing social control and security, promoting social rights and justice, ensuring community participation, raising the level of awareness, ending social stratification, raising self esteem, and promoting social mobilization.

Also, the study has found that the PAF programs have resulted in generating employment opportunities, ensuring regular income sources, promoting cooperative development, and propelling the use of local technology.

The PAF programs hence are found to be instrumental in uplifting the socio-economic status of the people as the socio-economic condition of the people is improving as compared to their past because of various socio-economic upliftment programs implemented by PAF. Various improvements like employment generation, reduction in poverty level, increasing level of awareness, Self-confidence, community development, capacity development, social-mobilization etc. have been found rooting in the Magar community.

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ABBREVIATION AND ACRONYMS

AEPC	-	AlternativeEnergyPromotionCenter
CAP	-	Community Action Plan
CBS	-	Central Bureau of Statistics
CO	-	Community Organization
CBOs	-	Community Based Organizations
DDC	-	District Development Committee
EIA	-	Environmental Impact Assessment
FMR	-	Financial Management Report
GOs	-	Governmental Organizations
GTZ	-	German Technical Cooperation
GON	-	Government of Nepal
IG	-	Income Generation
IDA	-	International Development Agency
LDO	-	Local Development Officer
LDF	-	Local Development Fund
MDGs	-	Millennium Development Goals
MIS	-	Management Information System
NGOs	-	Non Governmental Organizations
NPC	-	National Planning Commission
NOA	-	Non Operating Account
OA	-	Operating Account
PAF	-	Poverty Alleviation Fund
PO	-	Partner Organization
PM	-	Portfolio Manager
PMR	-	Project Management Report
RBB	-	RastriyaBanijya Bank

RM	-	Rural Municipality
SM	-	Social Mobilization
SAs	-	Service Agents
TAC	-	Technical Appraisal Committee
VDC	-	Village Development Committee
VCDP	-	Vulnerable Community Development Plan
WB	-	World Bank