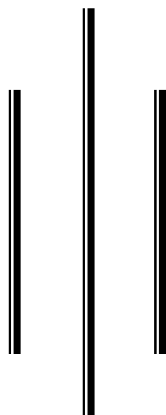
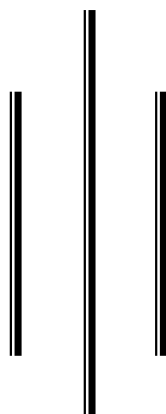


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## ABSTRACT

*This study deals with socio-economic condition of Bantawa Community in Khoku VDC of Dhankuta District. The main objectives of the study are to analyse the nature of socio-economic condition in Bantawa Community in the study area. The primary data are collected from the census method of total household of Bantawa Community in Khoku VDC and respondents are taken 67 households of ward no. 2,5,7 and 9. These households have been considered as targeted groups. It is descriptive type of study based on primary data.*

*Low socio-economic condition is the characteristic of developing country like Nepal which adversely affects in the national development. Increased urbanization and globalization pushed the rural areas even worse condition by minimizing the value and cost of the production from area. Socio-economic condition measures the main nature of socio-economic condition that affects in the daily lifestyle of people. The impact of low socio-economic condition on any community is worldwide and burning issues but the trend and level of these issues is different between developed and developing countries.*

*In the particular context in Khoku VDC of Dhankuta District is the main socio-economic condition which is the prime concern of the study of Bantawa Community. The economic condition of Bantawa community in Khoku VDC (2,5,7 and 9) is really so poor but some of them are in rich condition because of cash crops. The overall population of the study area indicates the medium level of economic conditions which causes the poor household also disappear in that average. The study argues that Bantawa Community does not have access on education, politics, health service etc. Therefore, it is very necessary to uplift the particular community in different aspects. Socially and economically they do not have access as a result, they are in poor condition.*

*The socio-economic aspect is major part of livelihood in every community. Only economic upliftment is not sufficient for human life but also social dignity is necessary in the same level. The rural development is not possible until and unless the both aspects are equally addressed. So the Bantawa Community are needed the opportunity for entire development from government and non-government side as well as private sector.*

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## **ABBREVIATION**

CBKYN	-	CHIHANTUNG BANTAWA KIRAWA YUWAHUP NEPALA
C.D.	-	Central Department
CBS	-	Central Bureau of Statistics
CD	-	Compact Disk
CDMA	-	Code Decoding Multiple Access
DDC	-	District Development Committee
DVD	-	Digital Video Deck
Dr.	-	Doctorate
Eds	-	Editor
F	-	Female
FDG	-	Focus Group Discussion
Fig.	-	Figure
FIKA	-	Federation of Indigenous Association
Govt.	-	Government
H/H	-	Households
HMG	-	His Majesty Government
KG	-	Kilogram
m.	-	Meter
M	-	Male
M.A.	-	Master's of Arts
NFDIN	-	Nepal Federation of Indigenous Nationalities
n.d.	-	No Date
n.p.	-	No Place /Publication
NGO	-	Non-Governmental Organization
NGO-FONIN	-	NGO-Federation of Nepalese Indigenous Nationalities
Ph.D.	-	Doctor of philosophy

Pvt.	-	Private
RD	-	Rural Development
Rs	-	Rupees
SLC	-	School Leaving Certificate
S.N.	-	Serial Number
Sq.km.	-	Square Kilometer
T.U.	-	Tribhuvan University
TUCL	-	Tribhuvan University Central Library
TN	-	Total Number
VDC	-	Village Development Committee
Ward no.	-	Ward Number

## GLOSSARY

Adhiya	Share Cropping
Bari	Barren field
Khabakka (Wachhon)	Jad
Dalits	The lowest caste among the castes as divided by Hindu caste system
Samek	Gotra (clan)
Freloo	Bantawa's culture
Hengmawa	Local wine (Made by millet)
Thomma	Main cultural dance
Hang	King
Wachhon	Local Beer
Khet	Paddy field
Khoriya	Burnt area
Yung	Language
Mang	Puja
Nagle Socho	Pitri Puja
Parma (Mela)	Exchange of labour
Paruhang	God
Hengwama	Local Wine
Budhahang	Ritual Puja
Dowa	Priest