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ABSTRACT

Community forestry is a small scale, village level forestry practice where decisions and actions are often made on a collective basis, and where the rural population participate in forest conservation planning, establishment, management and harvesting of forest crops and receive a small proportion of the socio-economic and ecological benefits from the forest.

Community forestry was introduced in Nepal in 1978. The community forestry approach has been highly successful in the protection of the forest in the hills of Nepal. The local user groups are responsible for the control, protection, and management of the forest.

This research is done on the current issue of income generation activities. Forest as local resources are main resources and also source of livelihood of flora, fauna and human beings. This study focuses on income generation of Ramite CFUGs of Ramechhap district. The main objective of this study is to investigate on Income Generating Activities. However, other specific objectives are;

-) To analyze the socio-economic status of the forest users group.*
-) To asses the income generating activities of forest user groups.*

This study has adopted both the descriptive and exploratory research designs. Out of 310 households only 13 percent (40 HHs) had been selected by purposive sampling. On the process of data collection both primary and secondary sources has been used.

The above study shows that the resources of CF had changed the socio-economic status of the local communities as well as the level of

participation had been increased rapidly. But for the further work it is recommended to adopt better trainings, skills, awareness.

The study was carried out in Namadi VDC of Ramechhap district. The methodology of the study included both the qualitative and quantitative method. Data was collected through in household questionnaire with 40 households different ethnic group sampled through sample random sampling method. The major findings of the study were,

-) The forest users comprise of 8 ethnic groups dominated Chhetri 37.5%, Sunuwar 17.5%, Gharti 7.5%, Kami 12.5%, Brahmin 2.5%.*
-) Service and agriculture is the major economic activities for majority of forest users households.*
-) Average family size of lower castes as Damai, Kami, Sarki have large number (5.4) and other castes have smaller family size comparatively and total average family size is 4.725 in sample HHs.*
-) Educational status of sampled households literate 78.61 and illiterate only 21.39 but woman are illiterate in majority.*
-) The main vision of this CFUGs to reduce poverty by improving live, livelihood, agriculture and income generating program through forestry.*
-) The forest conduction is found good on the CFUGs, plants are growing day by day and the greenery of forest gives an attractive scene from which people can take a kind of pleasure.*

-) *Environment is changing woman participation is satisfactory on decision and implementation of CFUGs every work.*
-) *Strong co-operation and co-ordination among the users fund mobilization for IGAS is a model works paying interest at the rate of different types of IGAS.*
-) *In Ramite CFUG the fuel wood has been provided equally to the users on the bass of family size.*
-) *The CFP is sustainable and is very significant to meet the needs of the villagers so quite effective in the feeling of people.*
-) *Labour of the people is going non-profit activities and use to agriculture as a mass production and create market and find out for grate income.*
-) *The production system must be change to*
 - *One production one village.*
 - *One quality one area*
 - *One skilled one introduction*
 - *One grant one bank*
 - *One labour one confidence*
 - *One market one quantity.*

then change life style of the village people and reduce the poverty at the country.

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ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

BS	–	Bikram Sambat
CBS	–	Central Bureau of Statistics
CF	–	Community Forestry
CFP	–	Community Forest Programme
CFUGs	–	Community Forest User Groups
DDC	–	District Development Committee
DFID	–	Department for International Development
DFO	–	District Forest Office
etc	–	Etcetera
FECOFUN	–	Federation of Community Forest Users, Nepal
FY	–	Fiscal Year
GDP	–	Gross Domestic Product
ha	–	Hectare (1000 Square Meters)
HHs	–	Households
HMG/N	–	His Majesty's Government of Nepal
i.e.	–	That is
IGAS	–	Income Generating Activities
INGOS	–	International Non-Government Organizations
K.M.	–	Kilometer
LFP	–	Livelihoods and Forestry Programme
MOF	–	Ministry of Finance
MPFS	–	Master Plan for the Forestry Sector
NGOs	–	Non Government Organization
No.	–	Number
NPC	–	National Planning Commission
NRs	–	Nepali Rupees
NTFPs	–	Non-Timber Forest Products

NUKCFP	–	Nepal UK Community Forestry Project
PAF	–	Poverty Alleviation Fund
PRA	–	Participatory Rural Appraisal
RP	–	Range Post
Rs	–	Rupees
Sq.	–	Square
UGC	–	User Group Committee
UNDP	–	United Nations Development Program
VDCs	–	Village Development Committees
WDR	–	World Development Report