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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This study was carried out during May, 2006 at Urleni Community Forest User Group in the Baglung District which was targeted for various activities concerning economic and participation level, which were being regulated through this forest. The specific objectives of the study were following: (i) To assess the status of women participation in community forestry. (ii) To identify the factors affecting in participation of women in community forest management. (iii) To recommend to lead the program. Data were collected through primary and secondary sources. The primary data were collected through field visit and secondary data were collected from various official sources and publications. The research design of this study was both descriptive and analytic. Regarding these methods of research, the sampling size was also determined, where 50 respondents were taken as sample from 683 households. To collect the data household survey and interview method were adopted. The collected data were analyzed through tabulation, average, percentage, bar diagrams and pie chart. The limitation of this study focused in the specific area i.e. Urleni CFUG with limited time framework.

It was found in Urleni Community Forest User Group that the women's educational status was lower than male. More than 95% of women were engaged in agricultural occupation. Most of the women are found participating in the activities of community forest. They are keenly interested on doing works of CF. There are 7 female members in the committee of CF among 15 members which is 46.66%. There were some encouraging factors i.e. family supports, attendance on the meeting, presentation of logic etc. In spite of encouraging factors to participate women in community forest there were some obstacles viz. family size, education level, occupation, gender discrimination etc. UCFUG are getting the benefits through sufficient firewood and fodder for livestock farming. There are some additional income sources viz. fruits, herbs etc. which are the means of women's additional income.

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ACRONYMS

CBS	Central Bureau of Statistics
CDRD	Central Department of Rural Development
CDS	Central Department of Sociology
CF	Community Forest
CFAD	Community Forest and Afforestation Division
CDDP	Community Forestry Development Project
CFUG	Community Forest User Group
DDC	District Forest Office/ Officer
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization
HHs	Households
HMG/N	His Majesty Government/Nepal
INGO	International Non-Governmental Organization
MOFSC	Ministry of Forest and Soil Conservation
MOPE	Ministry of Population and Environment
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
NPC	Nepal Planning Commission
PF	Panchayat Forest
UCFUC	Urleni Community Forest Committee
UCFUG	Urleni Community Forest User Group
VDC	Village Development Committee
WB	World Bank