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## ABSTRACTS

*This research has conducted in the issue of Community Forestry, which is people oriented forest program in Nepal. The community Forestry program is handled through local organizations known as Forest User Group. The effectiveness of community forest in relation to people's participation is thus very crucial. This study focuses in the institutional process, participation in decision making, implementation and in benefit sharing and affecting factors relation to people's participation and changed knowledge and skill of Forest User Group of Kumari Community Forest of Badikhel VDC Lalitpur District. The main objectives of the study are to access the institutional process of community Forestry, to judge the people's participation in community Forestry activities, to find out the factors affecting participation, to examine the changes of people's skill and knowledge. To meet the objectives of study, primary data were collected from the field visit. At first, respondents were selected from random sampling method. Then the data were collected from interview with respondents, formal and informal group discussion, key informants interview and direct observation methods. The secondary data were collected from various published and unpublished material related to community forestry and people's participation. These data were analyzed descriptively and analytically.*

*In the community forest, Bahaman and pahari cast are the dominating Forest User Groups whereas Chhetri, Magar, Newar and Damai are in minority. Hence, most of the respondents were selected from Brahmins and Pahari community. Participation of Brahman community is high in comparison to other casts. Women participation was satisfactory but less than male. The Users are satisfied with the work carried out by Forest User Committee and community Forest Program. Newar users are far behind in participation in community forestry activity. The education level was found influential factor in active Participation. The different community forest related training, which were already held, has benefited the users. The users have managed to gain some knowledge about Community Forest from their Community forest Program. The*

*users who participate less are less active and are found not so motivated to participate. Therefore, more training should be conducted to make them active for higher participation. The most appreciating thing is that the community forestry user group has separated 75% of its income for local development and from this; they have constructed different developmental works. In overall, this community forestry was found a model forest with respect to technical aspects whereas; some major changes in social aspect should be made to improve participation from all level, in community forestry.*

## *ACRONYMS*

CF	Community Forest
CBS	Central Bureau of Statistics
DDC	District Development Committee
DFO	District Forest Officer
DOF	Department of Forest
FUG	Forest User Group
HH	Household
HMG/N	His Majesty Government of Nepal
LP	Liquefied Petroleum
NPC	National Planning Commission
Rs.	Rupees
VDC	Village Development Committee

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